

STRAY PICK-UPS.

Miss Gray's mother visited her last week.

Rev. Newnan conducted chapel exercises on the 5th.

Messrs. Cooper and Thompson spent Sunday, the 8th, at home.

Fisher's parents have moved to Chicago, but Fisher remains with us.

Mr. Thomas was pleased to see his brother and his father, Judge Thomas, last week.

Mr. Castle, the winning orator of Doane College, was present at our local contest.

Cochrane has had to splice his belt as there was none in the armory large enough for him.

The Sophomore Latin class is working up reports to be delivered orally on assigned subjects.

Professor Hunt and Miss Hilmon yield to Mr. Kuper as authority on disputed biblical points.

Question. How or why did Messrs. McC. and R. exchange girls the night of the Wesleyan contest?

A few of our students attended the contest at Cotner last Monday evening. Mr. Bicknell was the winner.

Richards translates Greek in a tone of voice that resembling that of a hard shell Baptist preacher.

There is no use to Hyde the fact any longer that Tucker is not Gete'ner quite as fast as he thought he was.

Mr. L. has a new translation for ne—quidem. The gentleman must have been wiping his eye with his elbow.

According to the *Daily People*, the judges on delivery rendered their decision on Sunday, the day following.

They say Sheldon looks "sorter" unique with his pants rolled up and with a section of side-walk on his shoulder.

Professors Bessey, Kingsley, and Bruner read papers before the farmer's institute held at Table Rock two weeks ago.

Professor of Pol. Econ.—Mr. F., what is a natural monopoly? Mr. F. (a senior)—A monopoly of nature which is natural.

It is said that Schell will use the latter part of Miss Hardin's paper as the climax in his oration, "Fogarty and me."

A number of the cadets performed the part of soldiers in Shenandoah. As usual the boys acquitted themselves creditably.

President McLouth of the state agricultural college and experiment station, Brookings, S. D., visited the university a few days ago.

Skiles closed his speech on the capital punishment question with a bit of original poetry: "A man sat down upon his chair, but lo, behold, it wasn't there."

Mr. Morrow was called home on account of the death of his father, which occurred on January 31. We are informed that he will not return to school this year.

Some of the Union boys celebrated their victory in the late contest by a bonfire on the campus. In consequence of which the sidewalks in that vicinity suffered.

It was a very pleasant sight to see the cadets on dress parade wade through the mud, but it was not calculated to improve their morals. If our last year's quartermaster had been on hand with a supply of his shoe blacking, he would have found plenty of customers.

Middy McGee was mad when the decision was announced. An illustration that depletion of the pocket book is demoralizing.

THE HESPERIAN is indebted to Professor Howard for the privilege of examining the ghost dance relics. After handling the relics it is necessary to wash the hands.

Next Tuesday the imported stock breeders association meets at Beatrice. Professor Bessey will read a paper on "Practical Value of Nebraska's Food and Forage Plants."

J. A. Barrett's thesis for the M. A. degree on "The Origin of Constitution of the North West Territory" has been sent to the printers and will form No. I in a series of studies in history and economics.

This is a hard, cruel world, and hardest and cruellest of all, the co-eds. To say I must not come at seven. Oh, why did I scratch the slate until I knew that I must not call till eight. The lament of a second prep.

The faculty is considering the advisability of keeping the laboratories open the forepart of the summer vacation for the benefit of the teachers of the state. A great many of the teachers have asked that this be done.

About sixty of our students attended the local oratorical contest at the Wesleyan University, February 4. It was the general opinion that from a literary point of view, the contest was a failure. The winning production was the only one that deserved to be called an oration.

The faculty has given Mr. Rydberg senior standing. He is a graduate of the gymnasium of Skara, Sweden, and last fall entered the university as a special. His work, while here, has been excellent. The course that he completed in the gymnasium, fully warrants the faculty in admitting him to senior standing.

It would be a good plan to have the temperature of the various class rooms kept nearly alike. As it is some of them closely resemble a hot house, while in others the temperature is but little above the freezing point. The sudden changes experienced in going from one recitation room to another, are the causes of more illness among the students than anything else.

It is well known that there are firms that make a business of furnishing essays, speeches, sermons, lectures, and orations to such students and public men as have more money than brains. A circular of one of these firms found its way to the university this week. Some one should write to the honorable man or men that has such a longing desire to share the toil of over-worked students at so much a share, that he better confine his circulars to eastern colleges. The average student of a western college has too much grit and good sense to patronize writers of meaningless five dollar sentences even though the writers offer their services in the name of charity.

The following passionate poetical effusion, the effort of one of the prep girls, was found in the girls' cloak room a short time ago. Although all of this young lady's friends recognized and appreciated her charming precocity, the knowledge of her appearance in the role of rival to Ella Wheeler Wilcox, will be as surprising as it is agreeable:

"Do write me a note, I'm so lonely,
Call me your darling again
In lines that are tender and true,
And say that you're loving me still,
And tell me I'm dearest to you.
Oh, call me your darling again,
Oh come, let us bury the past,
I've prayed for this meeting again,
And now I am happy at last."