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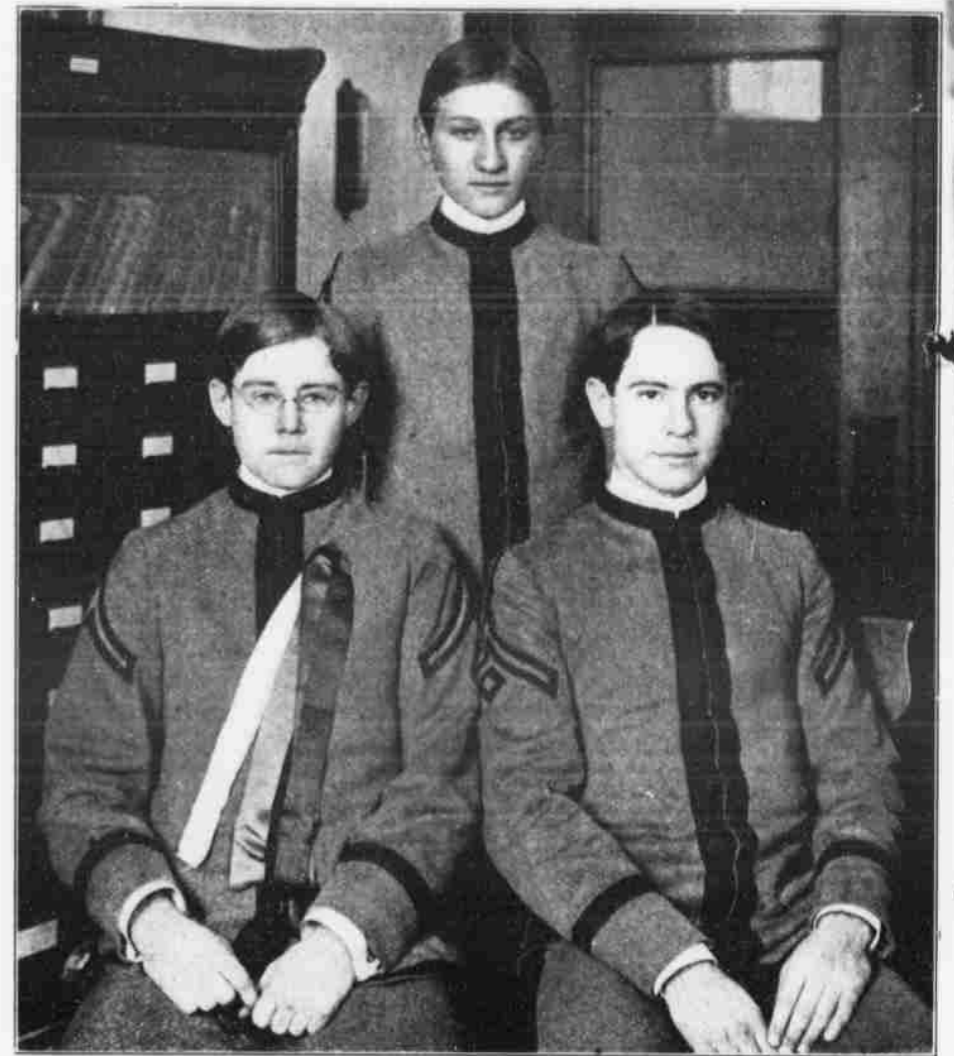
THOMAS BRACKETT REED filled too large a space in American history to be disposed of in a newspaper paragraph. It will be a long time before the full effect of his personality on the current of national affairs is felt. What he is best known for is the famous ruling, when speaker of the house of representatives, by which he held that a member could not be actually present and constructively absent. He then overturned the traditions



JAPHETH HUGHES, RED OAK, Ia.



MRS. JAPHETH HUGHES.



Richard Hunter, August Swenson, Ben Cheerington. OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS WHO WILL COMPETE WITH BEATRICE.



J. A. WALTER, MAYOR OF MCGREGOR, Ia., AND PRESIDENT LEAGUE OF IOWA MUNICIPALITIES.

tion read law in one of the local law offices. Later he went to California and was there admitted to practice. He returned to Maine just before the breaking out of the rebellion and entered the navy, serving as a paymaster. After the war he resumed the practice of law in Maine and was soon sent to the legislature. Next he was elected attorney general for his native state and then to congress, where he gained his fame. It was in 1877 that he entered congress and there he served twenty years, seven as speaker of the house, retiring in 1897 to take up the practice of law in New York. His ambition was to be president, but in this he was disappointed.

One must be either a child or an enthusiast to truly enjoy the beauty of snow. To the dweller in a city it means walks to clear and slush to wade through; to the street cleaning department it means extra work in the effort to keep crowded thoroughfares in passable condition; to the street railway people it means added difficulty in the handling of their cars, and to the wagoners of a city it means that unusual precautions must be taken to move the heavy loads without accident to man or team. But to the boys and girls it simply means fun unalloyed, for the element of cold, of wet feet and the attendant train of ills, enters not into the calculations of childhood. It is a time for the bringing forth of sleds that have rusted and gathered dust in woodshed and attic during the summer, and a resumption of the frolics that were cut off when the thaw came in the spring. City and country youngsters alike know the joys of sliding downhill, and the trouble of getting to the top again; but the country youngsters know little of the pleasure of "hooking" wagons, for they do not have the opportunity. In town the boys and girls alike, fearless of driver, policeman or parents, boldly proceed to fasten their sleds behind a moving wagon and settle down for a ride whose duration depends on how soon the fancy dictates to the happy urchin to take another wagon going in another direction. Most city drivers have become used to this custom and acquiesce with little or no demur to the hilarious addition to the load the team is thus required to pull. And now and then the merry coaster has the very decided advantage of sliding downhill and being hauled back by a passing delivery wagon or coal van. And accidents are miraculously few, when the number of opportunities are considered.

is much effort among the embryo Booths and Macreadys to outdo the effort of the class before and the result is that the play is always given with a spirit and a dash that goes far toward securing satisfactory interpretation to the several parts assumed. This time the piece chosen for the presentation was a romantic affair of the type now so popular, in which there is plenty of heroic declamation and lugging out of swords and some sharp passages at arms (in which the young men were carefully trained by a master of the foils, to the end that their flourishes, loostes and the like might bear resemblance to those of the gentlemen whom they were supposed to be), while the tale of a love that was mixed with the politics of France in the seventeenth century, was unfolded. That the whole was a success may be gathered from the pictures presented.

On December 3, 182, Japheth Hughes, a native of Dembyshire, North Wales, and 26 years old, took unto himself, at Liverpool, Miss Williams to be his wife, and she is his bride today, just as though the winters and summers of half a century had

not intervened. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes came to America in 1854 and settled first in Ohio, where he followed his trade as a carpenter, gaining a competence as a contractor, and finally taking up life on a farm in order to regain broken health. From Ohio he removed to Iowa in 1881, and became a

resident of Montgomery county. He lived first on a farm, but finally moved into Red Oak, where he still lives, with his wife, honored and loved by all who know them. The celebration of the golden wedding.

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of the body over which he had been called to preside and in thus revolutionizing procedure he took away from a recalcitrant minority its power to thwart a majority in the effort to transact public business. So short a time has elapsed since this famous pronouncement that all can recall the storm of protest it aroused, how the bitterest of personal abuse was heaped on Mr. Reed by his opponents, both in and out of congress; yet even now the fruits of his courageous decision are easily apparent, and no matter which party holds the power in congress it is no longer possible for a minority to break a quorum by refusing to vote and thus prevent legislation. Opponents to the majority are compelled to take part in the transaction of public business under the Reed rule. Aside from this Mr. Reed was a powerful factor in legislation during his service in congress. While no great measure bearing his name as author has been placed on the statute books of the nation, he was quite active, both in committee and on the floor, in shaping the laws that were before the house for action, and he was always considered a tower of strength among his party's leaders. As speaker he was clothed with all but absolute authority in matters affecting legislation and he wielded the power fearlessly and, it is now generally admitted, fairly. From the time he was admitted to the bar in California, long before the civil war, until death closed his career at Washington last Saturday night, he was an active figure in the affairs of mankind. He was born in Maine in 1839 and after a high school and college educa-

Creighton university has again produced its annual play, and again have the students delighted their friends by their display of histrionic ability. Each year there



FAMILY GROUP AT THE GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. JAPHETH HUGHES, AT RED OAK, Ia.

Snap Shots Taken by a Bee Staff Photographer During the Annual Class Play at Creighton University



ACT II, SCENE 2—"FOR THE HOUSE OF ST. QUENTIN."



ACT III, SCENE 2—"FOR THE HOUSE OF ST. QUENTIN."