

The music department of the university is gaining a reputation abroad for good, thorough work, as several pupils make weekly trips from neighboring towns to pursue the course.

Professor Bessey has received a picture of Dr. Gray's old home, the botanical Mecca of America. The house where the learned botanist lived and died is now in the possession of Harvard.

There are about fifty more students in the college proper this year than there were last, but the preparatory department is somewhat smaller yet there is an aggregate increase of about forty students.

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Stranger, to street car driver: "How are they progressing with the new Y. M. C. A. building." Driver, "I don't know. There are so many of these lodges that I can't keep track of them all."

Professor Osburn, instructor of entomology in the Iowa agricultural college, lately visited Professor Bessey, his former teacher. While here he was much interested with Mr. Bruner's collection of insects.

Professor Fulmer and his chemistry class made a trip through the gas works February 22. The works however were not in operation, consequently the visitors did not derive as much benefit as they might have.

Thursday, February 13, the non-partisan prohibition league had a meeting and passed a resolution requesting each of the three literary societies to give two temperance programs before the end of the school year.

A delegate to the prohibition convention from Tecumseh, the city from which Jim McCrosky hails, reported that "they had an electric light plant down there nearly ready to run, but they hadn't got their 'dynamites' yet.

Quite a number of our boys attended the Wesleyan local oratorical contest, and they seem to be unanimous in the opinion that our man Fogarty has nothing to fear from Wesleyan's representative to the state contest.

H. P. Sherwin, the popular druggist and boot and shoe dealer, on and after March 1, will be found at his new quarters, in the Hutchins block, 1124 O street, where he has removed his entire stock of drugs and boots and shoes.

The hour was late. Porterfield saw a man. The man was heavily encumbered. Porterfield was riding a horse. The man a robber. Porterfield was not(?). The man dropped a sack. The knight dismounted. The marauder hit the breeze. Finis.

On the evening of February 19, Dr. Frank S. Billings, who was formerly connected with the Nebraska experiment station, delivered a lecture on the "Best Manner of Conducting the Study of Animal Diseases," before the Nebraska draught horse association.

Mr. Hartman, an active Palladian in days gone by, is agent for the Edison phonograph. Last week a piece played by the University orchestra was taken by his machine as was the Uni. yell. Unfortunately the cylinder containing the excellent selection from Rawlinson was broken, but the one having the college yell which is of much more consequence remains uninjured and sincerely we hope the cylinder will be preserved to delight those living in future ages.

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The battallion will go into camp this year on the 29th of May. This being before the close of recitations, the cadets will return a day or two before the examinations begin; so they cannot give as an excuse for not going, that they had to stay at home and cram for the final exams.

A few days ago Chancellor Bessey received a letter from the agricultural college of Fort Collins Colo. ask his opinion about having the long vacation in the winter instead of in the summer. The object of this change is to give those students who so desire an opportunity to teach a winter term of school.

On the evening of February 13, Mr. Covel was awakened by the footsteps of some stranger in his room. He immediately sprang out of bed with the intention of seizing the intruder, but the thief was too quick for him and made his escape unharmed. The rascal found only one dollar to pay him for his trouble.

On Friday afternoon, Feb. 21, the cadet band played at the celebration of George Washington's birthday by the students of the C street public school. After playing several pieces in the different rooms they were royally entertained with refreshments by the teachers, and came away unanimously voting them the best lot of schoolma'ns in the city.

Not many moons ago Chas. B. Jackson took advantage of the improvements in science by conversing with a dear friend sixty miles away, but not satisfied with the present development and not wishing to wait for Jules Verne's ideal telephone to be perfected, Saturday last he bade Lincoln adieu and passed two days of delightful bliss in Fremont. He says the people are all well.

On the evening of February 24 a most excellent musical program was rendered at the home of Miss Dena Loomis. Among the numbers enjoyed by an appreciative audience was a trio by the Misses Loomis, Marsland, and Latta. This was folled by one of Mrs. Webber's choice selections. At the close of the program the many present participated in social greetings and delicacies suitable for the occasion.

Not long ago Lieutenant Griffith sent in a request to the war department at Washington to be supplied with the following books: One morning report book for each of the four companies; one consolidated post morning report book and one sick report book for each of the four companies. These will be used with the theoretical instruction given to cadets, and will be of practical value in our annual encampments.

Saturday evening, February 15, the charter day exercises began with an overture by the university cadet band; after this Professor Bessey made a few introductory remarks, giving a short sketch of the history of the university from the time it was opened in 1869 until the present. The violin solo by Professor Menzendorf was well rendered and met with a hearty applause. The chancellor then introduced to the audience President Chamberlin of Wisconsin university, who delivered an interesting address on "The Coming of Age of State Universities," which was thoroughly appreciated by the audience.

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