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—During the week ending March 23, the pension office granted 4,800 pensions. The number of certificates issued for the four weeks ended on that date was 15,615, as against 8,019 for the corresponding four weeks in 1888.

—A prophet has appeared in San Francisco who declares that while in France state God showed him the future. On the 14th day of April, in this blessed year of grace, a great earthquake will shake this continent. It will destroy and submerge beneath the ocean or the lakes, San Francisco, Oakland, Chicago and Milwaukee.

All who fly to the mountains before midnight of April 13th will be saved, but all remaining in those cities will be destroyed. He also foretells general European war and declares that the end of the world will come in 1896. This destruction of Chicago on the 14th will be a sore disappointment to our people who had hoped to attend the World's Fair in that city during the year '93.

—Does wheat become "cheat"? Is a question with so many theorists who believe it does as who deny. An exchange says: A good deal of ignorance is displayed by writers about the effect of cold weather on growing wheat. Some say that owing to the stalk being killed to the ground that if the wheat grows again it will be "cheat." They might just as well have said that it was the frost that killed the wheat and it cannot sprout again. Wheat has been known to stand 30 degrees of cold. A frost does not kill when unless it is cut down after it has joined. What injures wheat is the sudden freezing and thawing weather. When the ground freezes it expands and thaws up the roots of the wheat.

—Mr. Jacob Jones brought suit against a farmer east of town of whom he had purchased a cow, warranted to be gentle, but which had proved to be otherwise, and the jury gave him \$19.28 damages. Mr. Jones stated on oath that he approached the cow on the evening of the day of purchase, as she stood in the lot back of the barn, quietly and respectfully, making conciliatory remarks as seemed to him likely to engender confidence in the heart of a cow. She suffered him to eat himself and make an attempt to extract the desired milk. Mr. Jones had scarcely begun, however, when he became aware that the animal was "looking backward" over his shoulder at him with that haughty but mildly inquisitive air which we are led to believe only a cow can assume. Mr. Jones became alarmed, especially as he noticed a shade of disappointment and disdain, if not of anger, crept over the cow's features. It had been better for Mr. Jones had he given heed to the adage calling attention to the more desirable part of valor, for at that moment the hand gave vent to a sort of defiance, switched her tail, kicked the walking-gail away toward the blue vista of heaven, and hooted the unfortunate Jones out of the yard and over the fence on one horn.

—In examining the walls of the buildings, that is in connection with Bowen-Merrill fire at Indianapolis were so destructive to life, it was discovered that the joists along to the edges of the brick walls by an eighth of an inch in some places, and only needed the giving away of the adjoining building to throw them down. There has been some very serious building done in this state.

—Don't remove your flannels. The weather prophets declare that there will be heavy and frequent storms in April, the wind coming from the northwest, gradually changing to the west and south-west, then after the storms are over the wind will change gradually back again to the northwest, and north. April will be a cold month for the time of year. In May there will be storms with the wind in the northwest, the wind changing gradually to the west and south-west, and when the storms are over the wind will change back again to the north. May, it is predicted, will be cold for the time of year.

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

Then Homan, the athlete, will enter the law class next fall.

A large number of students have come back to college for this term.

Forster High, now a teacher at Huntington, Ind., spent vacation with home folks.

Four years' attendance will here be required by students before they can graduate.

In a couple of weeks it is the intention of the Shakespeare Club to give some public readings.

Prof. Bryan now occupies Prof. Hoffman's residence on east 4th st., during the absence of the latter in Greece.

Chas. Gardner, '96, is now a member of the law firm of Gardner, Taylor & Gardner, Washington, D. C.

It is expected that there will be some fine ball playing this spring, as experts claim that our battery is above the average.

Lawn tennis management is getting matters in shape. F. H. Post will receive applications for those who may desire to enter.

At June 21st Prof. Swain, with a party of tourists, will leave for Europe. They will visit Belgium, France, Switzerland, Germany, Scotland, Wales, England, and return about Sept. 1st. Poor people will be delighted to learn that they can make this trip for less than \$500.

Some months ago Mrs. Fanny DePauw, who is traveling in Italy with her daughter, Miss Florence, purchased twelve life-belts at Florence, Italy, to be presented to DePauw University at Greenocastle, and the works of art were received at Greenocastle a few days ago, where they are greatly admired.

School will be carried on this summer at the college, under management of Prof. Greene, for the benefit of persons who are unable to attend the University regularly, and for teachers whose time is occupied the rest of the year.

Literature, Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology are to be taught chiefly. The work will be carried on for the most part by the assistants in each department, and they will receive their pay from the small tuition which will be charged.

The officers of the Athletic Association are: Will H. Bissell, President; Harvey Collins, Vice President; Charles Thomas, Secretary; U. H. Griffith, Treasurer; Ralph Bamberger, Corresponding Secretary. Hal. W. Reed controls the Base Ball, and Frank H. Post has charge of the Tennis Tournament. The Association has made arrangements for several field days, and has appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Thomas, Jenkins and Bamberger to direct field sports. Active training began with the base ball team last week, and much is expected of it. The President and Chairman of the State Executive Committee of the State College Association are L. U. Jones, and L. U. will thus be brought into such prominence that much will be heard of her.

The University of Michigan has at present 2,153 students, or seventy-four more than its closest numerical competitor, Harvard.

The great universities of Germany would regard this seat of learning with wonder.

They met at the residence of Miss Perry last Friday night.

Higgins, the muscular student who has been here for some time, has gone hence.

Prof. Oethans has declared his intention to spend the summer in Germany. He will feel somewhat at home there.

No classes were held Thursday, as adjournment having been had out of respect to Dr. Owen's memory.

Mr. Lindley will not be admitted as a contestant under the rules.

Dr. Richard Owen was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Look out for the senior aeronade.

Keep looking out for it till you hear it.

A. J. AXTELL, Secy Board of Health.

**Threatening Death Trap.**

[Princeton Clarion.]

A well known and experienced builder was talking about the frequent collapses, recently, of buildings, principally public halls, under the weight of crowds of people. Said he: "I have knowledge of several such buildings in Southern Indiana, which are liable to fall into a heap of ruins any night. People will say, 'Oh that building is sound and firm, did you see what a crowd was there last night, and the walls didn't budge—there's no danger!' All this time the joists are slowly and imperceptibly drawing out from the wall, each crowd causing and hastening the next day. The building is gradually becoming shorter and shorter, until it drops down, and you have a death trap that creates horror and surprise. People need not be surprised, however, when they have been warned year after year that this will surely come to pass."

**EPITAPES.**

"His first desire was to be virtuous,

His second, to be wise."

The swindlers who are about to divide "an immense estate" in Europe among heirs in this country are industriously working Indians again. It is curious how the swindlers will bite at this bait and send their swindlers to the door.

Miss Perry has returned to Peoria. She is succeeding satisfactorily in her art studies at that college.

**Death of Dr. Richard D. Owen**

One of the saddest occurrences that it has been our lot to chronicle is the death from accidental poisoning of Dr. Richard Owen, at his home in New Harmony, Ind., on Wednesday last. Mr. A. H. Fretagot, a prominent merchant of New Harmony, received a jug of mineral water from Evansville and at the same time a jug of embalming fluid for the local undertaker. The embalming fluid arrived first, and Fretagot, thinking it was the mineral water, invited Professor Owen to join him in a glass. Both drank the poison, but thought that its queer taste was due to the mineral properties. Fretagot felt the effects before long, and prompt medical assistance was summoned. Owen, being an old man, could not realize the evil effects and soon died. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon at New Harmony, and was largely attended by friends from abroad as well as by almost the entire population of New Harmony, where the Doctor was very popular. He was in his 81st year.

Richard Dale Owen was the third son of Robert Owen, the noted philanthropist and social reformer, who endeavored to establish a community and carry out his ideas in New Harmony, Posey County, Indiana, in 1825, and after leaving the local schools was sent with his brothers Robert and David Dale, to the celebrated school of Emanuel Von Fellenberg, at Hofwyl, Switzerland. Later he studied in Glasgow, and in 1828 came to New Harmony. For a time he taught, then engaged in business at Cincinnati and New Harmony. During this time he continued his scientific studies and writing, writing several papers which gave him some reputation in scientific circles. He served through the Mexican war as a captain, and at the close became assistant to his brother David Dale Owen, then United States Geologist, laboring in the survey of Minnesota. In 1849 he became Professor of Natural History in the Western Military Institute of Kentucky, which he helped to found, the University of Nashville, which he held until 1859, when he became Assistant Geologist of Indiana, and the next year became State Geologist. During his residence in Nashville he published his "Key to the Geology of the Globe," an octavo volume designed to show that the present geographical, hydrographical and geological structures of the world are the result of the action of forces acting according to fixed demonstrable laws, analogous to those governing the development of organic bodies."

At the outbreak of the war he was made Lieutenant Colonel of the Fifteenth Indiana Volunteers, and served in West Virginia until fall, when he was promoted to Colonel of the Sixth Indiana. He was in command of Camp Morgan, with 4,000 men for several months, and then went to Kentucky, where his regiment was captured at Muskratville by Bragg. After exchange he was sent to Missouri, was with Sherman at Vicksburg, and later with Grant; when that city was captured. He participated in Grant's Red River campaign, and in December 1864 was made Major of the 10th Indiana. In 1865 he was elected the 5th State Auditor of Indiana, and in 1873 was elected to the State Legislature, resigning in 1874. Wabash College conferred the degree of D. L. upon him.

Dr. Owen's scientific research has been original, and did not abate with advancing years. He devoted much attention to meteorology and seismology. In reply to a letter of inquiry addressed to him several years ago, Dr. Owen said: "As regards health, I am in good general health, though not in the best of condition, owing to the effects of the cold weather. I have a strong physical and mental power for the study of His wonderful works. I have, however, to be exceedingly careful, especially as regards diet, or I at once pay the penalty. I walk daily about two hours, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. All my time is devoted to research in Dynamics, Geology, and in the study of the works of God. I also give lectures to the public, and in the evenings I give French lectures to my grandchildren and granddaughters. I am, at present, engaged on two papers—one to demonstrate more fully than heretofore that the angular difference between the axis of the equator and the axis of the ecliptic, viz.: 23° degrees, or thereabouts, is the unit of measurement for all important measurements, and one to show the measurement from magnetic foci to prominent seismic regions—the other paper is to show the intimate relations between the Geography and the geology of our globe."

In 1875 Dr. Owen was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Indiana, and the next year was representative in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the United States. He was a member of the G. A. F. and an honorary member of the Beta Theta Pi. While in Bloomington he was an elder in the Presbyterian church.

He married in 1837 Miss Annie Neal,

daughter of Professor Joseph Neal, a co-adjutor of Pestalozzi, and one of the leading masters of the Owen community.

Three sons were born to them, two of whom are still living.

Dr. Owen is kindly remembered at Bloomington. His life-sized portrait graces the wall at "Atheneum Hall," and of the three new buildings of Indiana University, the one devoted to natural history, which he loved so well, bears the name of "Owen Hall" in his honor. The older son of the University, Dr. George W. Owen, is a physician in the city with great reputation. The younger son, Dr. George W. Owen, is a surgeon of his eminent success as a surgeon was his knock of governing young men. His idea was that young men of college age should be taught self-government and that a great part of the enforcement of discipline might be left to their own management under a wise teacher by themselves and appointed by the faculty.

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