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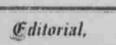
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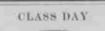
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## SOCIETY CHANGES.

The old saying that "coming events trol and they could make it what they cast their shadows before" seems to be would, and if successfuly carried out, fully verified in the anxious looks of the could be made an expression of the opinstudents, of late as they may be seen earions and character of the Seniors themnestly discussing the probabilities of selves to a greater extent than would be their being required to hold the meetings possible on commencement day. Let us of the societies in the daytime instead of then have a class day and let the Seniors evening as has always been the custom plant upon the campus the tree of 1881heretofore. Surely so radical a change a sturdy young oak-and long may its as that would be must have a more than branches wave and its bright leaves glisordinary cause. Is there such an one, or ten in the sunshine as an example and in do the powers that be, choose rather to spiration to its planters. say with Caesar, "the cause is in our will, we will it so"? Never have the societies been so prosperous, so carnest, or so

problems of mathematics. whom our st-te shall have reason to be proud, that they owed more to the society than to any other branch of the institution. And is this source of useful training to be cut off? We trust not.



The STUDENT hopes that the present Senior class will endeavor to inaugerate that pleasant castern custom of celebraring class day. In older institutions class day is fast becoming of much more importance than commencement day itself. It affords the class a good opportunity of showing what it can do and do independently. It is left entirely to the class to arrange the programme as it suits them and it is usually original and impressed with the taste and notions of the class itself, stripped of all ideas which on commencement day may seem to have emenated from the professor's chair. The class learns to take more pride in class day than in commencement day because it is distinctively their own. Commencement day they share with Faculty and Regents and Alumni but the class day would be exclusively under their con-

peacefully inclined toward each other as think that when they get to be seniors are to succeed those now here should find at the present time; and it is no wonder they won't have to study and do any, everything in perfect order and all paid that even the bare possibility of such a thing eise they don't want to-in fact for and consequently nothing for them to requirement being made should cause a they will have a general good time-iots do is absurdly unreasonable. The society as marmur. It seems to us that at the pre. of honor and admiration from the now constituted should pay its reasonable sent time when the societies have taxed preps, and consideration from the college quota and no more; leaving for those who their means to the utmost in fitting up faculty. Never was a more mistaken are to come after us the privilege of paytheir hails and have yet a burden of in. view of things found floating through the ing in part for what they enjoy. I. is debtedness to throw off, they have just cranium of a student. Our trials not fair that we should have all the work grounds for remonstrating against a rev. as Seniors began last commencement and worry now simply that in the future olution at once unnecssary, and fatal to when the graduating class expected us to others may have nothing to do. A socitheir prosperity. Had the Regents pro. be general errand boy and waiter for all ety gets along better and there is more vided suitable rooms without any expense their whims; and our troubles only in. harmony when a common interest and es. to the societies, to be used by them under creased with the beginning of the fail an bind all the members together than the direction of the Faculty the case term when we were required to furnish when each one has plenty of time to inwould have been different. As it is, such certificates to the effect that we had been vent schemes for his own self agrandisea change would certainly be unwise and duly taught to read and speil and cipher ment and the confusion of others-a we sincerely hope will not take place. in the rule of three, and were closely course of proceedings that generally re-It would perhaps be well if the societies questioned as to whether we had studied sults fatally to any culture and literary should decide to make all regular meet. the multiplication table before we had drill. ings exclusive to the public, and avoid a mastered simple fractions, or whether we certain tendency to prepare programmes had, forscoth, been examined in history for the applause of the audience rather before we had conjugated the irregular than for good solid work, which has to verbs. The Seniors are expected to know Faculty at least, whether or not attendsome extent been noticeable of late, all about everything they have ever Such a change as this, with now and then studied, to be prepared to take any one's We do not believe it is for the welfare of an open meeting for such of the public place in society who may be too lazy to the institution that the students should be as are interested in their work to visit do his own duty, to write exhaustive warned in chapel that they are required them, would, we believe, be a benefit; treatises on subjects they know nothing to be present at the exercises every mornbut to require the meetings to be held in about, to take four hard studies and be ing, and then be lectured by the Prof's the day time would be equivalent to abol. ready at all times to initiate all new proj. who do not make a practice of attending, ishing them. This would not pay. The ects for the general good. A Senior is ex- for being late if those exercises chance to training which the students get in debate pected to do more work and get less be longer than the time the bulletin sig read papers that comes to us. The last

and in speaking generally is as important credit for it than any other student in the to the citizen of Nebraska as a knowledge school. If he does well that's Lo more that there should be some gathering of of the Greek roots or some of the dizzy than he ought to do, and if he does ill the pupils together each day for the pur-We have then his failure is all the more conspicu heard from the lips of graduates, of ous by reason of that seniority and treated accordingly.

> We have heard some complaints lately from students in regard to the 10 o'clock rule on Friday nights. This seems to us very much out of place and wholly uncalled for by the circumstances. No lecturer ever thinks of holding his audience after ten o'clock; very few political speeches and no literary entertainments of any sort whatever are expected to hold beyond this hour. It is an imposition upon the public to ask them to listen to exercises over an hour and a halr or three quarters long and by commencing earlier the societies would have ample time to transact all business after the close of the debate. As a rule meetings held after ten o'clock are chiefly distinguished for their for their "rowdyism" and universal ill temper and result in no such general good as to justify their continuance. To acquire the habit of punctuality in attendance up on duties should be one of the aims and results of a college course and if every member of the societies made it a point to be present at the beginning of each meeting and came prepared to do his part promptly and well there would be no sort of trouble in finishing every. thing before ten o'clock.

That there are two sides to the question with regard to the advisability of the societies running into debt some of the members do not seem to realize. When a society moves into a new hall everything must be fitted up to correspond and great expense is necessarily incurred. That the present membership should pay for what will last ten years and that the Students in the lower classes are apt to hundred or more different members who

nifies they shall occupy. It is necessary pose of making announcements, and it is proper that attendance should be compulsory. Moreover consistency would seem to attach equal importance to the regular meeting of instructors as well as students. in order that all should have a proper knowledge of what is going on, and work in harmony together. May fortune speed the happy time when this shall be.

## Editor's Table.

The Illini is a well edited paper and the same freshness and originality mark all its departments. One of the many student follies which form the endless theme of editorial discussion is the wrangling of Senior classes. We wonder if all Senior classes are alike. The editor of the Illini says so. "The old, old story so often repeated of great plans and mighty failures to carry them out is the chain that binds them all together." He arrives at the daring conclusion that the Senior is not in truth so "deep contemplative" as some might think. He describes them as in a state of dissension, and torn into factions over a banquet and the kind of a class tree to plant, says this is on account of their overweening ambition, and advises them if they want to do something that no other class ever did to agree on all questions. All classes of '81 will admit that these are words of wisdom and only too true, but when under classmen become so very scornful they should remember that they are the materials of which Senior classes are made and if fn ture Senior classes are to be united, giving advice, however good the advice, is not so good a way to effect it as looking well to the way they themselves are going. We do not bear the Itlini any grudge for giving us a word of criticism in a friendly way, we know when we need it, but we are sorry to see that it tackles the Niagara Index. One would think this paper represented the "College of Our Lady of Angles." The new exchange editor an nounces that he "shall endeavor, as far as may be, to follow out closely the manner of criticism indulged in by our predecessor." That manner we can say is to make the exchange column a scape goat which he loads with all the vicious humors of a probably over taxed brain and sends out into the wilderness of exchang-

It might be well if there were a general understanding among the members of the ance at Chapel is compulsory this term.

The Free Press contains an account of the imposing funeral ceremonies of Pure Mathematics, beloved daughter of Science and Civilization, and pronounces this oration over her:

"Then borrow '81's tombstone; cut a longitudinal section in the spreading campus; lower her slowly, with uniform velocity; fold her arms on her breast in a last sad parabola; place a spherical Zero on each stiffened eye; but plant her deep -plant her deep."

The Bates Student laments the existence of hazing in the college and also the dying out of the class pray ir meetings as an institution. There must be a desperate state of affairs at Bates.

The Ariel from the Minnestota University is one of the neatest and best proof-