

Since Jack Chowin's return the "choo-choo" of the gas engine, and the whir-r-r-r of the dynamo attract crowds of curious preps and tutors to the south windows of the main building basement.

The three University people who are "farthest from home," Professors Lees and Allen and Mr McClatchie were made entirely oblivious to that fact on Thanksgiving through the hospitality of Chancellor and Mrs. Bessey.

Efforts are being made to establish a club among the students whereby gold watches may be obtained at the rate of \$35 each and the money to be paid in weekly instalments of one dollar. For further particulars call on THE HESPERIAN Business manager.

The Baron (exhorting the debating club): "Gentlemen, the purpose of this club should be to encourage impromptu speaking; I come here to learn to think off hand and to speak on my feet." Voice from the crowd (meditatively): "Jiminy, that's an awful big subject to tackle."

The department of physics has just received two very valuable sets of books, direct from Germany. They will be of much use as reference books. They are, Poggendorff's "Annalen d. Physik u. Chemie," 170 volumes, and Wiedeman's "Annalen d. Physik u. Chemie," 62 volumes.

Miss Nellie Scott we are glad to learn, is back to stay for a time at least. Despite the inducements offered by the new conservatory of music she has decided to complete her course of music at the University. We trust she will find it more pleasant, and fully as profitable here as she would have found it at the conservatory.

Geo. Hall succeeded in tearing himself away from his arduous duties on the farm, and removing the hayseed for a few days visit to Lincoln and the Uni. about the time of the state Y. W. C. A. convention. We presume that George was a visiting delegate. He reports that hogs threshed a good crop, and potatoes shelled out well this year.

Since our last issue the house of Miss Ruliffson's father, some distance from town, was entirely consumed by fire. It is likely that in consequence Miss Ruliffson will leave school and engage in teaching. THE HESPERIAN but voices the feelings of all Miss Ruliffson's friends in extending heartiest sympathy to her in this unforeseen calamity.

The following clipping from a letter, written by a young lady (not a Uni. student) to a University friend of hers, is self-explanatory:—"Your piece in the THE HESPERIAN about the prep girls getting mashed on the boys of the upper classes did not go very well with some of them, Miss— for instance. She and I were together yesterday and she was real mad. I'll tell you what, Mr Sayer had better not ask her to go with him again."

On the evening of November 20, an appreciative and cultured audience assembled in the Presbyterian church in response to the kind invitation of Mrs. Rachel Lloyd. They came with the expectation of hearing a fine program and their hopes were fully realized. The music, which was excellent, was given by Mr. Menzendorf, Miss Cochran, Rev. E. H. Chapin, Mrs. W. O. Jones, and Jos. Wurzburg. The literary portion of the entertainment was devoted to that prince of poets, Robert Browning. The various articles, each of which aided the other in giving to the audience a deeper and fuller understanding of the poet, were delivered by Rev. E. A. Curtis, Professor Sherman, Professor Hunt and Rev. E. H. Chapin. Not only do such occasions give pleasure to the people of Lincoln, but they tend to give to the public broader and juster ideas of University culture and training.

While our last issue was in press we received the unwelcome news that the illness of George Fossler had terminated fatally. Mr. Fossler had been attending the medical school at Iowa City, and while there had had a tooth removed. This was followed by fevers and symptoms of lock jaw. He returned to his home in this city and soon grew worse. Typhoid symptoms complicated the trouble and his spine was affected. On Thursday, November 1, he died. Mr. Fossler had been a special student in chemistry in the University for two years, and though of a quiet, retiring nature had made many friends. We extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of the deceased.

One day last week Quartermaster Hall was disagreeably surprised to find that his fine fur-collared overcoat had been removed from the hall where he had hung it. After a night of grief, his mourning was changed to joy by the news from police station that coat and thief were awaiting his inspection. It is altogether probable that the thief will take up his abode in the penitentiary for laying his sacrilegious hands on that fur-collared overcoat. However Mr. Hall is not so jubilant as he at first felt privileged to be. The coat now belongs to "the court" as evidence, and if Mr. Thief's case does get in this term of court, the owner can't get possession of the garment until some time late in January.

One of the most valuable of the many seminars, clubs and so forth that are beginning to be so important a factor in University work, is the biographical journal club. This is composed of Dr. Kingsley, Dr. Bessey, Entomologist Bruner, Instructor Webber and some half dozen of the upper classmen who are interested in biographical research. Papers written by eminent investigators, either of this country or of Europe, are assigned to the members, who read them, reporting to the club the essential points. Thus the members are kept posted as to recent investigations with a much less individual expenditure of time than would otherwise be necessary.

The department of physics has just received, in the last week, Thompson's composite balance, for the direct measurement of electrical energy, current and voltage; Thompson's static volt meter, which works on the principle of the electrometer, to read from 50 to 12,000 volts; Carden volt meter which depends upon the heating effect of the electric current and the expansion of metal by heat, reads from 1 to 150 volts. These instruments now complete the electrical apparatus, so the electrical measurements of either static, or direct or alternating currents may be accurately determined from one five-millionth to 500 ampere; and potentials of from one to twelve thousand volts may be accurately determined. This gives us as complete an electrical testing equipment as any school in the West. There is also a new bridge and resistance set of the post-office pattern, by Elliott Bros., enroute, which will be here in a few days. This is considered a very excellent piece of testing apparatus.

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