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Law Notes.

The old, old, case of Smith against Jones, which arose back in the times when the "memory of men runneth not to the contrary," occupied the attention of the Common Law side of the Moot Court in special session last Monday evening. This time the ancient case assumed the form of an action of debt on a bond for \$1000, alleged to have been made Jan. 1, 1897, by Thomas Jones to Henry Smith. Mr. Lemon as counsel for the plaintiff, introduced Mr. Henry Smith, the plaintiff, and several other "honest persons" to prove the execution of this bond and the delivery of the money to Thomas Jones in Rockbridge county to the satisfaction of a jury of seven scared-looking Juniors. Then Mr. Arbuckle, counsel for the defendant, rose to the occasion and by means of Thomas Jones and several other equally substantial and credible witnesses, proved beyond all doubt that Mr. Jones, instead of being in Rockbridge county, was in the town of Borton, Fla. After arguments pro and con by Messrs. Lemon and Arbuckle, mainly dealing with the "honest farmer," his strong points and his weak ones, his intelligence and his ignorance, the case was submitted to the jury. And right there was where the trouble came in, for the jury didn't know which set of liars to pin their faith on, it being plainly evident that both were liars. So on the first ballot four men voted for Smith's witnesses, two men for Jones' witnesses and the other man said it ought to be decided according to the right of the matter. This verdict didn't satisfy the court, however, so they were sent back, and the result was five men for Farmer Smith and two men who wanted to decide according to law. After adjournment for supper they went at it again, and the jury room was turned into a debating society, with the man who wanted to decide according to law on the floor. Finally, won over by his matchless eloquence, they all came to the decision

to give their verdict to the man who had the law on his side, but here they found themselves in a quandary again, for they didn't know what the law was. So after being several times instructed by the court as to the burden of the proof and each time forgetting it before they could get back to their room, they finally voted in their seats as soon as they received their instructions, and so arrived at a decision and gave their verdict to the defendant. And that's how "Buck" won his first case.

Washington Society.

The Washington Literary society met Saturday night with President McDowell in the chair.

Mr. Lamar was the first orator with Madame Darblay as his subject. For ten or fifteen minutes he kept up a running fire at everything and everybody of the time of Madame Darblay.

Mr. Wilson, the next orator, spoke on the Union of College Men, their chief end being according to him, to oppose the "nigger."

After a declamation by Millen the debate began. The debate was as to whether prohibition or high license was the better means of dealing with the liquor question. Mr. Hamilton, the first speaker, being absent, Mr. Duncan took his place, speaking earnestly for the complete eradication of liquor, showing it was better from both a moral and an economic standpoint. Lapsley followed with an argument to show the unconstitutionality of prohibition and the beauties of high license. Cooper then spoke for the affirmative and Savlsberry for the negative, after which several voluntary speeches were made. The judges decided that prohibition was preferable to high license.

After the debate there was some discussion as to advisability of paying a debt contracted some years ago, but it was decided almost unanimously that it should be paid, after which the meeting adjourned.

There are 57 student organizations in Iowa.—Ex.

Professor Tenders Reception to Law Students.

"Col Alto," the suburban home of Prof. H. St. G. Tucker, was the scene of a delightful reception to the law students and their lady friends on Thursday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock. The host, who was assisted in receiving by Miss Tucker and Mr. J. R. Tucker, demonstrated that proverbial Virginia hospitality is today a live article and these present will always retain pleasant recollections of the occasion.

Lexington's fair contingent was on hand en masse, and was reinforced by several choice importations from a distance. The music discoursed during the evening inspired some of the more agile to indulge in a "cake walk," which afforded much amusement. Conspicuous among the performers were Mr. Arbuckle and Miss Harmon, whose numerous twists and wrinkles were so excellent as to almost savor of professionalism.

Choice refreshments were served in the course of the evening, which feature was no less enjoyed than the feats of the cakewalkers, in fact some seemed to take a far more active interest in this part of the program.

Among those present were: Miss Annie White, Miss Nelson, Misses Harmon, Misses Houston, Miss Mary C. Moore, Miss Jordan, Miss Martha Moore, Miss McGuire of Winchester, Miss Glasgow, Miss Barclay, Miss Smith, Miss Nellie Brockenbrough, Miss Howe, Miss Rogers, Miss Booker, Miss Patton, of Blacksburg, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Pendleton, Mrs. Shields, Dr. Denny, Prof. Vance, Messrs. Barclay and Booker and the students of the law school.

One of the finest church organs ever built has been given to Yale university. It has between 4,500 5,000 pipes.

Harvard conferred its first degree of LL. D. upon George Washington.

Communication.

Editor Ring-tum Phi:

If you can spare me a little of your valuable space I should like to take this opportunity of endorsing the view which your correspondent of last week expressed with regard to the proposed scheme of relegating the chair of Latin to a kind of assistantship next year.

The subject has already been discussed at length so that I shall not attempt anything further than merely to emphasize a point or two. I agree with the writer that it would be distinctly a retrograde movement to substitute "a half chair in place of a whole one," and at the same time add anything more to the duties of the president, who in this institution should have all the time available for his high office. It is a poor policy which would either add to the labors of any one of our officers or subtract from his "compensation." '08.

Editor Ring-tum Phi:

I understand that the managers of the baseball team have received a challenge from the Chicago Lady Stars. There seems to be a sentiment among a few persons that we ought not to play them, but we are sure that after mature reflection the great majority of people here would enjoy the novelty of the contest immensely. The team has been well endorsed by the western press, pulpit and public and we are certain that the game will draw a big crowd. The guarantee is large but this is a fine opportunity to come out with a good fat surplus. This team never fails to draw a crowd and carries with it a portable grand stand. GALLANT.

Albert Sidneys Elect Officers.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Albert Sidneys met in Dr. Quarles' lecture room to organize for the year. Mr. Keeble called the meeting to order and the club proceeded to elect officers. Mr. Keeble was elected president, Mr. Stone vice-president, and Mr. Laird secretary and treasurer. Messrs. Keeble, Tucker and Oberlin were appointed a committee for selecting the crew.

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We regret to announce the death of the editor of one of our most valued exchanges, Major E.H. Barclay of the Lexington Gazette. His death was primarily due to a severe fall on a slippery sidewalk which he sustained some days ago. Major Barclay has long and faithfully fulfilled an important trust in his position, and we tender our tribute to a truly worthy man. We wish also to extend our sympathy to his family and to the Gazette.

We are requested by the librarian to state that the Century Magazine, from March to November, 1901, was charged by mistake to the wrong person. It is not known who really did get the magazines, since there was no record made of the man; and this same gentleman would confer a favor on the librarian if he would simply inform her of the fact.

At the University of Va. this week quite an occasion was made of the bestowal of the 'Varsity "V" upon the members of last year's football team. Speeches were made by members of the faculty and the honor of wearing this symbol was made an honor indeed.

We regret to learn that W. Pinkerton Ott, A. M. '02, is ill with pneumonia. Mr. Ott is teaching at the University School in Nashville, Tenn., and will be remembered by Washington and Lee men of the last five years as a record breaker in scholarly attainments, and a man of sterling character. We extend to him our sincere hopes for a speedy recovery.

A Suggestion.

At this unconscionably dull season of the year, when the earth is hardly relieved from one burden of superincumbent snow before another of this staple product is bestowed upon her, and to use a classic term (as we hear) "nothing is doing," the editors of monthly college magazines are often forced to write against that heart-rending void, space. Our subscribers then must realize that this staff is frequently "up against it," with the barest possibility of finding the "real thing" to fill the columns. Under such circumstances as these are we not excused for making a suggestion?

On certain days of the week we have met our learned professor of English coming over to the University laden with exercises, and, if you will pardon the figure, literally up to his chin in work. What becomes of all this literary product, ground out from the brain of some future essayist, or "shagged" from some superior intelligence? There are doubtless some genius to be found in all this pile of rubbish, and now comes the suggestion.

Granted these papers are read and carefully graded, why could not the author see his choice production appear in the columns of the RING-TUM PHI, and let the student body be benefitted by his successful efforts, while he himself will receive the abundant reward of having his work printed in the University weekly.

Some one may ask whether we have the space for such an article; some times not, but let him then have the further practice of condensation, and give us a contribution of such length that we could publish it. On rare, indeed, very rare, occasions we have had to cast into the waste basket, but just at present we could guarantee space. Some review of a leading editorial on a popular subject or a current issue would be acceptable and would add interest to these interesting issues which we are bringing out at this post-Christmas and ante-Easter season.

It seems to us that if this suggestion were carried out every one would be winners, this staff relieved of considerable pressure, and no one be losers.

Minnesota is organizing a bowling league between the different fraternities.

Shall We Have a Boat Race in June?

Some time before Christmas attention was called to the deplorable condition of one of the boats—the one used by the Albert Sidneys' last year—and which has been allowed to winter over in the boat house this year. Now we don't mean to lay any blame on any one by the above statement. The boat has been weakening for two or three years, and being made of paper, when it once gives way there is no help for it. It might not have been in any better condition had it been carried to the gymnasium last June, but the fact remains that it is now in such condition that it is useless for a crew to begin to practice in it with the hope of rowing a race in it in June.

Well, what shall we do about it?

Why, get a new boat, of course!

Can we raise the money to get a new boat this year? Well, let's think a little. In the first place we must all unite—yes, unite, that's the word; but not the only word, we must all give something. When we say all, we don't mean just the boys, we mean alumni, professors, trustees, liverymen and all.

There are about 240 men in college. Would it be too much to ask one dollar apiece from them, from some of greater ability more and from some less? I mean an average of \$1.00. This would bring us a fund of say \$200.00. If the boys will do this much we can order the boat, which, if we get an up-to-date cedar gig, will cost \$400.00.

This is a live question and must be attended to at once. We all want a race at Commencement. It's the most attractive feature; so let some one go to work and receive contributions for the boat fund. X

Graham-Lee Society.

Although there were a good many members absent, yet the exercises of the Graham-Lee on Saturday night, the 1st, were very interesting, and those absent missed much by not being present.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. J. King of Florida, was installed president of the society, and Mr. C.R. Pilkinton of Kentucky, was installed vice-president. Mr. King showed by the remarks he made before taking the chair that he had the interest of the

society at heart, and the society should profit by following out his advice. Mr. Pilkinton also made several remarks, thanking the society for the honor conferred upon him.

The program of the evening being proceeded with, the society heard an enjoyable oration by Mr. Wall. He handled his subject, Hope, with his usual skill, which was added to by his good voice and fine delivery. Under the head of Declamations, the society heard from Messrs. Schaffer and Steves.

The debate being next in order, the question, Resolved, "That the rules of etiquette have lost much of their original sincerity," was debated by Messrs. King, Wall and Witherspoon on the affirmative, and Messrs. Abernathy, W. T. McClure and Mahoney on the negative. The debate was very interesting throughout.

Under the head of New Business the society decided to have a meeting in the near future to which the young ladies of Lexington should be invited, also to challenge the Washington society for debate at that meeting.

J. M. MOFFETT,
Secretary of Society.

Notice.

UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY.

The student body will be glad to learn that the address at the University assembly on next Wednesday morning, Feb. 12, at 8.45 o'clock, will be delivered by Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard, a distinguished graduate of Harvard university and the business manager and one of the editorial staff of the New York Evening Post. Mr. Villard is a member of the Wilson Fund committee, and has shown himself to be a faithful friend of the University. He has contributed largely to the Wilson Fund and has devoted himself to the interest of the University with great zeal and activity. It is expected, therefore, that every student in the college will be on hand promptly and give Mr. Villard a hearty Virginia reception. Mr. Villard, though a young man, is already recognized as one of the leading journalists of this country.

GEORGE H. DENNY,
Acting President.

Harvard has an automobile club.

Personals.

Mrs William J. Mahoney is visiting her husband, who is now studying law at Washington and Lee.

Miss Bettie Wilson of Charles Town, W. Va., is the guest of Miss Louise Brockenbrough.

Miss Fannie Gay Catlett of Staunton, is the guest of Mrs. Reid White.

Miss Jean Whipple of Brownsburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Brattan, this week.

Goolsby, who, it will be remembered, was, during the last session, the esteemed room-mate of John Michael Corbett, chief of the S. B. Sufferers, has returned to continue the study of the law.

Y. M. C. A. Hall.

In spite of the inclemency of the weather, we had one of the most interesting meetings of the year in lower Chapel Sunday afternoon. Many beaming faces welcomed the alumnus back to his accustomed place in this hall. Mr. McIlhany began his address by telling about the Volunteer convention to be held at Toronto in February, 1902. He briefly stated the progress that these conventions had been making in later years and the wonderful good that they had accomplished. The greatest efforts are being made that have yet been exerted to accomplish the good for which it was intended. He emphasized the importance of learning improved methods and of having all those interested in this work inspired with a new zeal.

The next point considered was the convention which is soon to meet in Staunton. With it we are all more or less acquainted; and its importance should be earnestly emphasized. Mr. McIlhany then turned our thoughts for a few minutes to personal purity. Believers in Christ should endeavor to keep themselves unspotted from the world. This is a duty which believers are prone to neglect. Therefore we need continual strength to deliver us from this temptation. Although debarred in many ways, there is one thing that everyone can do. People can unite in prayer for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. Prayer was particularly emphasized by the speaker. All Christian work solicits the prayers of God's children. After this address the meeting was closed by prayer by Dr. H. A. White.

Baseball Notes

Manager B. D. Causey has given out a partial schedule of games for the approaching season as follows: March 24—Fishburn School of Waynesboro, Va.

March 28—University of Pennsylvania of Philadelphia.

April 7—Hobart College of Geneva, N. Y.

April 14—Hampden-Sidney College of Hampden-Sidney, Va.

April 17—University of Virginia of Charlottesville.

April 25—Maryland Agricultural College of Maryland.

May 2—Virginia Military Institute.

May 13—Emory and Henry College of Henay, Va.

May 19—Roanoke College of Salem, Va.

All the games will take place at Lexington except that with the the University of Virginia, which will be played at Lynchburg.

Princeton has 28 games scheduled for the season of 1902 Three of these will be played with the University of Virginia—April 1st and 2nd at Charlottesville, and April 26th at Pridcenton.

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The Richmond Times is authority for the statement that a pretty fight is in progress for professor of law and dean of the law faculty at Washington and Lee to succeed Professor Tucker. It says the names most prominently mentioned are those of Attorneys John W. Fishburne of Charlottesville and A. P. Staples of Roanoke, of both of whom it speaks in high terms, particularly the former. Their friends, it learns, are hard at work for them. It is understood that the meeting of the board to fill the position will not take place this month as expected. It is said that never before were there so many applicants for a law professorship at the University. The members of the board so far as can be observed are pursuing their usual policy of silence in such matters.

Hon. H. St. G. Tucker delivered an address in Waynesboro Saturday night on the subject of education. Much interest has been excited in that town on a proposition to erect a high school building.

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