

braska" in the same issue, the statement concerning the time spent upon that work should be modified considerably. I found almost no time to think of the work during the school year, and the close of school found but one chapter planned. I beg to remark regarding this city, that it will not bear comparison with Lincoln. It is due to the efforts of business men here to say that it has been freed from the stagnation of Mormondom too short a time to have made great progress. Enterprise appears on every hand, and shortly Salt Lake City will become a tolerable place to live in. The streets are very much broader than the streets of Nebraska's fair capital, but the amount of paving is still small. Street car service is poor, although mostly electric. Smoke consumers are not yet in general use, so that this end of the valley is filled with smoke much of the time. I have no desire to remain here, and shall probably return within six weeks. My sister Grace, also of the class of '88, is now here. In the course of a month or two she expects to visit Florida and Tennessee.

Sincerely,

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ATHLETIC.

RECREATION IN THE GYMNASIUM AS SEEN THROUGH A KEY-HOLE.

On Thursday last the athletic editor, wracked by a headache over McLaurin's theorem, wended his weary way to the gymnaisum to find that not civil but only electrical engineers were allowed to enter the forbidden portals. But despite the bristling lance of Jaques, the keeper of the gate, he resolved to see the unseeable though he perished in the attempt. Accordingly, slyly slipping into the room leading to the commandant's *sanctum sanctorum*, he applied his eye to the key-hole, but such strains of music greeted his ear, such glare of light and galaxy of moving figures met his gaze, that it took him some time to differentiate the known from the unknown. The editor had read of Roslinds and had heard raptures on Roslinds, in fact, had seen Modjeska as Roslind, but after a few moments' reflection decided that the Pole was not in it. He had heard of "old friends with new faces" seeming strange, but to him old friends with new garments seemed far stranger. Both the costumes and wearers were pretty and graceful in the highest degree, but the heavy gymnastics were perfectly astounding. He saw nothing but girls. There were girls in the windows, girls on the bars, girls flying through the air on the trapeze and in the rings, girls running up and down the ropes and over the ladders like so many monkeys, and lots of girls on the floor. The editor thought

he had never seen anything so lively and inspiring since he was a young man. The light and laughter, the fantastic mixture of Gray, Green, Brown, Black and White, caused him to forget those dreadful formula with which he had so lately been wrestling, and made him think he had been transplanted to fairy land. Then the editor returned to consciousness and began to take notes of what was going on.

Space allows us to mention the names of but a few of those which seemed especially skilful, but we are informed by the directness that each one is a star in some special line and that all are good in general gymnastics.

Here are a few of our notes:

"Miss Phoebe Gerrard, high jumping; Miss Jessie Lansing, champion heavy weight; Miss Walker, jumping the horse; Miss Hazel Norton, trapeze, (this was especially fine;) Miss Mattie Burke, high kicking; Misses Spurck and Korsmeyer, boxing; Miss Helen Gregory, resting." Just when the editor was enjoying himself most, Jaques discovered him, and informed him that "if you are discovered you are lost." Nothing remained but to go, but as the key-hole has since been plugged the editor thought it no more his duty to inform our readers of what is going on in the gymnasium. There the young ladies are given that strength and beauty which so characterizes the university girl.

On December 30th the Western Collegiate Foot-ball association met in annual session at Kansas City. W. M. Johnston, R. K. Moody, Alex Maitland and D. O. Holbrook represented the state universities of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, respectively. The constitution was first taken up and was amended so that any team refusing to meet any other team as per schedule, subjects itself to a \$50 fine. Also, each manager must send a list of his players to the general manager at least ten days before each game. This was done in order that none but students of the several universities shall participate in the games. Power was also given to the managers of the two teams playing in any game to change the date of the game.

Application was not made by any state for admission into the association, as stated by our worthy contemporary, *The Nebraskan*. There was considerable discussion about pooling the receipts of all the games, and it was decided to pool the thanksgiving game. This almost insures any team against loss on the Thanksgiving game which it is almost impossible to put off. Last year furnishes a good example; at Kansas City the profits were \$200, while at Omaha the loss was \$100. Omaha will be given one more