

up by everyone and you hear nothing else for awhile. This has been the course with very many things and notably with the foot-ball club project which has been talked of for years without ever getting farther than a preliminary list of names. Now, within a week, four clubs are organized, simply because a challenge from another college has been received.

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The poor Sophomores have not struck it so rich in German as they anticipated. Their castles that had been built upon the change of instructor took a sad tumble one day last week. An examination was given, chiefly on the vocabulary. One hundred words were pronounced by the instructor, and the student wrote the English meaning of the words in the order that they were pronounced. The papers were handed back Tuesday and the marks ranged from 36 to 100. Our editor, who was the sixteenth to receive his paper back, got a passing mark of 60. The Sophs are how of the opinion that German under the new instructor is "not what she seems.

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THE HESPERIAN makes no pretensions of printing the news, as do the *News*, and "*Daily Hesperian*," of this city, but, although they have both taken a turn at the electric lights upon the dome of the capitol, we will also add our mite. We had the pleasure of spending last Sabbath in the north-eastern part of this county, twenty to twenty-five miles from Lincoln, and were surprised at the brilliancy with which these lights illuminate the surrounding country. The chickens no longer think of going to roost until 11:45 in the evening, when they calmly crawl in and watch for the lights to go out. The farmers now husk a load of corn each evening after supper. However, the young bloods of the country object to the lights being run on Sunday nights as they consider it an unnecessary desecration of the Sabbath.

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There is a picture of the cane rush on exhibition in THE HESPERIAN office. This may not be astonishing news. That isn't what we mentioned it for. But the presence of said picture furnishes an opportunity for a little observation on human nature. There were two parties in the cane rush. One of them got whipped. Now the quality of that picture varies according to whether the gazer whipped, or was whipped, in the contest. The latter don't see much in the picture to admire: "It is taken too far back; too far to one side; it is not clear cut; the figures are too small; it wasn't taken at the right moment; it isn't much account anyway." The victorious party are enthusiastic in their admiration. "Just look at —; see that couple hug the ground; caught 'em just right; pretty good, I say." Strange that such different opinions should be held of a thing which any casual observer could pass a just judgment upon.

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Once upon a time the senior preps of the University of Nebraska decreed in their innermost sou', that,—no preventing Providence—they would congregate on the east bank of the Antelope, where they would spread the festal board and they, together with the senioress preps, would partake of the lacteal fluid, so dear to their hearts. Some of the college men (?) learning of the bounteous spread preparing for their younger brothers were actuated by jealousy or covetousness to rouse in the minds of the senior preps abnormal images of hydrants, ropes, rascals in the form of preps and Freshies, and of the havoc that could be wrought by the improper combination of these. As the appointed time approached the iraginations of the senior preps were worked up to an alarming activity.

At the proper time the Noble, and the Fleet, two senior preps, on tiptoe (of expectancy) descended to the earth and started in search of their senioresses. They were met by the Goode, an upper classman who informed them that the Fiends had assembled in large numbers, armed with ropes and hydrants for their destruction, but if they would place themselves under his guidance he would safely pilot them to the abode of their senioress preps.

"If they pursue me, I'll flee," remarked the Fleet.

"If they assail me, I have a pop," added the Noble.

"Fear not," assured the Goode.

They started; a whistle; a yell; a clatter of feet. With one agonized look backward the Fleet and the Noble were off like the wind, and after telescoping three Fiends and a screen door they safely reached the room of another senior prep, locked the door, barricaded it with two trunks and a bedstead and took a retrospect of the field from the window. "The woods is full of 'em. I run right over one big duffer. See! There are about forty over there, (pointing to a pile of paving brick). If they jump on to me I'll shoot."

The Goode, after a consultation with the other five Fiends as to the best track for the next run, with the aid of two other Innocents, again led forth the two senior preps to start them on their way. After several chases and narrow escapes they reached the east bank of the festive Antelope, where the festal board was spread and recounted their adventures to the rythm of the rapidly disappearing bread and milk.

#### COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE HESPERIAN:

DEAR SIR:—Will you allow me a word in your columns in regard to the library, as many of the students are unacquainted with its arrangement. Although a printed catalogue can not be furnished at present, there is a written catalogue, properly indexed, in which any student may find the name of the author, and the title of every book in the library; and when he has found a book which he wishes to read, it will be supplied on application to the librarian, if it is on the shelves.

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