

The law school closed its work for this year on the 10th. The closing exercises were held in the chapel. During the morning and afternoon sessions the graduating class, of which there were eleven members, read their final theses. The evening session was opened with an overture by the university orchestra. Then followed the report of the dean of the law school, after which was the address of the evening by the Hon. J. M. Woolwort', of Omaha, entitled "The Ideal Lawyer." The address was very interesting and instructive. After it was finished the law students went on their way rejoicing that they had at last finished the monotonous course of a law student's life.

The college Y. M. C. A. of the state, held their convention here last week. Mr. John R. Mott, international secretary of the college Y. M. C. A., delivered an address in the chapel on the evening of the 13th. Mr. Mott is a brilliant speaker and the Y. M. C. A. is to be congratulated on its good fortune in securing such a man for the address. On the 14th a conference was held in the Palladian hall, at which delegates from all over the state were present. It seems to us the Y. M. C. A. and the delegation of Methodist ministers should by their combined efforts be able to tend to the moral affairs of this fair city.

The high school held its annual oratorical contest in the chapel on the evening of the 7th. A large audience was present and a very interesting program was rendered. The first honors were carried off by Miss Jones. There was one unpleasant feature which we regret very much. The high school requested the Unions to allow them the use of their hall for a reception. They assented, but the hall was not opened. We hope the high school will overlook this as we assure them it was caused by a little misunderstanding all around.

A. E. Vont, one of the brightest scientific students noted for his originality, has invented what he terms a (compressed vacuum pill) which will probably displace execution by the gallows, and by electricity. He has a device for compressing a vacuum of a five cubic feet into a pill about the size of a pea. This is swallowed by a victim, the coating of the pill is dissolved by gastric juice, and the vacuum expands instantly to its original size, and effects instantaneous death.

Professor Taylor is endeavoring to obtain a list of all Nebraska born students for use in the silver anniversary of Nebraska's statehood. The following names are all that have been handed to him thus far: W. H. Hayward, U. G. Cornell, L. B. Cornell, O. H. Morton, H. A. Senter. The professor is very solicitous that the students should attend to this matter. He wants to have all the names by the 25th.

KANSAS CITY, MAY 14th.

[Special to THE HESPERIAN]—The ball game here today between the teams of Baker university and the University of Nebraska, on account of rain, was called at the end of the fourth inning score 4 to 4. The Nebraska boys showed the best form and would no doubt have won the game. The tie will probably be played off on Tuesday.

The university tower afforded an excellent view of the raging waters during the recent overflow on the bottoms. The railroad embankments were barely visible above the surging tide while many houses looked like so many specks in the Mediterranean. Here and there a lonely boat was seen moving toward some unfortunate family imprisoned by the mighty waters. It was a sad but very picturesque scene.

This week will be quite an eventful one in musical circles. The programmes of the May festival will be given the evenings of May 16, 17, and 18, in the Lansing opera house.

The people of east Lincoln were recently astonished and shocked upon seeing a pious young man, who attends the university, going along the streets wearing his gymnasium suit. We were fortunate enough to be passing quite near to the young gentleman and we heard him muttering blessings upon that locker, the combination of which failed to unlock when he wished to change his apparel.

Mr. Allan, president of the Y. M. C. A. at Hastings college, Messrs. G. G. Leger and C. W. McMullen of the State Normal, Peru; J. L. White and H. Soff, of Fremont, Mr. Powell, of York, and W. C. Phillips, and C. R. Brewster of Doane, were delegate at the conference of college Y. M. C. A. held April 13-15 inclusive, at the university.

The independents have organized with flying colors. Their club was ushered into existence the 10th when they adopted a constitution and a platform which is the same as the St. Louis platform with the addition of a prohibition plank. Enthusiastic speeches were made by W. H. Holden of the law school, and others.

The hall of the new Y. M. C. A. building is a very pleasant room adapted to entertainments either literary or musical. There may be many occasions when it would be well for the students to take advantage of an opportunity to secure so good an audience room at a moderate cost.

The friends of Yates and Porterfield will be sorry to learn that they are becoming *non compos mentis*. Not long since they went fishing and cast their hooks on dry land. Yates claims that the water dried up while they were gone to dinner, but this story is rather fishy.

The following was received from Pollard, who was on his road to Ann Arbor:

RED OAK, IOWA, May 14.

EDITOR HESPERIAN—Just missed a wreck down by the Little Red Oak, seven men killed, engineer dead, big show in town, mud knee deep, no side-walks and lots of pretty girls. Will be delayed therefore one day.

The advance sheets of Professor Sherman's new book entitled "Analytics of Literature" have been published. The book will probably not be ready for publication until next June. It will be a credit to Professor Sherman and to the university.

One of the stars in the theatrical troupe which played at the Lansing during the past week, was made an honorary member of the cadet battalion. Consequently all of the cadets received an invitation to attend the theater on Saturday evening.

The university orchestra played the opening selection for the commencement of the law department the evening of the 11th and later furnished several selections for the elocutionary recital given by Professor Geo. W. Hill at the new Y. M. C. A. hall.

The students in horticulture have been making a list of all the trees on the campus. They have found that there are upwards of thirty species planted there. Besides these there are about 150 species planted near the greenhouse.

The recital given by Professor Hill and pupils the evening of the 11th was very entertaining in every respect. The pupils showed careful and thorough training and reflected great credit upon Professor Hill's instruction.

The department of botany has added to its library a very important book on "North American Fungi." It deals chiefly with the parasitic fungi. This work is the first publication of its kind ever made in this country.

The seniors have at last donned their new rings. Even the preps can now distinguish a senior from a professor.