

For an animal of its species our orchestra has kept remarkably quiet and perhaps few know that we have a real live one which practices in the chapel on Saturdays. The date of their first ball has not yet been announced.

Two ladies of the political economy class read Walker's statement that homestead land costs one cent per acre, and began at once to calculate how soon they could take advantage of that privilege. How eagerly would the eligible young men have listened to their conversation.

The military exploits on November 2d were the most interesting of this term. The Governor came up to inspect the battalion and was greeted by a salute of several volleys from the artillery. The battalion was then formed on the parade ground and inspected by the Governor; after which a number of battalion movements were executed. Then came the dress parade and review; and at the close of these ceremonies the Governor addressed the cadets, saying that they did well, he enjoyed the exercises and would henceforth take even greater interest in the University Battalion than before. He also spoke of the military policy of our country, having almost no standing army; but on the other hand the latent power of the millions of young men who would bear arms at once in her defence if their services were needed. By this he showed the wisdom that Congress displayed in requiring the male students of the schools endowed by public lands to be trained in the art of war. The cadets showed their appreciation of his interest and remarks by three rousing cheers which were far more expressive than the conventional roar of the cannons that had announced the Governor's approach. Three more hearty cheers were given for Col. Dudley, the commandant, and he responded in a few words, expressing his attachment for the battalion and noting its growth since first he came here. He also regretted that he would be obliged at the close of this year to leave the University and go back to his command in the army. The boys could not refrain from exerting their lungs to the utmost once more. A picture was then taken of the battalion with Gov. Thayer in front.

The Seniors and Juniors had a very lively misunderstanding on the evening of November 5th. The Seniors understood that they were to have a class sociable at the residence of J. G. Smith, one of their number; the Junior boys understood among themselves that the Seniors would not meet, and so informed the city editor of the *Journal*. The Senior boys were putting on their best clothes, when the boys of '89, rigged out in their fighting duds, called on them in squads of four or five. A few minutes after eight o'clock seven Senior couples were assembling at Mr. Smith's residence; but five Senior boys, bound hand and foot were taking a forced ride of some six miles in the opposite direction, while five Senior ladies were wondering "why he didn't come." One did come, for he escaped from cords and Juniors alike and took his lady to the party. The other four were left, bound, not very tightly, about five miles beyond the city limits. They soon released themselves and then walked to town. Two of them went to Mr. Smith's house where they found three of their persecutors lying bound on the floor. Their unpleasant ride and weary walk were entirely forgotten at this turn of the tables, and they took especial delight in requesting these Juniors to gag them as they had proposed. A very disorderly crowd of boys, mostly lower classmen, had now surrounded the house and were trying in every way to break in, despite the request of the hostess. About midnight the Seniors released their prisoners and sought their rooms, feeling that they had been royally entertained. Even the unlucky four rejoiced at the way the matter culminated.

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