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CLASS ANNUAL:

LAW CLASS OF '87,

University of Michigan.

"With its liquid rhymes, the river chimes
Bright songs of the evening hours,
While the music breeze, of the campus trees,
Breathes sweetly through these bowers."

BUFFALO.
GUST. F. MILLER, PRINTER,
1888.
THOMAS ADAMS—Parowan, Utah.

After graduating I remained in Ann Arbor during the summer. I studied or rather reviewed different branches of the law and spent some time in literary studies. When college opened I entered the literary department and was enrolled among those not candidates for a degree. I have followed up my studies in mathematics, also took studies in philosophy and language. The old stone step with the door always open seemed to invite me back to the old haunts again, and I would sometimes involuntarily turn in and enter the old lecture room. The old familiar sounds would greet me there, such as "Equality in Equity." "Proposition 18, subd. head A. Under the statutes of many of the States all decrees of the Probate Court are conclusive as to all wills of personality as well as to realty," etc.

I shall soon leave the University and shall spend one month with the surveying class in the field, and then probably return home to begin the battle of the young lawyer for clients. I shall not be an active member of either party in the coming campaign.

CASSIUS ALEXANDER—Grand Ledge, Mich.

I have been in this place since last October. My partner, Mr. Patterson, has practiced some 15 years. We are doing first rate, have cases in five different counties around us in the coming terms of the Circuit, and will have five cases in the Supreme Court. Have two young men at work in the office. (Rem. We received a paper containing a marked article entitled "Orange Blossoms." It gave an account of the wedding of C. A. to a lady of Lansing, Mich.)
GEORGE W. ANDREWS—Topeka, Kas.

Came here immediately after graduation; entered the office where I now am and have been here since. Being located at the State capital, where all grades of courts, State and Federal, meet, I have had good opportunities to observe the practical side of the law in a wide and varied field of application. I have been intimately associated with a good deal of practical legal work. This experience has served to test, correct and expand my legal knowledge, to resolve and satisfy doubts, to inspire self-confidence and to give a clear conception of the profession, my present status in it and the requisites of future success.

My reading has been chiefly with reference to actual cases, being mostly in the domain of municipal corporation and damage law, and constitutional and other kindred questions connected therewith.

As to my present surroundings and prospects, Bro. Burd, I fain would not speak. This has been my chief trouble, a sort of Pandora’s box of threadbare clothes, unpaid board bills and scowling landladies to offset which I have the sweet consolation that it might be worse and may be better; and I take soothing to my savage breast in the charms of “The Sweet Bye and Bye.”

As to your fourth suggestion I reply “non sum informatus.” A patriotic care for the preservation of the public peace, and a purely private and selfish concern for the preservation of my own health and body and tranquility of mind prevents me from talking of others, (in public) and modesty (!) prevents me from talking of myself, (anywhere).

Finally, I have no doubt that the present infamous administration will be signally rebuked by the approaching election, and that the beefy individual, who
by the grace of accident and the forbearance of a merciful people now contaminates the presidential chair, and his unholy associates will be driven from the high places in the nation.

I shall at all times be in readiness to practice my vocabulary of invective upon democrats, democracy, and things democratic, but I do not now expect to take any active part in the approaching campaign. This is all.

GEO. E. ARBURY—Opera House Block, Lapeer, Mich.

The first thing I must speak of is my recent good fortune. I have lately been elected City Attorney for Lapeer City.

I commenced practicing here on September 7th, 1887. Began alone, as I now am, though in the same office with ex-Judge W. W. Stickney, a very excellent and talented man. I have tried three Circuit Court suits, two of which I have won, and have conducted quite a number of Justice Court cases, both civil and criminal. I have just recently been retained in two quite important will cases, one of which is in Canada.

My reading, since graduating, has been mostly in the line of pleading and practice.

I have found in my practice that "Henry Wade" did the proper caper when he made us learn those "Indermaur's leading cases."

My present surroundings and prospects are as good as I could expect, and though that is not flattering, yet it is sufficient. I expect to be a candidate for Circuit Court Commissioner this fall, and as our county is largely republican, I have little fears of defeat.

The part which I shall take in the campaign will be simply that which every young lawyer is expected to take, especially in this part of the country, viz: making speeches and otherwise working for the suc-
cess of his party. The Republican party has all my political affection and love, and my labors will be in accord with those elements of preference.

R. E. BABCOCK—Williston, Ohio.

After visiting my old home at Carleton, Michigan, and recuperating among the islands of Lake Erie, during the excessively hot months of July and August, the approaching examination at Columbus, for admission to the Ohio bar, reminded me that I should be at work. In the meantime, however, I tried my first actual case before a Justice of the Peace.

The 4th of Oct. soon came, and with it the examination, and I was admitted to the bar of the State of Ohio.

Before leaving college I had been employed in a case at Monroe, Mich., which was not called until December, '87, and this gave me another case at the same place, both of which netted me a nice little fee.

According to arrangements made before leaving college, I had concluded to locate at Bowling Green, Ohio, in the office with John W. Canary, but business so shaped itself at home that I was compelled to abandon my reading there and come to Williston. During my stay with him, about three months, I read Swan's Treatise on the law of Justice of the Peace, and The Statutes. My practice there was quite limited.

Since my return to Williston I have made a study of Swan's, The Statutes, and Code Practice, besides some reading of the Reports of this State. Have been called twice before the Common Pleas Court, once before the Probate, and once before the town commissioners, on a division of the township, besides several justice cases in our own immediate vicinity.

I expect in a few days to open an office at Toledo,
Ohio. I shall go into the office alone, unless in the meantime I can find a partner, and shall endeavor to do my best. I am bound that failure shall not be written on my legal tombstone.

I attended the Republican convention, at Fremont, as a delegate from this place. Shall take no active part in the coming Presidential campaign, except holding up both hands for John Sherman.

H. H. BACON—9 Crouse Flats, Syracuse, N. Y.

C. N. BANKS—Sharon Springs, Wallace Co., Kas.

Located here in February. We are within 15 miles of the Col. line. Prospects good. (Not heard from lately).

JNO. D. BARKALOW—201 Market St., Fort Scott, Kas. Died 1888.

I am located at above address, practicing for myself in the office of J. H. Crider. I expect to make a poor living this year, and have the promise of better fare next.

J. G. BARNES—Seattle, King Co., Wash. Ter.

I came almost directly here at the close of college last year, remaining at home but little over a week. Am delighted with the country, the city, the climate, and the prospects. Am at present in the office of a law firm here, but will start for myself in a few months.

W. A. BARNES—Buchanan, Mich.

Has been teaching in the vicinity of the above place.

JOHN D. BARRY—East Saginaw, Mich.

After the arduous duties incident to graduation, I sought needed rest in rural pursuits at the home of
my parents at Williamston, Michigan. Remaining at home four weeks I felt fully recuperated, and went forth seeking worlds to conquer. Through many a pleasant township, and many a prosperous city, onward your traveling classmate plodded his weary way, until, arriving at the prosperous and growing city of East Saginaw, in the joy of his heart, he cried “Eureka.” I became acquainted with Hon. Timothy E. Tarsney, M. C., of the eighth Michigan district, and George W. Weadock, composing the firm of Tarsney and Weadock. At their solicitation I decided to enter their office, deeming it expedient to acquire that practical knowledge of the law, not so readily gained from a study of books alone, before branching out on my own responsibility.

While I have made no branch of the law a special study, my aim has been to become more familiar with the common law practice.

As to the present surroundings and prospects, Saginaw County is, perhaps, as great a field for the legal profession as any county in the State. There are at present 78 attorneys practicing here, but like all professions, there are some few firms controlling the bulk of the business. Believing, however, in the motto, “There is always room for one more,” have hopes that a graduate of the Class of '87 may “get there.”

While I do not intend to take an active part in the Presidential campaign, in politics I am democratic and believe in the reduction of tariff duties, to the extent at least, that the income of the Government may be only sufficient for its needs.


Yours of April 20th received. Will say in reply:
1. I opened an office here last November.
2. I have been studying Constitutional History of the United States, reading Bancroft and Von Holst. I have also read Cooley on Taxation. This is all the systematic reading I have done.
3. Unknown.
4. I am father to a fine girl (!)
5. No.


F. P. BLACKMAN—Des Moines, Iowa.
Am located here, preparing on State law and practice. The bar of the city is very strong, and it is difficult to get a start. I never expected to get rich at the practice of our profession, but I am gracefully posing and planning for reasonable remuneration in the “sweet by and by.” I expect in the meantime to make a living, do much good, and little harm. I deem my prospects bright.

G. M. BLEEKER—Pence Opera House, Minneapolis, Minn.
About Nov. 1st I struck the city of Minneapolis, Minn. Since then, figuratively speaking, my path has been through pastures green. During the first twelve months of my legal career, I have managed to work in a little recoupment, over and above all expenses, to the extent of something over a few hundred dollars.

I have followed no particular line of study, unless it be a study of how to get out of paying personal taxes and how to get on the delegation to the County Convention from my precinct. But as to my participation in the Presidential campaign, you can rest assured that where the fight is thickest, there I’ll be sure to be; and I give the G. O. P. fair warning accord-
ingly. Let it never be said I gave it no chance to take to the woods.

In closing, let me say, that I am connected with a very first class firm of lawyers, the senior member of which is the present city attorney and prospective candidate for judge of the Supreme Court the coming fall. That they have given me a better show than I probably deserve, and through the efforts of whom in my behalf, pleading and practice have become something better than the "lost arts" they were to me one year ago. And if all the boys can contemplate the second year of our reign with the complacency and equanimity that characterize my every gaze upon that reservoir of satisfaction, then, indeed, is the prospect bright for '87.


Since graduation have been in the office of attorney King. I shall soon open an office for myself. Don't know just where yet, but probably somewhere in this State. Have had excellent practice in Chancery cases, but not so much in other branches of law. I suppose Buffalo is solid for Grover's re-election. (Yes.)

J. W. BRANNUM—Kansas City, Mo. (Care M. A. Fyke, atty.)

E. E. BROOKS—208 Superior St., Cleveland, Ohio.

My present location is as above. May change in the near future. My practice is not as yet very lucrative, but I am not disappointed, since I take it the majority have the same experience in starting.

E. N. BROWN—94 Washington St., Room 31, Chicago, Ill. Practicing.

Since graduating, or immediately thereafter, we located in this town, which is the County seat of Genesee County. We have an overabundance of lawyers (about 30). We have during the time of our stay here been studying practice and pleading in justice and circuit court and the statutes of the State (and I might include here parenthetically, as Prof. Hutchins used to say, the study of economy, although not in the prescribed University course). While we are not “chuck full” of business all the time, yet we are having a fair business for beginners. Black has been confined to his bed with inflammatory rheumatism and is down to the office to day for the first time during that period. Black was elected Secretary or Superintendent of Schools for this county at a salary of $1400 a year, which takes a portion of his time. There are no others of our class located here. Ralph Aldrich of the class of ’86 is practicing here. We are both advocating the nomination of that party leader and representative statesman Jim Blaine for the Republican standard bearer for 1888.

I intend to be at the reunion in 1890 and hope to then see all the boys once more.

JOHN BROWN—31 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio.

I wish you success in the good work of strengthening the bonds which unite ’87. I may say I have a “shingle” out in the city, but so far I have achieved nothing of any consequence.


I am sure nothing in my career since I became an “L. L. B.” would be of interest to others, only that I am alive and about as good a Republican as ever.
Draw your own conclusion, as I happen to be President of one of the best clubs in this county.

Well my course of study since I left the University has been dropped. I have taught the school here during the past year.

Soon after commencing my work in my school I learned the cause of my father's desiring me to stay at home. He desired to make his home with me in the future and has given me a nice fortune for my benefit in this world, amounting to several thousand dollars. I have very limited chances for development here, but am in hopes that I can soon arrange my business so I can seek better fields of labor.

Finally, Burd, if the boys do as well by you as you have by us, there will be no doubt but you will send us out a very pleasant pamphlet.

G. B. BURD—404 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Left Ann Arbor July 4th. Went directly to the pineries of northern Michigan, where I remained for three months. Came to Buffalo in October. I expect to remain in this city permanently. Law reading has been confined to State law and practice. Have no room to give all the items of personal interest concerning members of the class which have to come to my notice and are not elsewhere noted. Do not anticipate taking an active part in the campaign this year. If I do will grapple with the tariff exclusively.


Mr. Butler is taking a full course in the Literary Department.

C. L. CALDWELL—923 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.

After wandering all over this end of creation I have at last settled as above. Left Ohio July 12th. Been more or less through 14 States, and 6 territories since.
Was over the Pacific coast except southern Cal. I have seen a good deal of country, and for a young lawyer think Kansas City unequalled. (Rem. Caldwell is at present in charge of the legal department of a commercial and real estate agency in K. C. The rest of his biography is so interwoven with purely personal remarks, running through several letters, that we cannot separate it. He is doing well.)

D. F. CAMPBELL—Fort Scott, Kas.
Is in partnership with Keen.

W. O. CAMPBELL—Hamilton, Ohio.

CHARLES L. CARTER—Rooms 12 and 13 Drummond Block, Toledo, Ohio.

After due deliberation and one journey to Omaha, Nebr. I decided that Toledo under the impetus given by the then recent introduction of natural gas would be a good location and I came here at once.

I have devoted my time to a study of the law as applied in the courts of this State; and to filling up the links in the instruction received at the University.

I was married on April 11th, 1888, at Ann Arbor.

I am at present in the office of Mr. E. D. Potter, Jr. Studying and waiting for business to turn up; with full faith in the prospects of this city and that I shall not be disappointed in having something to do.

With a happy home and these prospects in the best of all professions I am well content.

H. W. CAVANAGH—Drumquin, Halton Co., Ont. (or Oakville, Ont).

I am not practicing yet. Indeed I cannot until the 12th of this June. Can say nothing about my prospects till then.
WM. C. CHADWICK—Fremont, Ind.

After we graduated I remained in Ann Arbor until July 13th, when I was married, and came directly to this place where I have remained the greater portion of the time. During the summer I did very little work but spent most of my time visiting friends and camping on the beautiful lakes of this county. After having spent two months in this way I opened an office and have been practicing law in real earnest ever since and have done quite well taking everything into consideration.

It was not my intention, when locating here, to make this place my permanent residence and only came here because it is the home of my parents.

I now expect some time during the next month to take a trip west, and should everything be favorable locate in Colorado.

CHARLES S. CHASE—48 Seitz Block, Detroit, Mich.

1. Since graduation, except a short vacation, I have been with Alfred Russell. He is attorney for the Wabash R. R. and one of the most influential lawyers in this part of the country.

2. My special line of reading has been directed toward real estate law.

3. Present surroundings look bright. Loaning money on real estate will be a special part of my business.

4. William E. Walsh is just as much an admirer of the national game as ever. He still thinks that the "Detroits" "Champion of the world" is the best aggregation of ball players in the country and is willing to back this assertion for fun, money or marbles.

5. I do not intend to take any part in the Presidential campaign.

(Mr. C. sent us a long personal letter, dated at Naples, Italy. Those matters of general interest only are given.)

I spent four weeks at home after graduation, making preparations for my journey. My reading was such as would aid me in my travels through Europe. August 3d sailed from New York, landing ten days later at Bremen, Germany. Since that time have been, with the exception of about two weeks, in Germany at various points. These two weeks were spent among the Swiss lakes in November last. Hanover was our first stopping place in Germany, where we learned German of the Germans. Thence to Berlin and Potsdam. Found Berlin a gay city, resembling our own as much as it is possible for a town in slow, easy Germany to do so. Of course I saw the Kaiser Wilhelm several times, but did not get on speaking terms with him exactly. Later we spent about two weeks on the Rhine and its surroundings, a week in Frankfort on Main, another in Heidelberg, some time in Strasburg and at the Rhine falls in Switzerland; Lakes Luzerne, Zurich and Constance, and finally "bringing up" at Munich, where we spent the winter. Left Munich in February for Italy, making stops at Verona, Pisa, &c., finally reached Naples day before yesterday (March 3d). Will go up Vesuvius tomorrow if I get an early start. (He does not expect to practice law. Will be absent until September. His address, while abroad is as above. After that catalogue address, Allegan, Mich.)

W. A. CLARK—Virginia City, Montana.

I spent my vacation looking after some private business matters, and the opening of the new year at the University found me once more under its shadow. I have been taking special work in the Literary Department during the year. The special subjects taken up were history and law. During the holiday vacation I took a brief trip south as far as Tennessee. Saw several '87 boys. During the early spring I was in the East, and shortly thereafter in the West and Northwest as far as Dakota. Will probably locate in that northern paradise. Will be at A. A., during the summer at least. My surroundings are agreeable and prospects reasonably bright.

As my oratorical accomplishments would not bring much remuneration on the stump, I shall expend my political energy in my vote this fall.

J. Q. CLINE—Huntington, Ind., Room 4 Citizen's Bank Building.

Nov. 1, '87 entered the law firm of Branyan, Spencer & Branyan as a student and studied there till May 1, '88, when I opened an office of my own.

2. No special line of study has been followed up to this time, except that be the code practice, which I have been trying to master.

3. I am deputy prosecutor for the county of Huntington and have plenty of work, and a good opportunity to learn in that line of cases. Have some civil business and fair prospects for the future.

Have not formed any partnership yet, but have a proposition under consideration.

5. Expect to make a few "Tariff for revenue only" speeches the coming campaign.
II. G. CLOUCK—Huntington, Suffolk Co., Long Island, N. Y.

J. F. CONNOR—Genesey, N. Y. (Le Roy, N.Y.)

Mr. Conner favored the compiler with a visit recently, but with no communication. He has been admitted in this State. When we saw him, he was on his way home from Michigan, where he had been on a business trip. We have no hesitation in saying he will not easily be out-ranked by any of ’87.

O. J. COOK—St. Paul, Minn, Rice Block.

After graduating Callaghan & Co. persuaded me to travel for them.

While in St. Paul in February I concluded to make it my future home and April 3d returned to sink to obscurity as a young practitioner. Owing to furious demonstrations of this rigorous climate my adamantine resolutions are almost shivered and this perhaps coupled with a roving disposition may work a dissolution of the above resolve.

The city is large, prosperous and certainly has a great future before her.

A few of our boys have been attracted here and we find many others whom fate has cast to this wintry clime, from previous classes. Since coming here, my study has been the perusal of statutes.

The business outlook is good, but it takes time to collect goodness.

My activity in the coming struggle will be inert.

I do not feel settled and many changes may occur in a year.

The suggestion of business benefits gathers force and momentum as you think on it, yet how great may become the result depends wholly on individual exertion.
The pamphlet should serve as a list of business addresses.

E. A. CORBIN—118 Adams Express Co’s Building, Chicago, Ill.

Am thinking of going to Duluth. Any communication addressed here will reach me. If I go to Duluth will notify you. Am doing well.


EDW. L. CURTIS—Bank Block, Boise City, Idaho Ter.

Yours of the 20th ult. came duly to hand, and would have been answered sooner had I not been kept busy looking after clients, or, perhaps I should say, looking for clients.

I think the plan you have adopted of publishing in pamphlet form letters from the different members of our class, an admirable one. There are a great many classmates in whom I felt and feel a deep and lasting interest, and whose triumphs in the arena of the forum I should be happy to applaud to the echo.

Often, when the din and excitement of the day are over, when the care and anxiety of trying to extract a fee from some unsophisticated litigant, or would-be litigant, have given way to the calm reflections of peaceful twilight, and the contentment of a full stomach, I find my mind drifting back to the scenes of my college days, and in the drift I float upon a flood of delightful recollection.

Nothing better could have been devised for placing the members of the class in communication, and affording all who desire an opportunity of reading from the pen of each what he is and has been doing during the past year, except, perhaps, a grand re-union, and there’s no use talking about that on the proceeds of our first year’s practice; at least I consider the dis-
tance too great for me to attempt to walk to Ann Arbor at this season of the year.

I fall in with your suggestions and will first give you a brief account of what I have done since graduation.

When the hurly-burly of commencement day had simmered down, I packed my hand-box, grabbed my bird cage and pony and started for Springfield, Illinois, where I had a pleasant time visiting friends. After several days spent in "sweet idleness," in that pleasant capital city, recuperating from the effects of final "exams," I turned my face towards the "land of the Dakotahs," reaching the city of Huron early in July.

I soon found employment in an attorney's office, where I remained more than three months, but the constant dread of being hit with the playful cyclone during the summer months, and the overwhelming presentiment that if I remained till "winters surly blasts" came along, I should be swept away by a sportive blizzard, made me feel that I had better bid "farewell, a long farewell," to that so called banana belt.

Suiting my actions to my feelings, I crammed my extensive wardrobe into as small a space as possible, so as to avoid paying extra for baggage, and cast an "auspicious eye" towards the golden occident.

On my way out I did not get an opportunity of seeing any of the boys, although I passed through Omaha, stopped over night in Denver, and spent two or three days in the "City of the Saints."

I reached home the 1st day of last November, and here I again rested (I have a marvelous capacity for rest) till remorseless time had blotted out a month upon the calendar of eternity.

When old Time had furnished this blotting op-
eration, I began to cogitate upon some plan for obtaining winter's grub.

Dame Fortune smiled upon me, and I formed a partnership with an old friend, an estimable gentleman and excellent attorney.

Suffice it to say that we soon swung to the breeze a shingle whereon you will find inscribed in letters of gold the names of Moody and Curtis, attorneys at law, and that same shingle still swings. Thus far we have not had very many large corporation cases, nor have opulent mining Companies endeavored to curry favor with us by filling our coffers with fat retainers. We can say, however, that we retain nearly everything coming our way, but the retainers are always small.

Your second suggestion as to what special line of reading or study has been followed, can be answered in a few words. I have devoted myself, so far as law is concerned, to our Revised Statutes, but have not given the volume that attention which it demands. I am at present annotating it for my own use and benefit. It struck me this would be a better course to pursue than to read such exciting works as "Coke on Littleton" and "Ferne on Remainders."

In noticing your third suggestion as to present surroundings and prospects, I may truthfully say that my surroundings are all that could be desired in the way of plenty to eat, a good bed, indulgent creditors, beautiful scenery, and an exhilarating air redolent of the perfume from numerous gardens and resonant with the song of birds and mosquitoes.

This is one of the prettiest little towns in the great northwest, a veritable "Sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain," and almost as dull as the "Deserted Village." The climate, I say, is charming; perennial sunshine with just enough change from season to season to keep one healthy and broke.
As to prospects, they fluctuate according to the condition of my liver. If this organ of my anatomy is doing its duty I see the radiant bow of ample success bending just above me, but when it gets torpid, and fails to act, I see the future painted on a bilious background.

Ah! my dear boy, you also want me to give a few personal items concerning myself. I see at a glance the drift of this suggestion, but I shall not attempt to evade it. No! no! no! Cupid has not punctured my heart with any darts, and I am afraid he never will. Once in a while I think I see, or rather feel, a taffy laden arrow from his bow coming towards me, but it always misses me and hits some other fellow, and it has been “ever thus from childhood’s hour.” My first and only love was my class, and as time with noiseless foot steals apace, I find my attachment growing stronger and stronger, it may be because I am doomed to hideous bachelorshood.

In your fifth and last suggestion you would like to know if I intend to take any active part in the Presidential Campaign. Bless you, old fellow! the residents of territories have no vote for the Chief Magistrate of the nation. We are simply wards of the government one degree lower than the Indian, because we are taxed without representation and have to buy our own blankets, provisions and shelter. The Indians have all these furnished them. I say we are taxed without representation. It is true, we have a delegate in Congress, but he is allowed no vote. He is permitted the privilege of the floor, and can stand around and look pleasant, making people in the galleries believe he is somebody with influence, the same as members of the press, and other privileged characters. It virtually amount to no representation, as his desires and wishes
in respect to matters in his own territory are seldom needed.

Our condition is something like that of an apprentice after statute 5 Elizabeth, except we are bound without our consent, and an apprentice could not be.

No, Burd, I shall not have a chance to vote for President and Vice-President, but were I living where you are I should put one solid Republican ballot in the box for the "Plumed Knight," in the event of his nomination.

(Mr. C's letter is the only long one published nearly in full. It is inserted thus not only by reason of its own merits, but because the extra expense of insertion has been fully met.)

W. W. DAVIS—304 & 305 Nelson Block, Kansas City, Mo.

I am pleasantly located with an old friend who has been practicing in the city for the past 7 years, and has a large practice. He was kind enough to tender me a partnership without solicitation on my part. Modesty prevents me saying more than that my prospects are favorable.

W. D. DAVIS—7 & 8 Sharp's Block, Kokomo, Ind.

Glad to here of class organization. The above has been my address for the past 26 years, my birth place, and from what I know now, it will be my home for 26 years to come. I am in an office with one of our ex-Judges, and doing nicely. (He is practicing for himself.)

W. P. DENNY—Fort Wayne, Ind.

I am with I. E. Ellison, for the present, but expect soon to hang out my card. I was admitted to the U. S. Court here on examination last December. I suppose you have not forgotten that our class were all
politicians, and I hope their voices will all be heard for Cleveland and Vorhees in the coming campaign. I have not heard from any of the boys since I left A. A.

MR. and MRS. H. DOUGLAS—171 Peachtree St.,
Atlanta, Ga.
First of course my wife. She is keeping house. Nov. 11 last our boy was born—Donald Douglas. My partner (not my wife this time,) is one of the oldest young men at the Atlanta bar, having practiced here 9 years. I have been in great luck, going ahead of my most sanguine expectations. The future looks bright. We are solidly Democratic, and propose to stay so. I expect to go to the convention in St. Louis in June.

FRANK E. DUNCAN—Armour, Dak.
Until the 12th of November last, I was in the office of A. J. Edgerton, ex-Chief Justice of Dakota. Since then have been practicing for myself in this place. The town has 600 inhabitants, and is 14 months old.

GEORGE DYSART.—Heard he was in Omaha.

ALBERT D. ELLIOT—Salt Lake City, Utah Ter., 212 South Main St., P. O. Box 679.
I first came here in January and bought a small piece of property on one of the business streets. A short time afterwards it advanced in value about eight thousand dollars. That settled the matter of location and I came to Salt Lake City. Was successful in getting with a good man. I am practicing independently, but am sharing office with Judge McBride. In reply to your request for any personal items, it perhaps may be news to some of the class to know that your humble servant had the pleasure to present to the Regents of the University of Michigan an almost
life-size oil portrait of Judge Cooley, to be hung in the Law Department. It was presented about the middle of last July. Since that time portraits of Judge Campbell, and Prof. Kent have been promised by others of the Alumni. As an ’87 man I am proud of being the first to originate the movement. I have a little boy who was born last November, and if he lives I expect to send him to Ann Arbor Law School some day. Should any member of the class wish to know anything concerning this section of the country, I shall be glad to give them any information in my power. There are ten graduates of the Law School of Michigan in Salt Lake City. Some of them rank first at the bar. Three or four ’87 men are coming here to locate. Ann Arbor Law School has a fine reputation in this western country. In conclusion I might say that I have been appointed a member of the “Executive Committee of the Law Alumni of the University.”


In partnership with Lungershausen.

J. A. FAIRCHILD—San Diego, Cal., Room 1 Marston Block.

I have but lately started here, and so have not been troubled with clients. (Nothing has been heard from Mr. F. since February.)

L. M. FALL—Hutchinson, Kan.

I came here in October last. Looked around some over the State, and finally formed a partnership with a young man late from Kentucky. Our business has not crowded us at all, but we have been doing something. The town is full of lawyers. The town has a population of 12,000, with chance of doubling in a year or two. I am not carried away with Kansas.

J. E. GLADDING—Rock Creek, Ashtabula Co., Ohio.

Mr. Gladding has been heard from repeatedly in a business way, but has furnished nothing for publication. He has not actively engaged in law practice, but is managing a business venture which he claims nets more cash, if not as much glory, as the rest are receiving. His temperance views remain unchanged, and we can safely say his whistle will be heard in the prohibition camp this fall.


Entertained a jury recently 14 hours. Says he is doing better than any of the "youngbloods" there.

O. A. CROSS—Kalamazoo, Mich., 111 South Rose St.

Mr. G. wrote a very kindly letter to the compiler, but there is nothing to insert here as to his surroundings and prospects. He is the attorney, however, in the law firm of Howard & Roos, and it would seem is doing nicely.

LOUIS E. GOSSMAN—Ann Arbor, Mich., Literary Department of the University.

After spending the summer vacation at my home in Iowa I returned to Ann Arbor again in the fall to take a course in the Literary Department. I entered on the B. L. course and expect to finish before beginning my practice.

Since I have been here this school year I have been favored by visits from several of our class, among whom were Mr. Brown of Flint, Mich., and Mr. Moriarty of Ypsilanti. We spent several hours together talking over old times and old jokes.

I shall most likely be here in A. A. during the coming campaign, consequently the part I take will be
necessarily limited. However my voice, and if I were home my vote, would be for Cleveland, or any other good man the Democratic party sees fit to place before the people.

W. E. GROSS—Leavenworth, Kan, cor. 3d and Delaware Sts. Died May 87, see letter of W. E. Van Fuy.

W. E. GUY—San Diego, Cal. Rooms 5 and 6 M. E. Church Block.

After leaving the University, I returned to my former home, at Oberlin, Kansas. After spending about six weeks vacation at home, I hid myself away to the Golden State, to basque in the sunlight of this favored clime.

I arrived here September 1st., and after speculating in "dirt," for a short time, I formed a partnership with Mr. J. G. Arthur, a graduate of the Law Department of Iowa State University. We secured a suite of offices in the new M. E. Church Block, and opened up with a smile, and are smiling still, for business has been beyond our most sanguine expectations.

We were aware that the Superior Judge would be glad to see us, so we called upon him. Our first case being one to quiet title to real estate, and the second to quiet a family row, by taking a retainer, of course, and filing a complaint for divorce. On the whole, we are getting along admirably.

Most of my law reading has been upon the Codes, Evidence and Pleadings. Have been studying Spanish after office hours.

Mr. J. A. Fairchild is practicing here and doing nicely. I am teaching a class in Sunday school; singing in the choir of the First Baptist Church; President of the Society of Christian Endeavor; superintendent the Chollas Mission Sunday school; Secretary of
the San Diego Building, Loan and Life Association; and Secretary of San Diego County Republican Club. Quite a number of the most prominent Republicans here desire me to announce myself as a candidate for District Attorney this fall. But have not yet decided to do so. I expect to make a few tariff speeches during the coming campaign.

B. T. HAINER—Larned, Kas.

I came to this State last July and located at this place. November 1st I took in a young attorney as partner, formerly from Cleveland, O. I have done much better than I anticipated. Have now several good cases on foot, one against an Ins. Co. for damages stated at $9200, which has been transferred to the U. S. C. Ct. Am well pleased with my location and in particular with the State. I have by the way the honor of holding the position of City Judge.

G. E. HALDERMAN—Roann, Ind.

The first thing I did after the ordeal at the 'Versity last June was through with, was to go to the lakes of North Indiana for a month's camping out. Then came the hunt for a location or situation. After being admitted to the bar, I tried in various towns in this section of the State to find an attorney that desired a partner, a clerk, or an assistant. But without avail. Then (I am ashamed to confess it) I became discouraged, quit thinking of anything pertaining to the law with anything akin to pleasure, and worked in a printing office most of the winter. Finally, I gave that up, decided upon going west to locate, when my father becoming ill, I gave that scheme up and opened an office in Roann. I have been “open to the public” something like two weeks. The prospects for a good business here are flattering, and if any of the
boys get through this part of the State, look me up without fail.

Am not married yet; but like Stewart, Lungerhausen, May, et al. (shall I say it?) I'd like to be.

I am not in politics this fall, unless the Republicans in Chicago in June nominate Ben Harrison for President. In that event, distinctly understand me to say, I am, and shall do some work.

J. P. HALL—Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Hall has sent us much valuable information concerning the class, and also some interesting personal items, but requests that nothing be published.

J. G. HAYS—Pittsburgh, Pa.

Residence at Swissvale, Alleghany Co., Pa. Is engaged in practice, and has been married to an A. A. young lady.

FRANK HENDERSON—Owosso, Mich.

Was engaged in practice at above place. Says he is married. Have lately heard of him in Denver, Col., travelling in the interests of an insurance company.

C. J. HINDS—Shakopee, Min.


Opened an office here on my return from A. A. It will take some time before I find much to do except read.


I am associated with the firm of Woolson and Babb; not honored with the dignity of a partnership, but not without hope of one in the no distant future. If satisfactory arrangements are not made to that end, I will go to some large city. I am a member of the Iowa bar.
When I left Ann Arbor in July '87 I went directly to Clinton, Iowa, and entered the law office of Andrew Howat, at that time prosecuting attorney, or what is called County Attorney in Iowa. The position in his office gave me considerable experience in the trial of cases. I remained with Mr. Howat until about March 1st last, when he was appointed Judge of the Seventh Judicial District. Through the influence of friends I then secured a position in the office of John M. Gastsaid, Esq., on Washington St. Chicago, but after I had been there six weeks, I arrived at the conclusion that a young man has a hard row to hoe in a great city like Chicago, and then determined to go to a smaller town and hang out my shingle. I finally concluded to anchor at Sioux City, Iowa. It is impossible to say now what my prospects are, as I have only been here a few days, and have not advertised myself at all yet. I am ready for business, though, and if any of my class-mates should ever have occasion to send business to Sioux City, a letter addressed to first National Bank Building will reach me.

In my travels I ran across a number of U. of M. men all loyal adherents to the yellow and the blue. Tom. Healy of '86 is enjoying a large and lucrative practice at Ft. Dodge, Iowa. He is in partnership with his brother, a member of the class of '85 under the firm name of "Healy and Healy." E. W. Whipple, '87 has an office at the corner of 13th and Farnam Sts., Omaha, and has tried (as he says) as many as 150 cases since coming to Omaha a few months ago. Frank Weaver of our class is also doing well at Omaha and is located in the Chamber of Commerce Building. Hamilton, President of '86, and Hoender of '86, and Lee of our class are also there, but I did not see them. I
can not tell yet whether I will take an active part in the Presidential campaign as I have not met any of our prominent politicians yet.

As far as my reading is concerned I cannot say that I have followed any special line. My time has been mostly spent on commercial and corporation law.

WILLIAM J. INMAN—Not heard from.

KATUTARO ITAYA—Not heard from.

E. J. JEFFIES—20 and 20½ McGraw Building, Detroit.

Since I left the law department, I have been practicing in Detroit. Have formed a nominal partnership with a Mr. W. R. Montgomery, an old practitioner. Have not pursued any particular branch but have taken all that came. My present prospects are very fair indeed.

Jas. D. May and myself have had the distinguished honor, if it can be so called, of defending and getting the discharge of a man accused of murder, Henry Ganer, and that is the only case of prominence except I am associated with Mr. Henry M. Cheever in a prominent nuisance case against the Detroit White Lead works.

Of course you are aware of my politics. I am a United Labor Party man, or a "single tax crank." But if the U. L. P. do not put up a Candidate, then I will support Cleveland on his message, and against the tariff.

O, yes, I was a candidate on the United Labor Party ticket last fall for Police Justice of the City of Detroit, office $3,000 yearly, four years, received 1600 votes.

FRED. W. JOB—Rooms 40 to 43 Borden Block, 99 Randolph St., Chicago.

1. Seven hours after leaving Ann Arbor I was in
my present law office "practicing law" (?) Been here ever since. Had no vacation at all. January 1st formed present partnership and expect to stick to the town as long as there's a pound of me to stick, unless some bonanza should turn up.

2. Been studying Illinois practice and general subjects, especially commercial and corporation law.


4. Nothing to say.

5. No, not by a large majority. Shall be content to vote for the next President, Grover Cleveland.

A. R. JOHNSON—Center St., bet. 3d and 4th, Ironton, Ohio.

As to the suggestions you offer I have to say that I have worked incessantly since my arrival from old Ann Arbor. I have tried both civil and criminal cases in all courts and under all circumstances and I have not found time to do any special reading. I have found that a careful and thorough study of your cases and evidence takes all the time. As to my surroundings, I have no reason to complain, they are far better than I anticipated, and I consider them good.

As you are aware I filled out the unexpired term of Prosecuting Attorney of our County and have had some real close and interesting civil cases, and I received one $500 fee in a dowage case, the proceedings of which I sent you as it was published in our papers at the time.

Politically our community is for Jas. G. Blaine, and if he is nominated every boy in our land is in the campaign, including your humble servant.

Nothing would please me better than to get a pamphlet containing a full confession of the members of '87.
THOMAS D. KEARNEY—Ann Arbor, Mich.
Has been in C. R. Whitman's office, and reports that he "cannot complain of his success."

A. M. KEEN—Fort Scott, Kas.
In partnership with D. F. Campbell. No report lately.

I am at home yet, and will be for some time to come.

WILLIAM H. KING—Fillmore City, Utah, Ter.
Returned to Millard Co., Utah Ter., immediately after graduation, spent first month after arrival in local political campaign, and in advocacy of the adoption of a "State Constitution." Until December 1887, was engaged in private business, and performed the duties of assessor and collector of taxes in and for Millard Co. In August was elected to represent two counties in the Territorial Legislature. After the close of the legislative session in March, 1888, I was engaged in the District Court for one month. I am now attending to the duties pertaining to the land office of assessor and collector, of taxes.
Within three months I shall move to Salt Lake City, and devote myself exclusively to the legal profession.
My time has been so much employed with matters outside of purely legal questions, that I have done but little reading.
My political position is found in the Democratic ranks. I recently participated in a convention (territorial) called for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Democratic Convention, but in the territories we have no voice in the election of U. S. Presidents. I favor the election of Grover Cleveland, and his position on the tariff question.
CHAS. W. KUHNE—19 Court St. Fort Wayne, Ind.

Have rooms with my father at "The Abstract office."
(No report lately.)

C. C. LEE—Omaha, Neb.

JAS. L. LOAR—Cropsy, Ill.

On leaving A. A. I took a two weeks' trip westward. Saw some '87 men in my journey. On my return went in an office in Springfield and remained a short time and then took charge of a school, at a very tempting offer for a young lawyer. Will soon engage in practice for myself probably in this State. (Mr. L. has delivered several addresses, one of which, a very creditable effort, was published in full, and the writer favored with a copy.)

CHAS. A. LOOMIS—Chillicothe, Mo.

I am practicing in the above place. I do not expect to stay here permanently, but will remain here two years, and then remove to St. Joseph, Mo. Business is good.

U. LORANGER—Cor. 6th and Adams Sts., Bay City, Mich.

Your efforts to continue the class organization deserve all praise.

1. Since graduation I have become associated with Hon. A. McDonell, one of the best attorneys in this part of the State; and thus have been thrown into the busy whirl of active practice.

2. Works in practice, statutes of our State, and the case law as the necessities of practice required.


4. Mrs. Whiting distinguished (?) herself at A. A. lately, will send paper containing account of it. As for self, am getting fleshy and baldheaded.
5. Am a Republican to the extent of 5 ft 5¼ in. but business before politics will be my motto this fall.

A. C. LOVELAND—Moosca, Cal. (Cat. address safest.)

I have not concerned myself as yet about law practice. I am now on a farm of my own of 160 acres in San Diego, Co., Cal, where hundreds of other “tenderfoots” are steering. I have a splendid ranch all cultivated; after harvest I shall hie me away to the City of San Diego, and concern myself more about law. The first case offered me was in regard to a “jumped claim.” Didn’t take it because I was not admitted. My would-be client after won his case in justice court, but in executing the judgment, three men and one woman were killed, also one officer, and two others injured.

A. H. LOWMAN—Elmira, N. Y.

Expresses his gratification “that sometime at least the members of ’87 will have a more accurate register than the University Calendar.” Is with a law firm in the above place.


In partnership with Erskine.

C. R. MAINS—Homer, Mich.

I have a good law practice established here.

GEORGE C. MANLY—Rooms 2 and 4 Moffat & Kasser Block, 1529 Lawrence St., Denver, Col.

Spent the summer in visiting in Michigan, Ohio, and at Chautauqua. Came to Denver in August and started in to practice alone. Keep office with Hon. L. B. France, who is a highly respected lawyer and reporter of the Supreme Court, also author of “Mountain Trails and Parks in Colorado,” and other works. Have followed no special line of legal study except to
brighten up on Evidence, Pleading and our Statutes. Still continue my post-graduate work in political economy, and United States constitutional law. Most of the actual litigation in which I have engaged has been over real estate; have done considerable probate business and had some criminal practice. Have speculated in real estate considerable. Am also placing a good many loans for friends and clients and expect to organize a loan company to guarantee loan of eastern capitalists who want to get a larger interest than they can in the East. Would be glad to correspond with any member of the class interested in the loan business. The profession is crowded here. I have done fairly well and have good prospects on account of my former residence here. See Ann Arbor acquaintances occasionally, always glad of the chance.

Have done a little in politics. Expect to go to the Chicago convention (as a spectator) and if the Republicans nominate a good man (non-"magnetic") will be glad to take an active part in the campaign. Quite probably will attend commencement. Am still single and have no matrimonial prospects. Glad to hear from any of the class.

A. E. MATTICE—Spring Arbor, Mich.

I expect soon to go into business at Jackson, Mich. (Law business, we suppose.)

JAS. D. MAY—Room 24 Moffat Block, Detroit, Mich.

I came directly to Detroit, entered the law office of Walker & Walker. I remained with this firm about two months, when I was admitted to the bar, and immediately swung my shingle to the "unsuspecting breezes." They were violent at first, but they soon became calm, however, when satisfied that the sign was
there to stay. I have been practicing about six months and I am perfectly satisfied with the results.

I have been reading a little English and American history. Aside from that my reading has been general. I have been reviewing Kent and Blackstone some. I realize as true Prof. Griffins' remarks, that we would not study much, save when our cases drove us to it.

You know, Burd, that I was always a Democrat and as for our taking any active part in the Presidential campaign, that will not be necessary; it's a clear walk away for us.

REBECCA MAY—Topeka, Kas.

WM. C. McELDOWNEY—Pittsburgh, Pa.

Was until recently with a law firm in this city.

W. W. McNAIR—Fort Bragg, Cal., Mendicino Co.

I was very glad to hear that the organization act was being carried out. I can imagine the amount of labor it takes. Have heard from but few of the boys, and am anxious to see the list. I came to California from Kansas last September and have seen most of the State, and seen it thoroughly. Could tell you a good deal that would take too long to write.

C. W. MILLER—Rooms 12 and 13 Mulkey Building, Portland, Oregon.

1. Have settled in Portland, Oregon, and settled to stay. Propose to do business at headquarters or not at all. Have a good office and a neat library. Am up to my eyes and over in business. Single yet, but happy as a clam.

2. Propose to make a specialty of the law of "Real Property," but do not reject cases of any kind. Have
chosen this line because I like it and the remuneration (which is the principal thing) is good.

3. Present surroundings good, prospects for the future bright as the noon day sun. All young attorneys of the West have but to be energetic and "hold on" to be successful.

Finally would be pleased to hear from any and all members of the law class of '87, either socially or on business. And if you ever visit the great Northwest, don't fail to give me a call and grasp of the hand.

ELMER E. MILLER—Neah Bay, W. T.

After graduating I entered a law office at Charlotte, Michigan, where I remained until October, when I came to Washington Territory, having previously made arrangements with one of the leading law firms in Seattle, but not being satisfied with my position, resigned to accept a situation on an Indian Reservation, and am at present engaged in teaching the Indian idea "how to shoot."

While in Charlotte, was engaged in office work and had some valuable experience in court practice, but since then have not had much office work or practice, having been employed at Seattle as stenographer.

Since coming to this territory my reading has been almost entirely limited to the law relative to real estate, and am thinking of making that a specialty with the expectations of opening an office during the present year in some enterprising city of this Territory.

In regard to the Presidential campaign, I do not expect to take an active part, unless Congress should, between this and election time, by some miracle, be convinced that the people of this Territory are not non compos mentis.
W. H. MOHRMANN.

Have heard he was in Chicago. No communication received.


I experienced much difficulty in finding a desirable place to locate. I am at last located in a place where I am contented with my present law practice and future prospects.

After living for a certain length of time in the cities of Adrian, Cadillac and Manistee without meeting with any marked degree of success, I finally settled in the city of Ypsilanti, Mich., where I formed a partnership with Hon. Edward P. Allen, M. of C. My present surroundings are pleasant and prospects for the future promising.

My present practice affords me more than a comfortable living, and the future seems to bear for me a cheerful aspect.

TADAO NAKAMURA—51 Hikawa Mochi, Akasaka Ku, Tokio, Japan.

Could not get a letter to him in time to receive a response. Have heard he is teaching law in some institution there.

DURBIN NEWTON—80 Griswold St., Detroit, Mich.

I have to say that your efforts in this matter deserve something better than cold water and they will get none from me. On the contrary my strongest words of commendation and encouragement are yours.

At the close of our lectures in June, I entered upon the duties of collector, book-keeper and clerk for the firm of Conely, Maybury, & Lucking, lawyers of this City, and still continue in that position, having made a living, but accumulated no money. The Justice's Courts in our city are arranged in system, under special
laws, similar in many respects to courts of record, and some valuable experience in the work of those courts has been gained. My first case was to defend a boy who was trying to avoid paying a livery bill. I was badly beaten and the fellow ran away, and forgot to pay me any fees. This was rather disheartening, but success crowned my subsequent efforts. My prospects I would consider of the brightest, did not the same dyspeptic condition of health continue that was my constant hindrance during college days, an entire change of life may be necessitated in the near future.

E. C. NORDYKE—Eddyville, Ia.

After graduation, I remained for a season in Michigan. Having contracted a chronic case of southern fever, I then went to Birmingham, Ala., and donated for a period of six weeks to the people of that benighted city the blessings of a northern spirit. Saw the President and his wife at Montgomery. While I regard the South as a great country, yet I left it in October last for Iowa. Have not engaged in active law practice since I left A. A., but will as soon as things shape themselves favorably. Have taught school since I came here.

F. J. O'BRIEN—Cor. 1st and Joliet Streets.
Office hours, 8–12 A. M.; 1–6, 7.30–9 P. M.

E. E. OTIS—Akron, Ohio.

For thirty days after commencement I sought the country and then on the first of August went into partnership with my brother, E. P. Otis, who had located here some few years previous, and here I expect to fight it out. In the line of study I have paid some attention to practice, reading Reed's Practical Suggestions, and also paying some attention to Swan's Treatise as the Justice of the Peace in his wisdom quite often decides...
the matters of controversy in which I am engaged. I have also put some time upon evidence. I am fairly well satisfied with the prospect before me and have been fully as successful as I had anticipated. Will probably say a word for John Sherman this fall, but would be just as enthusiastic for some other candidate.

J. B. OWENS—Pittsburgh, Pa.


My "shingle" swings here. Have worked up something of a practice in law, also done something in real estate. Prospects good.


Was in office of Prof. Griffen for a few weeks, but at this writing is sick at Pontiac.


Is practicing alone and doing well. Was married last fall.

E. F. PETTIS—Lincoln, Neb. 145 S. 11th St.

Prospects excellent. With a firm.

J. E. PICKARD—Fort Plains, Montgomery Co., N. Y.

No one can wish for a more perfect or permanent class organization than I. You can reach me at any time at the above address. (Not heard from since Feb'y.)


Practicing alone. Began shortly after leaving A. A.

FRANK A. RASCH—2 Eagle Block, Detroit.

Graduated from the German American Seminary June 1881. Graduated from the Detroit Business Col-

L. O. RASCH—Evansville, Randolph Co., Ill. 412 Upper Third Street. In partnership.

CHARLES REED—203 Main Street, Dallas, Texas.

Spent summer vacation in Ann Arbor. Arrived in Dallas, Texas, Oct. 20, 1887, and, after spending three months in the law office of W. L. Williams, formed on Feb. 1st, partnership with R. C. Porter. My law studies have been confined entirely to the statutes, forms of pleading and reports of Texas. Surroundings very pleasant and congenial. Prospects, excellent. Hit the nail square on the head when I located here. Do not expect to take active part in presidential campaign. Shall be pleased to hear from any of my class-mates either in social or business correspondence.

J. E. RICKETTS—Hulman Building, Charlestown, Ill.

Was in partnership here. Schofield says he is in Minneapolis, Min.

C. P. ROBERTS—Sharon, Pa.

Since graduating in '87 I have been in the law office of Tanner & Shilling doing office work and complying with the requirements of the law in Mercer
County, Pa., subject to candidate for admission to the bar in said county.

My course of reading has been the law of Pennsylvania, and particularly the laws of corporation.

My present surroundings are agreeable and my prospects favorable. Personal items none. I do not expect to take any part in the Presidential campaign this year.

A. ROSENBERGER—Thornton, Ill.

Letter was purely personal, containing nothing of general interest. Expects to remain at above address. Did not indicate whether in practice or not.


G. W. SAULSBURY—Morehead, Ky.

Is engaged in business alone.

J. N. SAUNDERS—Springfield, Ky.

In response to your circular I will say, I came directly home after leaving the University last July, rented an office and hung out my shingle as an attorney and counselor at law. Since that time my experience has been that common to most young lawyers. The long season of waiting has tried our patience and then been relieved for weeks by a single consultation which lasted but a few minutes and brought with it but small compensation.

On the whole I have done very well for a beginner. I have attended the Magistrate’s Courts, and in them had some business and rare experience. I have been fortunate enough to see my name both on the equity and common law docket in the Circuit Court. As yet I have nothing to brag about but I have paid expenses and have every reason to believe that with reasonable
diligence and application on my part I am in a position to secure a very good practice. My study has been directed mainly to pleading and practice, and then to various subjects in the law books that I felt I needed to study up; and the truth about the business is that I have found so many such subjects that it was difficult to decide just where to begin. I have also been pursuing a course of study in English history. I keep up with the outside world, and the run of politics by a daily perusal of the Louisville Courier Journal which is regarded down here in Kentucky as the next thing to Holy Writ. As to the Presidential campaign, I can eat and sleep with the full assurance that everything will go right, and that Cleveland will umpire the game another season. The only assistance I shall render will be to stand up and be counted on the right side."

I am located very pleasantly in the town in which I was born and raised. Our town is a good business point and very accessible: and both at my office and at my home, the latch and string hangs upon the outside within the reach of any man who stood with me before Rogers in Indermaur or knocked Jerry out in Gould.

J. V. SHEEHAN—Ann Arbor, Mich.

The week before your circular came we were "fired out" of our old premises and it has kept me hustling since figuring with the insurance companies and selling fire books. The most painful loss to me was the burning of all my class pictures, not to mention my girls. I shall thank any of the boys to forward me duplicates and I shall gladly reciprocate the civility.

I had about decided when Rosco Conkling died to locate in New York, but the fire interfered with
my plans and prevented me for the time being of dividing the honors between myself, Chauncey, old boy, and Billy Evans of maintaining the standing of the New York bar.

For the present year I will content myself with building two new stores on the site of the old one and by Oct. 1st, occupy one of them which thereafter will be known as the largest and best book store in Michigan. In the sweet bye and bye, I will locate in Chicago and there starve to death while fame awaits me.

I must tell you about my only case. In March last the circuit court appointed me to defend a "Coon" charged with larceny from a store in the day time. I asked Kearney to come in just to help stiffen my spinal column. The coon stole a hat from the "Two Sams" and was arrested next day on the street with the hat on his head. The prosecution proved all that and rested. I then opened the case for the defense, previously, however, I think Kearney had the "jury fixed." We attempted to show that the defendant was drunk but that wouldn't work. Our next tack was to show that the defendant took it by mistake and at the time of his arrest was on his way to the store to correct the error. We knocked out the prosecution on several points relating to the admission of testimony. The boys crowded the court house and manifested their sympathy with us in unmistakable signs of approval. Kearney and I labored a half hour each in raising a "reasonable doubt" in the minds of the jury as to the guilt of the defendant. The prosecuting attorney was less winded. The jury retired and after being out five minutes returned a verdict of aquittal. The court laid back and laughed. The boys set up a deafening roar. The sheriff rapped for order and Mary Whiting ran over to congratulate the erstwhile embarrassed but happy attorneys. The State lost a convict but made
a reputation for two aspiring attorneys, on the strength of which we propose to nominate Kearney on the Cleveland ticket this fall for prosecuting attorney and the democrats will do the rest.

**Note.**—The papers have not heard of Mr. S's case, as the following item from the "Evening News" of Detroit shows: John V. Sheehan, proprietor of a fine book store on State Street, studied law and graduated from the law department in 1887; never had a client and doesn't want any; knows more solid law than most of the professors; had a hard time to make them think so, but finally succeeded; had made the wrongs of Ireland a study, and thinks of going there to stand as a candidate for Parliament; knows Parnell and all the leaders, and has great influence with them; is the society bachelor most sought after here; has so many engagements that he hardly has time to attend to business; ladies all like him, and he likes all the ladies; probably will be the first bachelor to go this year, although fancy free at present.

T. D. SHEEHAN—33 Gilfillan Block, St. Paul, Minn.
Is engaged in practice alone.

F. G. SHUMWAY—Chatsfield, Minn.

S. I. SLADE—21 McGraw Building, Detroit.
I opened for myself the 1st of October and did very well for the three months I continued so. But on the first of January I received a very flattering offer to change quarters, and I am now back in the office I was in when I first wrote you.
I attend to all the Justice Court cases, prepare the pleadings and assist Mr. R. in the circuit for which I receive a very good salary. Then I have my own office and have plenty of time to attend to all my own private business.
I find it much more satisfactory to have a nice little plum coming in every month than be compelled to part with one for office expenses.
C. M. SMITH—Wyandotte, Kas., 440 Minn. Ave.
Was in partnership with B. S. Smith. Expected to move to southern Kansas shortly, or Wichita, Kan.

H. I. SMITH—Fort Wayne, Ind.
After leaving my alma mater entered the law office of the Hon. R. Lowry, ex-M. C. of this place. Was admitted on examination, September last, to practice law in the courts of Indiana; taught school; participated in several law cases and did other legal work; have paid attention to pleading and practice but more especially to practice, and expect to do what I can for Cleveland, Civil Service Reform, and Democracy.

W. J. SMITH—Minneapolis, Minn. No report.

1. Immediately after graduation, I went into partnership, according to previous arrangement, with Wm. Alden Smith, attorney for the D. L. N. and G. R. L & D. R. R. Cos. at this point. During all the summer I was kept busy assisting in buying rights of way through this country, examining titles and condemning lands. The railroad work is quite a bonanza for me. We have a good general practice besides. In October last I tried and won my first jury case in a court of record. The other side took it to the Supreme Court, where I argued it in March. Judgment affirmed. Have taken part in a number of trials and arguments and have been more successful in every way than I hoped to be for some time to come.

2. Have had no time to follow any particular line of study. All my study has been directed to the points of law involved in our cases.

3. Nothing particularly interesting about "present surroundings," but "prospects" are certainly interest-
ing to me, and may be to the boys,—who will remem-

ber the persecution and torment I endured on the

subject of getting married. 'Tis a painful recollection.

Well, I'm not married yet, but I'm going to be about

next September. Am building a house now. Noth-
ing like getting a coop before you buy your chickens.

I may add, that my "shall be" is not the widow with

five children nor even an Ann Arbor girl, but a Grand

Rapids girl,—the best girl in the best town in the best

State, &c. The boys will all admit that I have "pro-
spects" enough. (We think Halderman will chal-

lenge these claims.)

4. Vim Swarthout and W. F. McKnight are located

here. Vim was, I think the first of our class to be

married—in August 1887. He is doing well and has

located here permanently. Inman, who seems to be

lost, was here last fall looking for a position, but found

no vacancy.

5. Expect to work and vote for the next Republican
candidate for President and hope he will be Russell

A. Alger.

J. M. STEWART—82 West Third St., Cincinnati, O.

After graduation I formed a partnership with my

father under the firm name of Stewart & Stewart,

Louisa, Ky. My practice during the summer was all

that could be desired for a beginner. I had several

cases entrusted to my care before justices of the peace

and in the county and circuit courts, besides briefing

some cases for the Court of Appeals. I also had

charge of a trust estate, being the assignee of a mer-

chant in our town. Of course it was the source of a

right nice income to me.

About the middle of last November the partnership

of Stewart & Stewart was dissolved and I came to the
city of Cincinnati, entering the office of King, Thompson, Richards & Thompson, 82 West Third Street, where I have been ever since. My success here has not been phenomenal, but quite satisfactory to me, having had already entrusted to my care cases aggregating in the amount involved over three thousand dollars, with fees from such a low figure that it is not worth mentioning to one of one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

I have followed no special line of study, devoting most of my time to studying up the questions involved in the cases in which I have been interested, together with the code and statutes.

My present surroundings and prospects are fair. I have no occasion to complain. I have now in the Common Pleas Court of this county a case involving nearly seven hundred dollars, in which I appear for the plaintiff and out of which I will realize quite a handsome fee, especially if I am successful.

Politics have no fascination for me and I will not enter into an active campaign this fall. But if I thought I could be of any service to my party, the party which has been in existence since the foundation of the government, which has lived to see an innumerable number of local parties spring up and die like mushrooms, and which has done more for the good of the country than all the other parties combined, and if I thought what little I could contribute would be necessary to insure success this fall to that party, not even an extensive law practice, if I had it, would keep me from serving my country in that manner.
C. M. STRICKLER—Clearport, Fairfield Co., O.

I have not as yet hung out my shingle, as the above heading would seem to imply, having found it no easy matter to please myself with respect to a location, as well as difficult to tear myself away from a pleasant rural home. But, while I have not formally thrown down the gauntlet to the world, I have not been entirely without success in practice. Since my return from Ann Arbor I have had two cases of considerable importance in the Common Pleas Court, besides business of a minor nature in the Probate and Justice’s Courts.

(Mr. S. gives a long and very interesting account of these cases, which we wish there was room to insert; afterward he wrote us of three more important cases which have come to him. Some of these it seems created no small amount of local feeling in his town.)

Financially speaking, I must confess that I have not, as yet, become a greedy monopolist, a bloated bondholder, nor a “trust,” though I am always in search of the latter with variable success. My callings from the law since leaving the University size up exactly to the tune of $115.00. This isn’t much, but it is consoling when I think that Lord Eldon’s earnings in his first year at the bar amounted to the magnificent sum of half a guinea, ($2.50,) received in the last month of the year.

Do I expect to take part in the Presidential campaign? Yes, I expect to take the stump for Gen. Clinton B. Fisk and Prohibition. Fall, Bacon, Gladding and others, I hope to meet you there.

L. B. SULLIVAN—Peru, Ind.

Will be here for the next six or eight months, probably permanently. May go “west” in the fall. (Is engaged in practice).
ELVIN SWARTHOUT—Grand Rapids, Mich.

With the firm of Fletcher & Wanty, and is married. Has not reported since February.

J. B. SWEITZER—100 Diamond St., Pittsburg, Pa.

HARVEY TAPPAN—Fort Huron, Mich.

While at the University, strange to say, I formed the habit of caring a great deal about what Rogers and other professors might think of my recitations in In-dermaur, criminal law, &c. The result was that I did enough boning to reduce my avour-dupoise from 172 to 141 lbs. I then concluded that I needed rest a mighty sight more than practice. The Legislature of '76 had provided for a county superintendency of schools. The position is worth $1400 per annum. That looked like big money. I had had experience in the work, and, like the other half dozen candidates, soon found myself in the hands of my friends. I am now holding the position.

I have taken only such cases as do not interfere with this work, but attend every session of court and am endeavoring to keep up with the times.

I shall attend promptly to any legal business sent by members of the class. Now, let me say to the boys, come and see me. I feel positive that you will enjoy a visit to Lake Huron, our beautiful St. Clair, and a ride on our fine river steamers, and nothing on earth could give me more pleasure than to meet you and review college days and scenes.


When last heard of was with the firm of Sawyer & Knowlton.

Left A. A. June 30th. On my way home spent some very enjoyable days in Woodstock, Ont., and other places on the route with friends, and by so doing narrowly escaped a train wreck. Spent the summer in my uncle's office, preparing for the examination for admission in October. Was duly admitted at that time. Since then my uncle has been off on a trip to Europe, and I have taken charge of the office during his absence. (Our sometime chum is a Democrat, and is in favor of annexation. His prospects are most flattering).

W. A. THIEME—117 Public Square, Cleveland, O.

I expect to be admitted to the bar of Ohio in October next. Am at present in the office at G. B. Sanders, surrounded by all the implements of the profession which grace and adorn a lawyer's office, as empty cigar boxes and such bric-a-brac. My duties have been chiefly in preparing cases for trial. Not being admitted I cannot attend to cases in court, but I am always present to assist him with my valuable (?) advice. (Mr. M. will cast his maiden vote for Cleveland.)

A. M. THOMAS—431 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kas.

In partnership with one Mr. Guy at above address. (No report since February.)

CARL A. WAGNER—Bad Axe, Mich.

When I left A. A. I came home to the farm and stayed until September. In meantime had formed a partnership with Geo. A. Maywood at above address. Deem myself fortunate in the selection of my asso-
ciate. We had four cases in the Spring term of the Circuit and won three of them, and we found our clients excellent paymasters. We are getting our share of the law business, and prospects look bright for us. Will probably be appointed village attorney shortly.

I. S. THOMPSON—Lemoore, Tulan Co., Cal.

Did not state whether in practice or not.


After leaving the confines of the raging Huron, the U. of M. and my many friends of '87, I entered the legal department of the Grand Trunk Railroad at Detroit, but finding a more lucrative position with the firm of Griffin & Warner, I accepted and took charge of their commercial department.

In March, 1888, I started into business for myself in my present quarters, Room 26 Mechanics Block, Detroit, and thus far have succeeded in making a living and have bought eighty volumes of law books.

I may here remark that Tommy Peach, who took my place with Griffin & Warner, went violently insane about three weeks after entering upon his legal work with that firm. They speak of him in the highest terms.

Having had occasion to go to Chicago several times lately on legal business and being in need of assistance in that city, I naturally marshalled one of '87 into my service.

Levi P. Wilcox, he of the mustache, was the victim.

Our first tour was to get the history of several members in a particular household, and as they would prob-
ably recognize me, I sent Wilcox, and he entered
under the non de plume of a census taker. A few
minutes after his entrance the pride of '87 with the
wind blowing through his mustache, hatless, breath-
less, came running down the street at a break-neck
speed. His explanation was short. The man of the
house was at the head of the Census Bureau and the
census had been taken about six months previous.
Wilcox could give no other satisfactory excuse for
his intrusion and they closed in on each other.
Wilcox says he mopped the earth with the “Pride of
the House,” and although there is some doubt in my
mind about that, still guess we will, according to the
old rule, give the benefit of the doubt to '87.

In conclusion I will say that my greatest desire is
that I can spend the remainder of my life with as
pleasant and agreeable company as I enjoyed with
the boys of '87.

THOMAS H. WARD—No report.

FRANCIS L. WEAVER—Chamber of Commerce,
Omaha, Neb. (See Ingwersen.)

FRANK WELLS—Seneca, Kans.

I came direct from Ann Arbor here and went into
the office at once, but did not make permanent ar-
rangements until August 1st, at which time I became
a partner in the business. My year has been quite
uneventful. Have been pursuing the even tenor of
my ways. Have had occasion in the way of business
to make a number of short trips around in this part
of the country, and have seen quite a number of the
class, but none of those whom you mention as miss-
As to the second inquiry, I have not had as much time for study as I should have liked, and what time I have had has been put in on a variety of subjects arising in practice. I might say my special line has been Kansas Justice Practice, a line not treated of very much in text books, but certainly a very practical subject here.

As to the third question, we have a pleasant office, a library of over eight hundred volumes, and a large practice. My share of the profits of course consist in a slice off the tail end. I am thinking some of being a candidate for county attorney this fall, but have not decided yet whether I will or not. That will depend upon whether I think I can get the Republican nomination or not. If I think I can I am not too modest to ask for it. Unless I am a candidate I shall take no active part in the campaign, except to vote the straight Republican ticket, which I hope will be headed by James G. Blaine.

(The firm in which W. is a partner, is one of the leading firms in the State, warmly endorsed by Sen. Ingalls and others.)

J. H. WENDORF—302 Delaware St., Leavenworth, Ks.
1. I have been reading law and trying to work up a practice in Leavenworth, Kansas.
2. No special line in particular.
3. Fair. (Prospects.)
4. Nothing special. I have had good health and plenty of hard study. Mr. Gross is here, but I suppose he will answer for himself.
5. None. (Politics.)

E. W. WHIPPLE—Cor. 13th and Farnam Sts., Omaha, Neb. Deceased May 1891.
J. J. WHITACRE—Canton, O.

Am in business in above place and doing well. Our firm name is "Case, Monnot & Whitacre." Senior member has practiced here for 15 years. Mr. Monnot represents us in the Legislature.

A. C. WHITE—Rooms 17 and 19 Sulz Building, 238 Main St., Stockton, Cal.

As to personal matter I had much rather some one else would undertake, but if necessary to the completion of the pamphlet will note.

Since graduating traveled two months East, South and West in the United States only except a short ocean trip.

Entered an office on September 10th in this city, office of J. C. Campbell, Esq., practiced with him up to March 10th, and then began my present partnership with W. S. Buckley, twice judge of this county.

My principal reading has been the codes and reports of my State connected with my practice.

My prospects are fair, expect to make $2000 the first year from school.

I expect to enter the race in the Democratic ranks for district attorney of San Joaquin County, a position worth $3000 per year, with $100 per month for deputy. If not will speak for the party to some extent.

F. P. WHITELY—Findly, Ohio, P. O. Box 775.

Our firm name is M. C. & F. P. Whitely. Would be glad to hear from you at any time. (No report since February.)

M. C. WHITELY—Ann Arbor, Mich.
W. T. WHITTINGTON—Crawfordsville, Ind.

1. I rusticated about two months after I returned from Ann Arbor. Formed a partnership with Mr. John H. Burford on August 1, 1888, and have been practicing since that date.

2. Have given my time to the study of the law applicable to cases in which I was interested and to the technical study of Indiana practice, pleading and court rules, &c., also on the general subject of taxation, and general literature.

3. My partner has been practicing ten or twelve years, is county attorney and has a good lucrative practice. We have court ten months in the year. Our practice is increasing and we are in good spirits. There are sixty attorneys in the county.

4. My health is good. Am married and keeping house.

5. Yes, I expect to take part in the coming campaign. Will stump for the Republican ticket.

Am pleased with the profession and shall make it my life work. I desire to be an active advocate and am working to that end.

MR. AND MRS. L. P. WILCOX—79 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Did not indicate in their communication whether in practice or not. We have understood they were teaching.

L. WILKINSON—Allan Park, Grey Co., Ont.

 Came home after graduation and remained until September 1st, when I left for A. A. From there I went to Chattanooga, Tenn., and thence to Decatur,
Ala., a town which had grown in nine months from 1500 to 5000 inhabitants. I opened an office there and was doing nicely, when called home by the illness of my father. His condition prevented my return until I was taken sick myself. I am just recovering from it now. Hope I can get away before many months. Try to study some, but not much law. (No report since January.)

GEO. WILLARD—18 & 19 Ashland Block, Chicago, Ill.

Is engaged in practice alone.

O. A. WILLIAMS—Neligh, Antelope Co., Neb.

My practice of law dates from March 12, 1888. Prior to that, after leaving Ann Arbor, I was at my home on a farm in this county. During the winter I taught school.

Since coming to Neligh, we have had our share of the law business. The May term of court is about ended after a three weeks’ session. When the term began, we had been here less than two months, but we had on the docket seven cases, three of them the only three criminal cases on the docket. One was a misdemeanor and the jury acquitted; the others were for felonies, a burglary, and felonious removing of mortgaged property. In the burglary case the jury was instructed to bring in a verdict of “not guilty.” The other felony in like manner went off on an objection to testimony, which dropped the case and the jury was instructed to acquit. In the first civil case we tried, the jury disagreed, standing nine for our client and three for the plaintiff. The case had been in court twice before and our client twice beaten; the case came to us only a few days before the trial. Rep-
resenting the temperance people, we have kept the saloons closed since May 1st, although a license board was elected in April, and the outlook now is that we will succeed in keeping them closed the entire year. As yet we have lost nothing in the district court.

I expect to take an active part in the campaign this fall, but the interest will center largely upon the county convention and election. The present county attorney says he intends to throw his influence to me for county attorney, and the fight on the prohibition question has evidently placed me in the most advantageous position.

On account of active work in cases since coming here, I have had no time for general study of law, but have been compelled to study upon the lines of practice of each case taken.

(Mr. W. is in partnership with one Mr. Lytton.)


It seems he wrote a long letter, but the last sheet only was enclosed. It concludes by saying he expects to do all he can for Democratic success this fall. From other communications we learn he is doing reasonably well.


Has been teaching at this place, but expects to leave for the upper part of the State, when his school is out, to open a law office. (No report since April.)
RECENT ITEMS.

While the pamphlet is printing we learn that C. L. Caldwell is practicing alone at 607 Nelson Block. W. C. Chadwick has been in the West prospecting. Will probably work with a law publishing firm in Minneapolis shortly. F. P. Blackman is now the junior member of the firm of "Surrier & Blackman," 508 Walnut St., Des Moines, Ia.

From a copy of the *Idaho Democrat* we learn Curtis has been gaining fresh laurels in the Northwest recently. He was the city orator at Boise City on the 4th. The comment runs: "When the orator of the day was announced, Edward L. Curtis stepped gracefully to the front, and in an easy, incomparable manner, pronounced the finest oration ever heard in the Territory. His delivery was unapproachable.... Some of his flights were truly grand. Like Byron, he woke and found himself famous. The *Democrat* predicted he would surprise the people, and well he did."

The other items received are confidential, and though of general interest, we may not publish them.

G. E. Halderman has kindly volunteered to look after the class record hereafter. We have fulfilled the promise made by starting it, but other things will prevent attending to it hereafter.
SOMETIMES MEMBERS.

Many will recall those who took their junior course with '87, and then dropped out. No special effort was made to learn their location, and yet there have been occasional references to a few of them in letters from others. Of their number, W. F. McKnight is in Grand Rapids, Mich., practicing; A. B. Pend, Chicago, Ill.; E. J. Queeney, Tribune Bldg., Chicago, Ill.; N. F. Gordon, Chicago, Ill., 189 Dearborn St.; T. P. Fenton, Leavenworth, Kas., Deputy Inspector; W. H. Snider, Canton, Stark Co., Ohio, in practice; G. B. Watson, Kansas City, Mo., in practice; F. L. Wean, 48 Montauk Block, Chicago, Ill., in office.