

A large part of the members of the State Legislature will not be in the city on Charter Day. This is greatly regretted, as especial arrangements had been made at the University for their entertainment. However there will be hundreds of visitors to be looked after, and the service of every student is desired in showing them about the building.

Judge W. Allen was elected United States Senator by the legislature last Tuesday, February 7. In the evening the independents held a jollification meeting in Representative hall. Mr. Field made a brief speech and was followed by others among whom was Chancellor Canfield. The cadet band, from its position of supreme confidence in the front part of the gallery, discoursed a few musical selections at stated intervals.

The state convention of the Y. W. C. A. was held at Crete, January 27, 28 and 29. A large delegation of University girls were present; the Doane fellows consequently lost their heads. It is whispered that three fair co-eds, being somewhat unfamiliar with R. R. tactics, boarded a train for southern Missouri, and are presumably on their way, having not at any rate appeared at Crete. The girls offer to treat if you don't give it away.

The gallery in the Lansing has been reserved for the preps to-night. They will be able there to listen to the charter day address uninterrupted. They cannot understand why they should be given the highest position in the opera house. The reason is evident, the base of a pyramid is always composed of the best material used in the structure. The apex is sometimes high but doesn't cut much of a figure. The seniors and senioritas will be in attendance in force and will occupy seats in the dress circle, or some other circle. Later: The Seniors are allowed to have two tickets apiece. All below the senior class must be satisfied with one each.

February 7, an evening reception was given at the Episcopal college at Grand View, North Lincoln. The reception was in honor of Rev. E. de S. Juny, M. A., the newly elected head master. About half an hour was spent in hand-shaking and exchanging compliments of the evening. Then Captain Eager with his company of cadets gave an exhibition drill. This was executed with ease and precision. Captain Eager deserves great praise for the splendid manner in which his company conduct themselves. The drill was the feature of the evening. As soon as it ended the floor was cleared for dancing. About 9 o'clock the orchestra, under the leadership of James G. Sayer, struck up and from then on till about 11 o'clock "all went merry as the marriage bell." This is the second reception that has been held at the Episcopal college and it is to be hoped it will not be the last. There were about one hundred visitors present and among them several State University students.

### A Society Boy's Soliloquy.

To scratch—or not to scratch—that is the question:—

Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer  
The taunts and sneers endured by him who comes  
to society without a girl,  
Or to take up arms against our natural bashful-  
ness.

And, by opposing, quench 'it?—To scratch—to  
ask the girl—  
No more!—and, by thus asking say we end  
The longing and the heartaches boys are heir to,—  
'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished.

To scratch,—to ask the girl,—  
To ask the girl!—perchance to get the mitten!—  
ay, there's the rub!—  
For to the important question what negatives may  
come

Must give us serious pause. There's the respect  
That makes those boys who come alone so  
num'rous a race,  
For who would bear the dull unsocial time  
Spent by him in walking to and from the society  
hall

Accompanied by no fair maid?  
Who would bear the remarks uttered against  
him by his fellows,  
When he himself might end such cruel griefs  
By scratching the slate with a bare pencil?

Who would endure  
The urgings and pleadings of the slate-bearer,  
Struggling to have the recreant do his duty,  
But that the dread of something after scratching—  
That pitiful condition of an unsuccessful peti-  
tioner,  
From which no mittened boy is free!—puzzles  
the will,  
And makes us rather choose those ills we have,  
Than fly to others which this act may bring?  
Thus discretion doth make cowards of us all:  
And thus our natural wish for the fair one's com-  
pany

Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought;  
And matters of great pit and moment to the  
success of the society,  
With this regard, their currents turn awry,  
And we lack the name of enterprise!

The senior boys, to say nothing of the senior girls, were disappointed in the fact that each boy could only get one ticket of admittance to the charter day address. In a coeducational institutions such restrictions should not be placed upon the students.

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