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The Annual for 1890 makes its appearance at a later date than I had hoped to have it ready. I addressed a circular to every member of our class, these were either answered after some delay or not at all, for this reason the Annual was not issued sooner.

Some of the members of our class have the success of the Annual much at heart, others of them seem to take no interest in the matter at all. I have mailed a copy to every member of the class and hope by this means to attract their attention to the matter and secure a greater success to our Editor next year.

In my circular a call was made for an Editor for the coming year. George C. Manly and J. W. M. Stewart were the only ones that offered their services. Mr. Stewart, being the first to volunteer, will be our Editor next year. As to the finances I give an itemized account of expenditures and receipts:

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GEO. E. ARBURY.—Lapeer, Mich.,

Business has been very good during the past year and I have had several good, lucrative cases. Since the last issue of the pamphlet I have been blessed with a bright, beautiful boy who, of course, possesses all the good points of his father besides many contributions from his mother. The most noticeable characteristic flowing from the paternal portion of his ancestry is his pronounced sanguinary complexion.

I suppose, brother Saunders, you will be pleased to learn that in our City election last Monday the opposition captured the plum and the common council is now Democratic. But I am thankful that it was not “ever thus” as it likely is in good old “Kaintuck.” The office of City Attorney which I have been enjoying for the past two years seemeth now to pass away into the hands of the victors.

This fall, when the Republican county convention convenes, I expect to be found “in the hands of my friends” for the nomination of prosecuting attorney.

With kindest regards to you and with the hope of a class reunion this year I will close. Yours in ’87.


Last March I was elected Judge of the Police Court of the two Saginaws which are now consolidated making a city of about seventy thousand and known as “The City of Saginaw.” Since that I have been kept quite busy getting the run of the business and thus my neglect in writing to you. I enclose here with a clipping from the Detroit News, which will
tell more of my success and failure since leaving Ann Arbor than I can write. I may however suggest that I still remain a member of the firm of Gallagher & Barry and have succeeded in building up a small practice.

As for a class reunion, I favor it from first to last. Nothing would afford me more pleasure than to once more meet all the boys of '87. Where that reunion should be held, will only say. I shall cast my vote with the majority. My first choice being Ann Arbor, second Detroit or Chicago.

I can suggest nothing of importance concerning other members of the class and much less of myself. I occasionally see Black and Brown, of Flint, Mich. Black has taken to himself a wife, and I believe is nicely situated. Brown, I understand, is about to do likewise. I have not yet succeeded in inducing any young lady to name the day, and thus remain a bachelor. Expect however in the sweet sometime.

R. M. BATES.--Pierre, South Dakota.

Since last year, I removed to this place. I think this is the only change of interest to the class of '87.


Brown and myself continue to be partners in the law business. I entered into an unlimited partnership, December last, with one Bertha Billings, and my advice to the single members of the class of '87 is, "go thou and do likewise," withdraw your demurrers and interpleaders and let the case rest on an issue of fact.

We receive our share of clients and patronage enough to keep the body comfortable.

For the last three years I have received a salary of $1,400 and am in the hands of my friends for another turn of the wheel.

We strongly favor a reunion of the class at Ann Arbor, commencement week, 1890, and trust a goodly number will be present.
FRANK P. BLACKMAN—Of Kisch & Blackman, Reaper Block, Chicago, Ill.

I take pleasure in informing you that I have taken into partnership Mr. Frank P. Blackman, and that we shall remove our offices, on May 1st to the Reaper Block, corner of Clark and Washington, where we shall occupy rooms Nos. 29, 30, 31 and 32. The business will be carried on under the firm name of Kisch & Blackman. Yours very truly,

SEYMOUR KISCH.

CHARLES B. BOYCE—Gardner, Mass.

Your recent communication in regard to Class Annual was duly received, and in response will say I am glad the class are still manifesting so much interest in the success and prosperity of its members.

In regard to myself: After graduating, I came East and secured a situation in the law office of Thatcher B. Dunn, Gardner, Worcester county, Mass., which is a pleasantly situated town, in the northern part of Worcester county, with a population of about 8,000. I continued in the employ of Mr. Dunn until February, 1889, when I received the appointment of Assistant Clerk of the First District Court of Northern Worcester, which position I continued to hold until January, 1890, when I received the appointment of Clerk of said court for a term of five years, at a salary of $800 per annum. This District includes seven surrounding towns, viz.: Gardner, Templeton, Royalton, Hubbardston, Olthol, Petersham, and Phillipston, and has a population of about 25,000 in all. As the duties of clerk do not require my whole time and attention, it gives me an opportunity of also engaging in other remunerative employment, and affords me an excellent chance to learn all forms of pleadings and practice in the lower courts in a practical and systematic manner.

In regard to Class Reunion, I am in favor of having it whenever there is a prospect of making it a success. As our members are probably in nearly every State in the Union, I hardly think we should be able the coming season to get a sufficient number of them together to make it a success. We are just getting
ourselves located and beginning business for ourselves, and many of us would hardly feel able to take the time and be to the expense this season. I would suggest that we have our reunion at Ann Arbor at the time the World's Fair is held in Chicago. I think the most of us will be better prepared at that time and at a less expense, as the distance from Chicago to Ann Arbor is but a little more than 200 miles, and the fair will be an additional inducement to some of us residing at a distance to attend at that time, should it be so thought best.

J. W. BRANNUM—
Heard of him in Guthrie, I. T., but learn that he is now in practice at Kansas City, Mo.

As the address indicates, Black and the subscriber are still located at Flint, although the attorneys are growing more numerous without a proportionate increase of clients. I am decidedly favorable to a Class Reunion at the U. of M., June next. As no other town could call up so many college incidents and pleasant recollections, and because I think it is the only place that a majority of the class would agree upon. And as the class were with one accord favorable to Ann Arbor and 1890 at the time of parting, in '87, I think your action for that time fully commendable. I hope for the benefit of numerous friends, however, that Johnson and W. J. Smith can be persuaded from devoting all their time while there to the Misses K's., on State street, and that Disart will not throw a gloom over the occasion by arraying himself in that old garb of mourning, which became so common with him.

W. E. BROWN—Imlay City, Mich.
Well, I am the same old Brown, and no change. When most of the boys heard from me last I was teaching, but I have since located here and worked up quite a nice practice. A fine town and fine people.
Up to the present time I have been in partnership with a firm at Lapeer, but I am now going it alone, and doing fairly well at it. I find work enough to do, so that I devote my time exclusively to legal work. After graduating, I did some running around, but finally located in the county where I was born and brought up.

Some of the boys remember the pleasant time we used to have down to the F. and A. M. Lodges in Ann Arbor. Since my return here I have been twice elected Master, the last time unanimously. I have conferred the Sublime Degree in almost every place in the county by special invitation, and enjoy the work very much.

For the Class Reunion I suggest that we meet in Ann Arbor some time in 1892 or 1893, spend a day or two in old associations and in renewing old recollections (for instance get W. J. Smith to go out to the fair grounds after apples), and then charter a train to Chicago for the World’s Fair; make some hotel our headquarters, and keep open house to all comers; examine the town by squads or gangs, and ask for what we want and get it; close the reunion by a banquet in favor of —— or in honor of Columbus, and invite the royal dignitaries to partake, and make Job et al. responsible for the peaceful behavior of the police force while in town. Thus we can renew old times and memories, and have happy recollections for years to come.

GEORGE B. BURD—36 Niagara st., Buffalo, N. Y.

Since I furnished Halderman with my biography last year I have made at least one important change—I have an office of my own. In this respect I am greatly handicapped in the race for professional honors with some of the boys who have a lead of at least two years. I began for myself on December 1 last. Since then I have no reason to complain of what I have done. With the exception of three trips further east, I have remained at my stand the past twelve months. I was never quite so far from being married as I am just now, though I have always been a long way from such an interesting climax. I will try to make a better report in this particular next
year, if the law business picks up, and house rents and provisions come down. I have not seen a member of '87 in over a year, but have heard from several. I need not anticipate their communications by giving any matters of general interest concerning them. Some of the other members seem to be lost in their own seclusion; their most intimate class friends know nothing of their whereabouts. I hope the editor this year may find them.

Would like a Class Reunion this summer at A. A. If that is impossible, make it in Chicago some time in September of the year the fair is held. I favor the last place, despite its unsavory reputation, out of deference to friend Classen, who suggested it.

CLINTON C. CALDWELL.—Parsons, Kansas.

Continue to do a fair business at the old stand. Nothing of consequence to note either in the way of achievements or misfortunes. I favor a Class Reunion in Chicago during the World's Fair in 1893. I suggest the first and second days next succeeding the Commencement at Ann Arbor. Trust your success in compiling the Annual may be as commendable as your grit.

CHARLES L. CARTER.—Honolulu, H. I.

A Class Reunion would be a delightful thing and I heartily approve of the plan for the rest of you, as I cannot be there myself. I shall enjoy the Annual as a substitute.

There is nothing very interesting of myself to go into the Annual. I was appointed last December a member of two of the Tax App' ai Courts of the Kingdom, hardly a judicial distinction however. Business has increased and I now have all that I can attend to.


I have nothing of special importance to say in the Annual. Since returning from Europe I have been acting as Teller in the First National Bank of this place, and that is about all that has happened to me.
Shall anxiously await the arrival of the Annual.

Clock Bay Shore, Long Is. N. Y.

A. H. CLASSEN—Edmond, I. T.

I am located in Edmond, Oklahoma, I. T. Am highly pleased with my location, with the climate and everything that pertains to the people and the soil.

Have acquired good property interests in town lots, and 160 acres of land that adjoins and overlooks our city. As to practice, I have my share; in short, I am satisfied.

I came to the “land of the fair God” on April 22d, and previous to that date had cast about considerably to find a place to locate. As to our boys, I met at Guthrie, where I at first located, Pickard, of New York; Heiner, of Kansas, and Brannum, of Missouri; also Lydeck, of ’86 class.

As to the Reunion, I for one am highly in favor of holding it at Chicago while the World’s Fair is in progress. Have written to quite a few of our classmates, suggesting Chicago as the place. I wish to see this Reunion a great success. Many of us will attend the fair, and if a certain time is set we can arrange matters so we can meet at that time, and if we see fit, can charter a car and visit the U. of M.

To make the Reunion a success, we might suggest to the classes that preceded and followed us to set their Reunion at the same time and place. By so doing we can meet many of our old friends.

J. Q. CLINE—Huntington, Ind.

On account of sickness my communication to the Annual will be late and brief. Have been sick for eighteen months, and am now just able to work part of the time. Missed the Annual for ’89 entirely, and do not know whether it has me buried or classed among the “lost.” Will say but little this time, but hope to be on my feet for ’91. Am in favor of meeting at Chicago in ’93
O. J. COOK—St. Paul, Minn.

Concerning Class Reunion, I favor Ann Arbor during commencement this year, and will be present for aught I now know. Matters progress satisfactorily with me, except the laudable ambition to keep bettering one's condition. Several of the boys, Tim Shehan, J. E. Ricketts and Webb Smith, also Bleecker, still think Minnesota a fruitful field of labor, as evidenced by their continued presence in this section. Others, no doubt, are here, but I am not reliably informed so, hence can't speak with certainty.

I trust that you enjoy the results of satisfactory labors and feel content, for that is the essential element of man's success.

EDWARD L. CURTIS—

The death of Edward L. Curtis is a source of deep regret to the members of our class. Those of us who knew him best found him a man of most generous impulses, and of firmest convictions, a warm hearted and sincere friend, a diligent student, who commanded the respect of both faculty and classmates. In his death our class has lost a member who gave rare promise of a life of usefulness and distinction in the profession.

The deceased was born in California April 21, 1858, and died at his family residence in Boise City, Idaho, January 9, 1890. At the age of 16 he was appointed a cadet at the naval school at Annapolis, where but for his ill health he would have passed the usual requirements. Failing in his physical examination, he was placed under the private tutelage of Prof. Parks, of that institution, for two years. He then went to New York City, where he entered the public service in the postoffice, after which he entered Columbia College, but on account of his health was compelled to return home. In 1883 President Arthur appointed him Secretary of Idaho, which position he filled until July, 1884, for ten months of the time acting as Governor of the Territory. He was transferred from the Secretary's office to the Land Office, where he acted as Register for one year, in which capacity he succeeded in ad
justing and settling many very bitter contests which had arisen in the office preceding his occupancy. During the last session of the Legislative Assembly he was Secretary of the Council, since which time he was employed in the law office of Hon. John S. Gray.

While absent in the mountains on a summer vacation last year he was elected to the office of City Attorney, the duties of which position he faithfully performed until the closing days of his life. In all his social and official relations he manifested a nobility of character, for honor, and integrity of purpose, that placed him high above the common level. His education was thorough and his gifts of oratory would have placed him among the highest in the land had his life been prolonged.

As his friend and room mate, the editor of the Annual extends to his family the deep regret and sympathy of our class, among whom he had many warm friends, not one enemy.

W. W. DAVIS.—Is located at Pueblo, Colo., a member of the firm of Patton & Davis which I understand does a large business.

I have heard of Davis frequently through the papers as an orator, in that department he has made himself a State reputation. I have read his speeches published in full, in both Colorado and Missouri papers. He stumped the State of Missouri for the National (Republican) ticket in 1888.

The men of '87 can take just pride in the record made by our class orator.

ALBERT D. ELLIOT.—Salt Lake City, Utah.

In reply to your circular I will state that up to December 1, 1889, I was practicing law with Judge McBride of this city. On that day I opened up a law office by myself, and am now practicing at No. 56 West Second South Street Salt Lake City, Utah.

About one year ago I was one of the three founders of the "University Club" of Salt Lake City, composed of about 60 graduates of colleges throughout the United States. I was elected Secretary of the
University Club and served for the year ending last December.

My little boy died May 23, 1880, of brain fever, and the loss is a sad one to my wife and myself. I take pleasure in stating that on the 20th of December, 1889, a son was born to us whom we have named Albert James Pugh Elliot. Our little family consists of my wife, little daughter, son and myself.

I have been doing well in law, as well probably as any young man in the city, who has been here the same length of time. In addition to this I was fortunate enough to buy some land when I first came here two years ago. This land, at present price, is worth about twenty thousand dollars more than I paid for it.

I would favor a Class Reunion in Chicago during the World's Fair, say the latter part of June of that year, and, if possible, arrange it so as to have excursion rates from Chicago to Ann Arbor so that we could all together visit our Alma Mater in time for the Commencement Exercises, as but few of us have been there since graduating.

JOHN A. FAIRCHILD.—San Jose, Cal.

In compliance with your request I submit the following brief autobiography and answer:

After spending a little more than a year in San Diego, Cal., and witnessing the ups and downs of a boom town, I came to San Jose, Cal., where I am now located.

In this city there is considerable probate business, and it constitutes the best paying practice. My residence in this place has not been long enough for me to have the privilege of assisting in winding up the estate of any deceased millionaire.

The only other '87 in this city is Mr. I. S. Thompson who will probably answer for himself.

I am in favor of a class reunion. I believe that Ann Arbor is the best place to hold the first one; as it is centrally located and those present may get some enthusiasm from the old surroundings. Unless the heat is too great I think the middle or latter part of Summer the most convenient time.
LUCIUS M. FALL — Hutchinson, Kan.

I am pleasantly located in a beautiful little city of 15,000 people. I have been doing very well. The profession is well represented here as elsewhere. I find "Kansas practice" easy, but it is not a rich practice. Michigan University is well represented in the West. I find her sons and daughters on every hand.

A Class Reunion would be pleasant, but I doubt the propriety of the call at this time.

J. M. GLASGOW — Is practicing at Seattle, Wash.


On the close of our course at Ann Arbor, I went to my home in western Michigan, and remained two weeks on the farm. Having by this time taken on several shades of tan. I commenced clerking in the dry goods house of Jones & Hayden, at Benton Harbor, this State, where I remained until October of that year. I then secured a position with Messrs. Howard & Roos, of Kalamazoo, where I was afforded an excellent opportunity of becoming acquainted with the practical workings of a law office. After nine months with these gentlemen, I formed, with Messrs. Osborn & Mills, of Kalamazoo, a co-partner ship, under the firm name of Mills, Osborn & Goss, and came to Paw Paw, in my native county of Van Buren, where I have since remained. In the fall of 1888, I ran against John I. Breck, an Ann Arbor graduate of '86, for Prosecuting Attorney, but, with the rest of the Democracy, got snowed in. Have found business better than I had expected, and know now no reason for regretting this selection in the professions.

Should be in favor of a Class Reunion in Chicago in 1893.

B. T. HAINER. — The only report I have heard of him is that he was in Guthrie, I. T., and all O. K.
G. E. HALDERMAN. — Roann, Ind.

Since the publication of our last Annual I have accomplished but little in a professional way; but have managed, by shrewd foresight, to grow a trifle poorer, peculiarly, as the days go by. At this writing (April 12th) I am contemplating a trip to Denver, Colo., during the latter part of this month, with a view to buying one or two of the Western States. Not successful in this, I shall endeavor to establish a foothold for myself in Wyoming; where the "dear creatures" are allowed to vote. I have no doubt but that my good looks would give me a leasehold on some fat office, for life.

Some of the boys may be interested to learn that I now administer soothing syrup to "Haldy No. 2," one of the brightest little fellows that ever saw the light of day. We've named him Gordon, in honor of Newton F. Gordon, who was a member of our class in '85 and '86.

Concerning the question of a Class Reunion, it has been suggested that it be held at Chicago during the month of July, 1893—World's Fair year. I second this suggestion, and have the President of our class name in the Annual of 1891 the time in July, '93 that the reunion should be held. I have no good argument against holding a reunion at Ann Arbor in June of this year; but feel that I could not attend. However, if enough of the class could, and will meet this year, I'll be with them in spirit if not in person.

In closing, I would say that I have a few copies of last year's Annual that will be mailed to those applying. Hoping that the Editor of this year's Annual will meet with cordial support, and that some good man will come forward for the work in '91, I extend my best wishes to the boys (and girls) of '87 and expire.

CHAS. G. HINDS—Shakopee, Minn., practicing law.

FRED W. JOB—Chicago.

I have nothing especially new to report concerning myself since the last Annual was published. Am
still with Robert H. McMurdy in the general practice of law, under the firm name of McMurdy & Job. The longer I remain here, and with my partner, the better I like the city, the law business and the partnership. On May 1 we moved into suite 913-914, Chamber of Commerce Building, corner of Washington and LaSalle streets, the newest and one of the finest office buildings in the city. All U. of M. men, and especially laws of the vintage of '87, will always find a warm welcome there. Our business is increasing at a good rate, and we are thinking of taking in another partner within a year or two. Hope to see many of the old boys at the World's Fair here.

I wonder if anybody knows where Mrs. Whiting is, or what she is doing. I understand that Carter (Honolulu) is desirous of ascertaining her whereabouts and vocation. By the way, this same Carter, who has prospered wonderfully, is, I believe, attorney for the King of the Sandwich Islands. I suppose that in a few years he will be running for King on the Democratic ticket.

Of course we want a Class Reunion at the approaching commencement time. The first three years will have passed by that time, and we ought not to ignore the old custom. By all means have a Class Reunion. My first choice is Ann Arbor; after that I say Chicago. That's the only thing Ann Arbor can beat Chicago on. I shall attend wherever it may be held.

A. R. JOHNSON.—Ironton, Ohio.

I am in favor of a Class Reunion and think that no more convenient time and place can be fixed than the last week in June, 1890, at Ann Arbor. I have many reasons for voting as above indicated: It will bring the majority of our class together; it will profit us by exchanging views; it will mould stronger the ties of love, friendship and companionship that were formed and welded, and which encircled us as a unit, in past school days forever to be remembered.

In short we will drink of the "Elixir of Life;" age and time will be discarded; youth will return again; the veil of the past will raise out of sight, and we will be boys again; we will recall the lectures and lect
urers; quizzes and pranks; the incidents and surroundings that led us on to manhood. By such a re-union we can become stronger and be of more service to one another, and arrangements can be made by which the organization of '87 shall be perpetual and exist so long as a member of our class exists. We are naturally inclined towards one another—circumstances and surroundings made it so. There doubtless has, and there will be in the future, many classes pass out of the University of Michigan, but they have not and never will equal ours. They haven't the subjects.

We cannot and do not wish to become members of any other class. Then why not preserve, protect and perpetuate our own by the only method—a Re-union.

There is another reason why we should be better organized, to-wit: That if adversity and calamity should fall on any of our class that we could assist and aid such unfortunate brother.

Why, Mr. Editor, I look upon the mementoes and exchanges of those days as pearls of unlimited price and value. My class picture, from which I can recall each member, his manner, his voice, his walk and various incidents of those days, is the first object on entering my office and the last one I bid good-night to on returning therefrom.

I favor Ann Arbor because it is our birthplace, and it is the only home of our class that a John Howard Payne can sing about; and the last week in June is Commencement. Business and prospects are good with me.

JAMES L. LOAR—Colby, Kas.

As for myself, I am satisfied with the profession, in fact. I am fascinated with it. I think it is all it was ever represented to be, and one of the best schools of development that one could possibly choose. I have been located at this place ever since I started in the law business, and have accomplished a great deal more than I had anticipated. I was married a short time after locating here, and of course have been living in harmony and peace ever since. We are here in the very center of the once
celebrated American Desert, and, notwithstanding the fact of the very bad name, we raised, last year, as high as 42 bushels of wheat to the acre. I have the honor to be the County Attorney for this county, running on the Democratic ticket, and the county is very strong Republican. My majority, however, was equal to the Republican majority. The climate here is fine, and health sits smiling on the cheeks of every lady in the country.

I am very much interested in the plan of our Class Reunion. While I would rather give the college shriek on the old battle field of Ann Arbor, yet I think it will prove more satisfactory to all the boys to meet in Chicago at the World's Fair, and I would make the following suggestions in the matter: That the President of our class designate a week some time during the fair, in which we should have our re-union. I have no doubt that by the time this Annual is made up that he will be able to tell how many of the boys would prefer having it at Chicago. Let him select a week when the Fair will be at its best, and we will all try and make arrangements to be there at that time. There ought to be some plan adopted to arrange for the exercises, not for all the exercises that will be liable to take place, but those that are to be had at the time set for the blow out.

I love the thought that before a great while I will be able to see the "boys of '87."

U. LORANGER,—Bay City, Mich.

The changes with me since the last annual have not been numerous, but of some considerable import to me. As Professor Rogers would say, I have changed my status. I was married March 12, 1889, to Miss Daytor, of Lansing, Mich. Shortly after taking a partner for life, I was divorced from my partner in law, and after nearly one year's experience with the latter change, and over a year of the former, I am far from complaining or regretting either.

On the question of a Class Reunion I would suggest 1892 as the year, and (1st) Ann Arbor, or (2d) Chicago as the place for holding the same.
GEORGE C. MANLY.—Denver, Colo.,

Our Class Annual should be highly valued and loyally supported by us all. My pride in it leads me to show it to graduates of other law schools who commend it and the way the Ann Arbor boys stand by each other. I have had many pleasant hours reading and re-reading the two numbers so far published, and in correspondence with old law school friends, and wish to ask those to whom I owe letters to be patient, as an exceptionally busy season has thrown me behind in my correspondence. I wish to thank the many members of the class who have given me business. Have been quite fortunate in seeing a number of old classmates on their way through this city and on my various Eastern trips. Met Lowman by accident in the churchyard of old Trinity in New York City last fall and was the first member of the class he had seen since graduation. Also saw Reed in his far off Texas home, and expect to see our boys up in the northwest this spring. Am heartily in favor of a reunion at Ann Arbor during Commencement week this year as agreed on by vote the day we graduated. This year because each year will see us more widely scattered and more engrossed in business, and at the present rate of marriage, nearly all will be kept at home by family cares in a year or two. And I want to see my classmates where I knew them of yore, within the halls and on the campus of Alma Mater.

I am glad I cast my lot with this beautiful, growing and prosperous city. Our wonderful climate, grand scenery and genial society have all ministered to my enjoyment of each day, and our expanding business interests have afforded me opportunities which I have improved to my advantage both in a legal and financial way. How our college ambitions vanish or are changed by circumstances of surroundings and events. I had hoped to be an advocate, thrill juries and persuade courts, but am becoming more and more a counsel and business man putting in my time searching tediously through dusty records, examining titles, drawing contracts to keep men out of court, organizing and counselling business corporations, and making conservative and cold-blooded loans for
Eastern people. Even when I do get into court it is generally on some suit equitable in its nature and tried to the court. But I am busy, prosperous and happy (though unmarried) and venture the guess that many of you drifted as far, or further, from your school-day dreams and ambitions,

Our specialty is real estate and corporation law and we have a very interesting and important case concerning the statute governing priority of water rights, on its way to the Supreme Court.

I was recently surprised by being chosen President of a mining corporation with a million dollars capital stock. Am Secretary of the Denver Shoe & Leather Co. which has passed the experimental stage and is preparing to branch out extensively. I expect to take an active part in the Manufacturer's Exchange recently organized here.

Should any of you come West you will of course give me a chance to show you our city behind my new horse, for no Western trip is complete without visiting Denver, but I will manage to tear myself away from here to attend the Class Re-union at the time and place convenient to the greatest number, but I urge Ann Arbor as the place, and June 20-26 as the time.

JAS. D. MAY—Detroit, Mich.

In response to your circular, March 15, 1890, I would say that I am heartily in sympathy with the Class Annual, as well as with the Class Reunion movement, and cheerfully lend my feeble effort to make each or both a success. I was sorry to hear that my last contribution to the Annual had been mercilessly consigned to the editorial waste basket. I thought at first that it was by reason of its lack of literary merit that it had been so disposed of, but subsequently learned that it was by reason of my failure to remit in time. This will, in my opinion, be a permanent stumbling block to the success of the Annual. If the Annuals were sent out accompanied by a request to remit by return mail, I am confident that no member of the class would be mean enough to beat a classmate, who had spent time and money
in effecting our annual communication, out of fifty or seventy-five cents. There is a decided "backward tendency" when it comes to paying for anything in advance. This is American, and I notice that we of the law class of '87 were truly American in that respect, as I can testify from actual experience, as I served on the committee that purchased Prof. Griffin the "floral lyre," as well as the one that purchased the chair for our old friend and librarian, Mr. Vance, and the modesty that some of our boys exhibited on those occasions was truly amusing. So, Mr. Editor, although I am and have been willing to pay in advance, and herewith inclose my "mite," it is, nevertheless, in my opinion, the rock upon which the Class Annual will go to pieces. I sympathize with you, as I have with those who have undertaken the compilation of the work before you. Those who have not taken a turn at it know little of the amount of work it entails. I can imagine Haldeman, for instance, going around in his stocking feet, with a ten pound embryo Indiana Republican in his arms, while he alternately swore at upturned tacks and negligent classmates.

I am doing quite well, Mr. Editor. I will not launch out into a pack of—lies, and tell you and my other classmates that "this is a poor month with me, as I have only cleared $623," etc. No; such is not the case. I will say that I think I am doing as well as the majority of the boys, and have sixteen cases on the Circuit Court docket for the coming term. My health is good; have lots of exercise dodging my creditors; no matrimonial prospects.

Am decidedly in favor of Class Reunion this year at Ann Arbor, and trust that the President will be instructed to call one.

EDWIN D. PEIFER—Kansas City, Mo.

I opened a law office in Kansas City, September 12, 1887, in this, the Nelson Building, which I have never left, although I have several times moved from room to room in order to secure better quarters. I now occupy rooms 305 and 309.

At that time there were two classmates, members
of the law class of '87, in the same building, viz.: Webster W. Davis and Clinton L. Caldwell. Walter Brannum was two blocks away. Davis is now Deputy Surveyor of Customs for the port of Kansas City, and also has a law office in the Water Works Building. Caldwell is at Parsons, Kansas, doing a good business, and Brannum is now in this building, being associated with the ex-Prosecuting Attorney for this county.

I did not confine myself to the practice of law. In 1889, I organized three Building and Loan Associations, of which I am attorney, and am also Secretary of two. In 1889 I helped to organize two, in one of which I am now attorney, and in the other simply director. I was this week elected Secretary of the Missouri Mutual Life Association. If my connection with these different companies can be retained, my income from them will amount to at least $5,000 a year from the present and increase rapidly. The acquaintance which the business of these Associations bring me furnishes me with considerable private practice. The real estate fever caught me when I came here and I invested $500 in some property, and have a net result of five residence properties to show for it.

Without boasting I could say that I have gone into a good many enterprises and made considerable money out of them, but I regret to say that I have not added much to my knowledge of the law. My experience convinces me that if one wishes to make a reputation as a lawyer and a jurist, they must keep their hands clean of any other but law business, however strong the temptation may be to go outside.

I have tried to retain my youth as long as possible by keeping up an interest in athletic and healthful sports, but I find also in that that the demands of my business slowly but surely reduce the time that I can devote to physical exercise. I am making new resolves systematically to give more time to study and exercise than I have done.

In my domestic arrangements I am very happy. I was married on the 1st of December, 1887, and my greatest pleasure is to be with my wife and baby, a boy nine months old.
In regard to a Class Reunion, I understand that a motion was passed by our class at the time of our graduating that there be a reunion in 1890. I am in favor of so having one, and expect to be at Ann Arbor at the next commencement to attend the reunion of the class of '86, of the literary department, if not a reunion of the class of '87, of the law department.

E. E. OTIS.—Akron, Ohio.

Your favor of March 15th has not received attention earlier for the reason that I was called from the city on account of a dire calamity befalling my home, in that my mother was very suddenly and unexpectedly called from time to eternity. As to news concerning myself, I can only report as usual that business with me is growing steadily, and I think surely, and that while prospects are not flattering they are at least encouraging.

I recently saw Whitacre who is located in Canton, Ohio, and while he is too modest to say so himself, I hear from others that his prospects are really flattering. I hope to spend a few days at Ann Arbor during Commencement week whether we have a Class Reunion or not.

J. E. PICKARD.—When last heard of he was at Guthrie, Indian Territory.

G. W. SAULSBERRY.—Morehead, Ky.

As I grow older in the practice I find that my prospects are some better, to get my sustenance from my practice, I am now having about all that I can do, and while I am not inclined to charge $10,000 fees, so long as the mountains of the Grand old Commonwealth of Kentucky are filled with rich minerals and fine qualities of the various coal as they are at the present time, and the fee-simple of the surface of said lands, remain in dispute and covered three to five deep with Patents, Squatters and so on, I have no fears.
Nothing would give me more pleasure than to meet all of the boys, let us have a Class Reunion at either of the following places: Ann Arbor, Chicago or New York City, and let it be in the fall of 1892.

J. N. SAUNDERS.—I am still at Springfield, Ky., my native town. I have neither grown rich in the practice of law, nor had the temerity to marry a wife. Since our last Annual I have formed a partnership with the ex-Circuit Judge of this district. The firm is Hardin & Saunders.

E. J. SCOFIELD.—I am told is a member of the firm Hawes, Lorman & Scofield, at St. Paul, Minn.

S. I. SLADE.—Is in practice at Detroit. He was married to Miss Kittie D. Buel Oct. 2, 1888, and Manly writes me that he has a fine looking baby.

H. I. SMITH.—Fort Wayne, Ind.
I am still in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and am located in the Schmitz Block, Room 18.
I am in favor of a reunion sometime during Commencement week at Ann Arbor and not at Chicago, or any other place.
Saw W. W. Davis, our class orator, in Pueblo, Colo., last fall. He is quite famous in that State as an orator. A speech of his delivered in a Mountain town was reported in the “Rocky Mountain News” verbatim. I learn from men near Ypsilanti, Mich., that Michigan Campbell, (his initials forgotten) has just recently been married and has formed a law partnership with one of the class of ‘87 and is located at Fort Scott, Kansas.

I am decidedly in favor of keeping up the Class
Annual, and shall do what I can to make it interesting. Here in Grand Rapids (Michigan's Chicago) we have three members of '87—Swarthout, McKnight and myself. Swarthout is of the firm of Fallass & Swarthout, who are doing a good business here. "Vin" has suffered considerably by sickness during the past year, but is O. K. now. McKnight is a member of the firm of Goodwin, Adsit & McKnight, a leading firm, who do a large business. I was appointed Assistant United States Attorney for this district in February last, and am now endeavoring to discharge the duties of that office. I find the work pleasant. My superior and I are in partnership under the firm name of Palmer & Stevens, with offices in the Government Building. The position I hold enables me to form very pleasant acquaintances, and furnishes some valuable experience. I hear of members of '87 in many Michigan towns, and invariably they are doing well.

Put me down as favoring a Class Reunion either this year or next, either at Detroit or Ann Arbor.

J. W. M. STEWART—Louisa, Ky.

I am glad to see that the boys of '87 still have enough love for each other to continue their interest in the Class Annual. I am glad that the time has again rolled around for the next publication. If there is anything that would forcibly remind me of the many pleasant acquaintances and friends, to say nothing of enemies, made while at Ann Arbor it is the arrival of the Class Annual on my desk. It is like again meeting in the lecture room, and it makes me feel like shouting "louder" or "more air." It is the next best thing to being together, and if we cannot always have the best, we should be satisfied with the next best. I hope every member of the class will respond to your invitation, and with something, no matter what. It is not what is written that makes it interesting, but the fact that something is written.

So far as a Class Reunion is concerned, I say have it. I want to see the boys and renew again the friendship of yore. I am decidedly in favor of
union, and Ann Arbor as the place, and commencement week the time.

For the benefit of those who take as much interest in me as I do in them, I will say that since graduation I have led a strictly professional life. I studied law to practice law. Offers of political preference have been refused. Give me the law practice and others may have the political offices. And I have had my share; in fact more than my share. Let it continue as it has begun, and I am content. More than one hundred civil cases are now on our docket, in the inferior, Superior and Appellate Courts of Ky., and in the Federal Courts in Ky. and Ohio. I am in favor of a reunion.

[Stewart has been appointed a United States Commissioner and he sometimes sits in judgment on the far-famed Kentucky Moonshiners.—Ed.]

C. M. STRICKLER.—Lancaster, Ohio.

About November 1st, last, I opened an office in this city of natural gas and have been trusting to fate and the indulgence of my creditors ever since. Business comes rather slowly—as it always does at first—but I am getting a fair share of it and can not complain. Will be kept quite busy during the coming term of court. I was married in May, '89, and we took an enjoyable trip to Washington, Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Richmond and Natural Bridge. We were storm-bound in the Virginian mountains at the time of the Johnstown flood and were mourned for lost by the friends at home. I must not forget to tell you that I have been sued by a woman for $10,000 damages. "Breach of Promise!" I hear the class ejaculate in a breath. Ah, no, my dear fellows, you are away off. It was not the heart but the body that I assailed. Assault and battery and malicious destruction of property is the ground work of the action. I was, acting as deputy constable, endeavoring to arrest a delinquent witness on an attachment for contempt of court; the mistress of the mansion resisted us and we had to remove her from the doorway and break the doors in order to get our
man. The question is, can doors be broken on an attachment for contempt. As there can be no doubt about this, I am not at all uneasy in regard to the ten thousand.

I favor a Class Reunion at Ann Arbor, either this year or next. I expect to attend.

A. M. THOMAS.—Topeka, Kansas.

I have nothing to say about myself that would be of interest to the class. I might say however, that I flung my shingle to the breeze August 9, 1887. I am still in the same block where I started and, although I have been partner in two different firms, I have concluded that single blessedness is the sweetest, both professionally and otherwise. As regards a Class Reunion, I should be glad to meet the “Boys” in ’92. I am in favor of a Class Reunion, and I think it ought to be had. It will revive “memories” of the immortalized “Quizzes on Blackstone; cherish class spirit and class pride, and honor a Board, a Faculty and a school that we feel honored to honor.

WILLIAM E. WALSH.—Detroit, Mich.

I have been enjoying a very good practice, dame fortune having been looking upon me since I left the University with a favorable eye and if she continues to flirt with me I will have to wed her. Quite a number of the boys I understand are solving the question, “Is Marriage a Failure?” by experience and I trust their solution will be encouraging to—the women’s suffrage association, Belva Lockwood etal. A number of the classes of the U. of M. of the eighties are holding their Class Annuals at Ann Arbor, and with the likelihood of being charged with selfishness, I will say that I am in favor of Ann Arbor and her hills first, last and all the time. I do not think that any other place would answer the spirit of the meeting, and certainly a number would miss the meeting of the “Spirit” unless Natt Drakes and Reddick et al., let their charms and thirst quenching nectars flow forth
to water the boughs of '87. Let us have a meeting this year if it be only a baker's dozen.

T. H. WARD—Editor of the Waco County Sun, a daily paper published at The Dalles, Oregon.

FRANK WELLS—Senica, Kansas.

Since May 1, '89, have been practicing with my father, under the firm name of Wells & Wells. As to amount of business and future prospects, have no cause to complain. On the morning of the 18th of January last the building in which we officed burned, and our entire office and library was a total loss. However, am getting fixed up nicely again.

During the past year have seen of our old class, Brannum, Peifer, Keene and Wendorf. Brannum and Peifer are at Kansas City and are doing well. Wendorf is Justice of the Peace at Leavenworth, Kas., and Keene is in practice at Fort Scott, Kas.

I favor a reunion at Ann Arbor, and would try to be present.

avery C white.—Stockton, California.

I am, as before, holding the same office under the same circumstances and expect to be elected next fall to a second term. We have recently built a magnificent Court House, and I shall hope to be the first District Attorney to occupy the same and with the consent of my constituents and friends, shall expect to do so. My experience this year has been somewhat varied, from having had the pleasure of being interested in cases varying in magnitude from petty Courts to National Courts, the most important of the same was the Nagle case which became somewhat of a National question. As to a reunion I will leave that to those nearer the University, and when the time is set will try and be there. I would suggest that we have it during the year of the World's Fair, 1893, but do not oppose any time.
MRS. MARY C. WHITING.—Ann Arbor, Mich.

My law practice is flourishing. From the very outset of my professional career business has flowed in upon me so that I hardly can find time to attend to it all, and call others to my aid. Business reaches me from all points of the compass. My clients are scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and all unsolicited, and even across the great waters. When I studied I did not intend to practice law only as far as my own property was concerned; but at my graduation, my Professors told me I was equipped for active service and I could act at my pleasure. Influential friends advised me to breast the waves and launch out, and the gales being favorable, I did so. My bark has ridden serenely and ports have been safely made; gold has flowed into my coffers, the most precious of which was that I received for my first trial, and the first trial before a jury conducted by a lady attorney in Washtenaw Co. I do not know if this be the data which you desire, and have written hurriedly this evening after a hard day's work; legal business claiming my attention from early morn till dews of eve, of which the plethora of my pockets only claims $50 not very much for one day's work.

FRED P. WHITELEY.—Findlay, Ohio.

After leaving Ann Arbor I formed a partnership with my father. The rapid growth of our town naturally increased our business and have enjoyed a very large practice ever since. Owing to failing health I was compelled to spend one winter in Southern California where I had the pleasure of meeting Guy and Fairchild and several of our class, all of whom are doing nicely. At Denver I called on Manly and found him hard at work. Coming to Chicago you can find '87 boys on every corner, some living in style, while others are not doing so well. Job is there, and I see him very often. He has had quite a large number of maps of the city of Chicago printed, giving the location of all the "free soup" houses, which he will furnish to all members of '87 free of charge. Fred is
doing well, himself, and has promise of a bright future.

In reference to a Class Reunion, I was of the impression that we agreed on this year for holding it. I have thought of nothing else and most surely believe that it should be held at Ann Arbor commencement week of this year. I sincerely hope that the members of '87 have responded to your call more promptly than I.

R. E. BABCOCK.—Since the Annual went to press I have gotten a letter from Mrs. Babcock stating that on July 10, 1889, her husband fell dead as he got up from the dinner table. His trouble was acute heart disease.
President's Call and Editor's Notice.

As there was an action taken by the class, at the close of our work, at Ann Arbor, 1887, for a Reunion of said class in June, 1890, pursuant to said resolution, we make this call, through the Class Annual, and urgently request that all members of said class make special effort to be present at Ann Arbor during commencement week, 1890, for said Reunion.

E. D. Black, President.

Our Chairman has called a Class Reunion at Ann Arbor during the coming Commencement week and left the naming of the day to the Editor of the Annual. As has been suggested to me I name June 26, 1890, as the day and Fred W. Job, G. F. Brown and Geo. C. Manly as a committee to prepare a program for the occasion.

J. N. Saunders, Ed.
ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It should be generally known that Judge Cooley's edition of "Taxation" is very complete on the law of Tax Titles and Local Assessments. That Cook's new edition of "Stock and Stockholders" has been re-written and now embraces Corporation Law complete, and the subject of "Trusts." The recent combinations in trade are fully entered into. That Morrison's Mining Reports are now complete, and bring together in fifteen volumes the entire body of the decided cases (American and English) on this important and growing branch of the law. That Ewell's new edition of "Lindley on Partnership" is a legal classic, having a sale and giving satisfaction only equaled by a very few law books. That "Sackett on Instruction to Juries," second edition, is a great labor-saving work and pays for itself as often as any law book issued. That Benjamin's new edition of Chalmers' "Bills, Notes and Checks" is a complete library on commercial law, and without a discovered error. That "Anson on Contracts," with notes by J. C. Knowlton, is used by more students than any work on the same subject. That Cooley's Torts, second edition, is ready. That Reynolds' "Stephen's Digest of Evidence," second edition, is now out. That Von Holst's "Constitutional and Political History of the U. S.," volume 5, covers Buchanan's election—end of Thirty-fifth Congress, 1859-60; and that Cooley's third edition of Blackstone's Commentaries is the most popular law book published. It is 51 years later than the last edition of Chitty's Blackstone, and 25 years later than the latest edition of Sharwood's Blackstone. In his preface to this third edition Judge Cooley says: "By discarding the notes of English editors it has enabled him to make the original notes on general topics of government and of constitutional rights more full and complete, and also to give valuable collections of American authorities on many important subjects," making this work valuable to attorneys and students.

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