

his savings of \$565 with which he was on the way to the bank. He departed with the fruit but forgot to pick up the wallet. After he had traveled a few blocks he became conscious of his loss. Back he went but that particular dago had miraculously evaporated. The major is remembered, if at all, as one of the concessionaires at the Omaha exposition.

Nebraska has its cowboys but no one hears complaint of them such as that which has been roused by the savage pastimes of their counterparts in Montana. Their hilarious manner of greeting passenger trains on the Great Northern has excited the wrath of Big Jim Hill and he is in hopes of discouraging them. The time is not as busy as some periods with the cowboys and for a sight of civilization they rush down upon a train that stops at a station. Whooping and firing their revolvers they scare the porters white-headed and chill the marrow of the timid passengers. The shooting is only to make holes in the sky but because some of the passengers have made plaint to Manager Hill he is hoping to take measures to put a stop to the proceedings. It is hinted that even those who kick hardest begin to feel proud of their experience as soon as it is over with.

Wolf hunting is quite the vogue in some parts of the state, as is usual at this time of the year, but it is in Colorado where the wolves are really making serious trouble for the stock men. For instance, in Routt county, in the northwest corner of Colorado, the beasts have become so thick and so disastrous to the cattle that the rangers have put a big fund in bank and have offered \$20 per scalp for each wolf killed. Some of the ranchers have lost as many as eighty head of cattle so far this season by the depredations of the wolves. This is getting to be a rate too much for the patience and poise of the cattlemen. Every year more or less wolf hunting has been done there but it has been in an idle, indiscriminate way and not much has been accomplished toward the extermination of the brutes. Now the county has been portioned off into districts, with one hunter to each. He is instructed not to go beyond his boundaries. The scheme is working well and with the inducement of \$20 a head the men gladly cut themselves off in this manner from the walks and ways of civilization.

A LONG CAREER OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Miss Ellen Smith, Instructor, Librarian and Registrar of Nebraska University, to Step Down After a Continuous Term of a Quarter of a Century.



have descended from time immemorial. The freshmen first hear them with awe and terror when they troop on the campus for the first time. The departing seniors review them, embellished with bits of imagination, in their last festal revelries on graduation eve.

Keeping track of the progress made by the students, their grades or credits and other matters concerning their class progress occupied the time of Miss Smith. Twice each year the students passed before her in solemn review to "register." Delinquents she summarily roasted in the presence of all.

"You little goose, don't you know you can't recite in more than three rooms in the same hour." This to a florid co-ed.

"If I was a great big strapping football player, I wouldn't flunk more than three times in German."

"Very well done Mr.—. You carried eighteen hours very satisfactorily last semester. Try it again."

"No, you can't find out how many credits you have until you get your pass book. Just get your lessons. I am paid to keep your records."

And so on all day long. And a day with Miss Smith is no joke. It means twelve to fifteen hours solid work.

Classes have come and gone. Students have left college to win fame and renown. Professors have sought new fields for higher salaries. Chancellors, too, have sought greener fields where millionaires pay the bills with plump contributions. But Miss Smith has given her life to the upbuilding of the state university and the story of its rising is intimately linked with her long career of faithful service.

When she came the campus was but

a little square measured off on the rolling prairie. In the center stood the main building. In it were huddled all the departments of the future great university. There were laboratories and chemicals, books and apparatus. Stoves were used for heating. The students were perched airily on chairs and in the summer time many of the young men came to classes barefoot.

This was before the days of fraternities, swell balls and long extended banquets.

"My services were engaged by Chancellor Fairfield," said Miss Smith to a representative of the Courier, "on account of my rugged health. I was the first woman teacher on the campus. Fifteen years ago I met with a severe sprain and last month I had to go to the hospital. The rest of the time I have spent in the office."

Rumors of an eastern trip Miss Smith positively denied. She declared she had lived here because she liked the state and its people. Here she intended to remain.

The registrar was educated at Hillsdale college, Michigan, graduating in 1896. Afterwards she took a master's degree from the same institution.

She is a native of Ohio, Ashtabula county, where her sister still lives on the parental homestead.

Thousands of students who have been influenced by Miss Smith during their college lives have heard of her retirement with profound regret. From all sides come messages expressing sorrow on account of the present state of affairs and assuring her of the affection and sympathy of the senders.

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A certain medico, of Napa, who is known for his skill and his charity, was asked recently to go to a town in the upper end of the valley to attend a young man, believed to be a victim of appendicitis.

"I'll go up on the next train," promised the doctor, "but tell me, has this patient any money?"

"No doctor," said his friend, "I wish you'd be as light on him as possible."

"Well," replied the physician, "if he hasn't any money he can't have appendicitis."—San Francisco Town Talk.

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