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Going to School.

There were about eight of us who used to go to school together. We ranged in age from six to fourteen years. None of us were without strong imaginations. One winter during a snowy period, our curiosity was raised to its highest pitch by a company of emigrants, who had camped near a large bridge, over which we had to cross. One of their horses was lame so they camped there for nearly a week. Two tents were pitched in a sheltered place and the scene presented a very comfortable appearance.

With what misgivings we approached that camp, scuttled past like a flock of scared quail, congratulating each other upon our safety when past the spot. We told glowing tales of what they might do, and how brave we would be, usually ending our account by saying that they might shoot us sometime. The younger ones of course always drank in every word and walked very close to such brave defenders as we would prove to be.

One morning we had just got on the bridge, when out of a tent rushed a young man carrying a rifle. He came straight for us and we all knew that the dreaded time had come. We turned and ran with all our might but stopped at a fence near by. He called out that he was not going to hurt us, but one little nervous boy of about nine years had a better start and was under the fence when we stopped.

When we saw him he was going down the creek like a scared rabbit running to safety. In his fright he had forgotten to drop the family dinner, which he was carrying in an immense pail. His brother and sisters gazed after him, speechless for a few minutes, then it dawned on them that if they were to have any dinner that day they had better get started after him. When he heard our shouts and cries, he glanced back and was sure from the speed with which we were traveling that matters were even worse than he had supposed.

Well we finally caught him when he could run no more. Then we sat down on the snowy ground and tried to convince him that he could return with perfect safety; and it took two of us to take that precious dinner pail away from him.

Even to this day we can laugh about the event and it has grown amusing even to the principal actor. —LOTTIE MORTON.

The Inter-Society Contest,

The first debate and declamation contest between the two literary societies was held last Thursday evening in the auditorium. Following was the program of the evening:

Invocation—Rev. W. B. Brown.
Piano Solo Mrs. C. A. Shively
“The Butterfly”

DECLAMATION

“The Honor of the Woods”

Grace Copeland, Literati
Extract from “The Call of the Wild” Bertha Robinson, Lyceum
Vocal Solo Olive Westbrook

DEBATE

Question: Resolved that the present protective policy is better than tariff for revenue only.

Affirmative Lyceum Society
Henry McVey
James McVey

Negative Literati Society
Ward Sullivan
Ed Jantzen

Vocal Solo Carl Barnes

The judges were, for the declamation, Dr. Jewell of Emporia, for the debate J. C. Ruppenthal, E. A. Rea and Dr. Jewell. Miss Grace Copeland carried off the prize in the declamation work. The decision in the debate was given to the McVey brothers, the representative of the Lyceum Society. The auditorium was prettily decorated with the colors of the two societies and throughout the evening each society vied with the other

in having the most unique ideas.

The honors were equally divided and each society seemed perfectly satisfied. Well might they be proud of their contestants for all did exceedingly well. In fact, the contest as a whole was so popular with the students that it is thought that the delicate hints given out recently by a few concerning an essay and oration contest to be held sometime in the not far distant future, will bring forth results in due time.

Contest Notes.

The Literati Society gave a program in their hall after the contest.

A pretty balloon bearing Lyceum colors ascended during chapel last Friday morning.

A second contest is on—Henry Brown and Oscar Waggoner are measuring mouths and lung capacity.

Roy Dazey observed most of the contest Thursday evening through the ventilators in the ceiling of the auditorium.

The suspense was awful while waiting for the judges' decision. Yet Dr. Jewell had no mercy on us but took time to tell stories.

“Happy” Sullivan and Oscar Waggoner are undoubtedly the orators of the Literati Society. They distinguished themselves by their speeches of congratulation and condolence Thursday evening after the contest.

My dear Literati, all the megaphones in the world are not found in Hays City.

Mr. Pelham was hunting for a man in the attic while the contest was going on.

The Lyceum's little mascot in pink and green, was the center of attraction at the contest.

The Literati colors flew the highest and the lowest. Red could be seen from the floor to the top of the flag pole.

The "Lit" colors flew the highest, but the Lyceum honors are the highest. They secured the most coveted prize at the contest.

The judges are to be congratulated on their narrow escape last Thursday evening. They could not be found anywhere by either society—you know both were defeated.

On last Sabbath eve the whole realm was thrown into a state of great concern at the disappearance of one of the members of the royal family. At ten o'clock on that Sabbath eve his majesty was seen seated in his study, in deep reflection. The next morning when the attendants went to the royal apartments to arouse him from his slumbers, Lo! his majesty was not there, his couch was untouched. Lord Claudius in great haste called his courtiers together and messengers were dispatched in haste throughout the realm. All his people are thrown into a state of deep concern for His majesty has a place

in their hearts that can never be filled by another Sovereign.

N. B.—His Majesty has returned from a jaunt to the realm of Ellis.

A Call to Service.

A call has come from the "Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions," a call to Christian Service in countries where leadership counts. There is a great demand for graduates of Colleges and Professional schools. The part of the call which interests us especially is the call for teachers in foreign lands and in our own possessions. Twenty-six men teachers and fifty-four women teachers are asked for. If there be anyone in our school who is thinking of entering this work, here is an excellent opportunity for application of the teacher's training and a place in the Master's service.

Public Speakin's quite a bore,

I get plenty, want no more.

Be as brave as you can be

Look ahead right nob-l-y.

I can't stammer out a word,

Can't on the very front seat be heard.

Still can't stammer out a thing,

Pull my hair and turn my ring.

Ears are burning fiery red,

All's forgot that I should have said.

Killed the great words of my pen

I know I cannot try again,

Never will come here any more,

Gee! this stuff is sure a bore.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Forgive us for having so much in the paper about the contest but remember it is the first one we have ever had.

The school enjoyed another of those delightful holidays Monday. Don't you wish every month was February?

Beulah Bell has been compelled to discontinue her school work for the remainder of this term on account of ill-health.

Misses Edith Mills of Gorham and Amy Swires, both ex-Normal students, were pleasant visitors several days last week.

The girl's basketball team is contemplating two games with the Bethany College team from Lindsborg the second and third.

Booklets containing different views of the interior and exterior of the building and a few statistics have been put out to advertise the school.

It was stated in chapel the other morning that St. John's had a fast basketball team. Well, they are fast, but the Normal boys are a little bit faster.

Prof. Kent is getting as strong as Atlas of old. About a dozen of the Literati boys were in danger of being carried out of the building last Thursday evening.

Can it be possible that the habit Roy Dazey has acquired of standing with folded hands during public speaking has been caused by habitually holding hands?

Ethel Rowlison will not enter school again this term.

The two literary societies have programs up for Friday evening.

Mrs. Picken was very sick last week but we are glad to state that she is improving.

Somebody, not yet acquainted with the Literati members, thinks they are mighty serious.

The editor-in-chief spent her vacation visiting at her farm home in Wheatland township.

Clark Wilde, a former Normal student, is now attending the Wesleyan Business College.

What is so rare as an Inter-Society contest

Then, if ever, come the best of good times,

Then mischief tries every one,

And if he be in tune

She fills him with a spirit

That drives him to the moon.

He crawls through the attic,

He scales the flag pole,

He goes everywhere, anywhere,
no one knows.

Whether we look or whether we listen

We hear savage yells or see colors glisten.

Everyone feels a stir of might

That we'll drive him on to a roaring big fight,

But everyone fights, so don't think of rest

And we'll make things move in our next contest.

—HAPPY

A Comparison.

Does any other normal school rank with that at Kirksville, Mo., in the number of men students? One day recently there were present 242 men and 325 women. I do not know another such record. —Journal of Education.

The Western State Normal at Hays, Kansas—way out in the shortgrass—asks to be considered. We have enrolled this year 95 men and 133 women. Further and better, this six-year-old school has graduated to date 26 men and 31 women. Last year from the three years course, the longest then maintained, twelve students were graduated, eleven of whom were men. The first graduate from the four years life diploma course, offered this year for the first time, is a man, who finished his work in January. Of the total nine candidates for the life diploma this year eight are men. Are we not near to the same class?

The following program was rendered last Monday in honor of the one-hundredth birthday of Abraham Lincoln:

Song—Battle Hymn of Republic.
Reading, Autobiography of Abraham Lincoln—Henry Brown.
Cenotaph—Wallace Sullivan.
Lowell's Tribute—Elsie Smith.
Exercises by the Model District School.

Address, Lincoln's place in History—J. H. Beach.

Song—America

Unveiling of tablet

Gettysburg Speech—

Lester Wheatcroft.

"The Mewl," wrote a school boy, 'is a harci r bird than the guse or turkey. It has two legs to walk with, two more to kick with, and it wears its wings on the side of its head. It is stubbornly backward about going forward.'—Ex.

Teacher—"How dare you swear before me?"

Scholar—"How in thunder did I know you wanted to swear first?"—Ex.

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During the contest, the hearty support given each society by their respective members was indeed good to look upon. What other virtue is more desirable or more valuable than that precious attribute, loyalty? It develops in an individual according to the amount that it is practiced. There is no other part of our life better adopted to its cultivation than the school period. An intense and healthy school spirit is the natural outgrowth of the various forms of loyalty. Then why not be loyal to each other, to yourself, to your class and to your organization.

Numerous writers have at different times given very strong advice against the habit of feeling sorry for ourselves. We'll

admit that this is excellent advice but some of the management wonder how it would be possible for us to steer clear of it when it is almost time for the Leader to come out and there is absolutely nothing doing and everybody else is too interested in and too busy with their own affairs to lend a helping hand. It makes a beautiful theory but when it comes to practice—well, that is another question.

Dr. Jewell's address to the students last Thursday morning on "The Southern Mountaineers" was entertaining as well as instructive. He had the power of making the facts he presented seem very realistic for he had visited that class of people and knew under what conditions they lived. In the course of his address he made a strong comparison between the advantages placed at the hands of the school children in the earlier days and those of to-day. He said the time was not far distant when elementary agriculture and domestic science, the things most needed in daily life, would be taught in all the rural schools. His closing appeal to us was, "Are you going to get in the band wagon or be run over by it?"

Too much contest, too much vacation well, in fact too much of everything. So if things do not happen to exactly suit you this issue just bear the above in mind and at least be lenient with us.

Athletics.

Since the last issue, the Normal basketball squad has hung two more scalps on its belt. One belonging to the first team and one to the second team.

February 11th St. John's team played the Normal and lost by a score of 18 to 27. The game was fast and spectacular from start to finish. The first half ended 9 to 8 in Normal's favor so both teams came back strong in the last half and Normal increased its lead. The strong work of the Normal guards, Barnes and Vernon Bice, kept most of the playing down at the Normal end of the field. Both the guards landed some pretty goals too. The game was one of the cleanest we have ever had and was witnessed by the best crowd we have had this year.

February 17th the Hays High School boys, who have been organized but a short time, played the Normal second team and lost by a score of 15 to 41. These boys have had no coaching, had played no other game and were smaller than most of their opponents, yet gave a creditable account of themselves throughout the game. The Normals superior team work was an immense advantage to them.

The lineups were as follows:
HAYS: Guards, Jewell and Carman; Center, Chittenden; Forwards, Miller and Westbrook.
NORMAL: Guards, Hoagland and Runyon; Center, H. Neilson; Forwards, Frankenberger and Gatewood.

Hill City Loses to Normal.

Hill City has one of the fastest High School Basketball teams in Western Kansas. In fact they have been disputing the alleged championship of Norton.

The Normal team however was too much for them. The game was fast and clean throughout. The Hill City guards did exceptionally good work, but they were not used to the fast ground work of the Normal team. In working the ball around over the field the H. S. boys were unable to keep away from the Normal men. Their team work was also weak. The game was comparatively even till the last ten minutes when the Normal whipped up and made it 52 to 23. Brown of Hill City refereed.

Normal students made up about one-third of the crowd at the Hill City—Normal Basketball game Saturday evening. We wonder what can be the matter. The trouble must be either because of the lack of organization or of loyalty. We have the fastest basketball team going. Let's give it our support.

A Kingdom for a dozen ear-splitting, hair raising, blood-curdling yells! The baseball season will soon be here and that invincible nine will take the diamond. They will need the support of every student in the school. Some one write the yells and let's get some enthusiasm worked up at the very beginning of the season.

Ruby, Pearl and Clark Reed and Harry Stock visited in McCracken a few days last week.

Miss Stella Hubble visited Normal one day last week with her friend, Grace Crissman.

Ethel Sherman and Ruth McVey visited at their homes in Graham county over Saturday and Sunday.

Murray Wallace has been suffering from a severe case of pink-eye. I am afraid you have been studying too hard, Murray.

A number of people from town have been attending our special exercises lately. They are always welcome and we appreciate the interest they take in us.

Lester Wheatcroft, one of the younger students, recently took a teachers' examination in this county and came out with a second grade certificate average.

Mr. Picken make another trip to Topeka and Emporia the first of last week. While in Emporia he helped the Normal School there to celebrate her 44th anniversary.

Dr. Jewell, a member of the faculty of the Emporia Normal, gave a most interesting talk in chapel last Thursday morning on the subject, "The Southern Mountaineers."

Misses Aura and Gertie Bice visited Normal and attended the Lincoln program last Monday morning. They were snow-bound here and unable to return to their schools until Monday afternoon.

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 Model School Notes.

The music class did not recite very much last week.

Several were absent last Monday on account of the storm.

Miss Stella Hubble visited the Model School last Wednesday.

Lester Wheatcroft has withdrawn from the physics class.

Recitations suffered Friday on account of the contest the night before.

The Model School has organized a basketball team. Just wait till they play the Juniors.

Lewis Peterson left for his home in Graham county last Friday evening. He has decided not to return to school.

A Fire.

A week ago Monday morning at about 5:30 o'clock burning soot from the chimney set fire to the dry shingles on the roof of the main building. Fortunately the blaze was discovered by the janitor and by the prompt action of the janitor force the fire was extinguished before it had time to do much damage.

The buildings are wholly unprotected from fire and in case of a disastrous fire nothing whatever could be done to save the school. It has been asked of the present legislature that they appropriate enough money for a power house entirely separate from any of the buildings. This narrow escape certainly shows the necessity for such an arrangement.

Oh! Why?

When on the pave you chance to fall

With utter lack of grace,
 And turn your ankle as you sprawl,

And maybe bruise your face,
 When angry tears spring to your eye

And you are mad as sin,
 Oh! Why does every passer-by
 Behold you with a grin? —Ex.

Teacher (in History of Ed. class)—“Where are we to begin our lesson to-day?”

Pupil—“Asc-ham” (Ask'em).

Teacher—“That's what I am doing.”

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