

for the truth in them. It has always been a practice with mankind, that whenever any discovery or invention has been made, to call it an old one revived. The claims of obscure men are always put forth to snatch from the rightful inventor or discoverer the laurels he justly deserves. It has been so in this case. Columbus was the first to make the discovery useful to mankind. Therefore, let not the men who still cling to the old Northmen theory have any weight in detracting from the interest that should be awakened to make this coming anniversary the most memorable in our history.

Several allusions have been made of late by some of the state papers in regard to the establishment of a law department in our institution. The University appreciates these hints, and believes with those who have generously taken it upon themselves to start the ball rolling, that the time is ripe for such a department. There are at present quite a number of University graduates attending eastern law schools, and many more that would like a college training, who have not the means to take a course in an eastern college. A broad and comprehensive course could be arranged without much of an outlay. A new building would not be necessary at present, and if the next legislature could only be persuaded to appropriate enough for a small library and a competent corps of instructors, the success of such a department would be assured.

The University, not to be outdone by her sister colleges in other states, has established a course in electrical engineering, which greatly adds to her strength. This will, we prophesy, be greeted with considerable pleasure by many who desire to become experts in this line. There will be ample work for all who desire to make a thorough study of the subject for many years to come, and while we do not wish to influence students who have decided upon taking some other course, yet we believe a thorough knowledge of this subject will furnish better opportunities for those who are dependent solely upon themselves, than any other branch of study. There are several already who have signified their intention to take up this course, and as it is under the care of competent instructors we bespeak for it a rapid and fruitful growth.

It has been rumored that a Lincoln man is to be promoted to the place recently vacated by the great railroad attorney, Jno. M. Thurston. In our search for current news we learned that this lucky man was no less a personage than E. C. Wiggernhorn, who, since his graduation here, has earned the reputation of a bright and shining legal light. Mr. Wiggernhorn's many friends will be delighted to hear of his advancement in this line, and THE HESPERIAN tenders congratulations. The gentleman in question showed much talent in this direction when he was among us, but such an unexpected promotion is almost beyond the comprehension of the most sanguine, hence this allusion to it. Had the gentleman not succeeded in getting this position it is probable that he would have been given a seat on the supreme bench of Utah, where he could have had a chance to evaporate his ecstatic psychological essence of law, and perhaps float peacefully along in the line of succession to a seat on the U. S. supreme bench.

Ye that loaf in the halls have an eye
To what comes in the sweet by and by
For your names will be took
And the chance will you book.

For speedy adjournment *sine die*.

STRAY PICK-UPS.

There is war in the enemy's camp
There's a row on the governor's side,
The professors all fret, fume and stamp
While we whiz down life's, toboggan slide.

Pie!

Canis pie!

Le Diable!

Fungophilus mainacus.

The Union society now has printed programmes.

The beard of Strix Pyrrhocephalus has received its release.

Chestnut, why bodest thou my death to me. I need it not at all.—*Homer*.

You ought to see Kramer laugh? It's like the opening to a Lake Superior copper mine.

What was there in C. W. Bigelow's "Reverie" for the Junior rhetoric class to laugh at?

Lieut. Dudley, as a member of Governor Thayer's staff, went to Des Moines some time ago.

Lieut. Col. Hall, inspector general, department of the Platte, visited the University January 19.

Mr. Hartman, an old student, dropped in on us at society last Friday eve. We always welcome the boys back.

John Green, with his beautiful red beard and his little tack hammer, has been covering the steam pipes of this building.

W. B. G. was overheard to remark: "I am more favorably impressed with Miss W.— than any other young lady I ever met."

Pizey has been laid up with pneumonia. He has been pretty sick, but with the aid of Dr. Paine he is upon his feet again.

Say, you fellows who buy blank books, pencils, pens, and such, why don't you patronize home industries by getting them at the office.

Miss Fannie Baker spent the vacation in town, but immediately upon the opening of school she returned to her principalship at Raymond.

Miss Cora White has been slightly sick for a few days. The sickness was not serious and we hope that not much school work will be lost.

Misses Forsyth and Dryden were seen in the halls the 24th. They came down on account of Forsyth's illness and did not fail to visit the University.

Oh, all ye that dig and are weary, look aloft. List to Gabriel's trump for the millenium is here. Our girls have organized a broom drill squad.

E. R. Holmes has been laid up with badly frozen feet, as a result of the blizzard January 12. We hope that it will not cause him much loss in his work.

It would have been milk and honey to the hearts of the lits and classics to have seen the scientifics, especially Smith, when Prof. B—y suddenly appeared on the pie feed.

The rabbits, guinea pigs, etc., in the basement are causing great inconvenience to the students working in the mineralogical laboratory, and something to remedy this ought to be done.

We were sorry to hear that our friend, R. D. Church, had to leave school, we trust only temporarily; and when we heard that it was because of the death of his sister we were doubly sorry. We sympathize with him in his trouble; we sympa-