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flew,
And then our fielders caught a fly
or two
Just one more thing was left to do
Then Harris pitched that curve.
And then our basemen began to
shine,
Hurrah! Hurrah!
As they did the Baylor runners
up so fine.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
And when the boys in gray were
at the bat
The Baylor boys didn't know
"where they were at,"
For our team is a team "for a
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When Harris pitches that curve.

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4 to 3 in Favor of T. C. U.

Baylor and T. C. U. crossed bats on the Baylor athletic field last Saturday, March 14. This game was the initial number for each team this year. Both the nines were in fine trim; but the T. C. U. boys were a little too much for the Baylor lads. Har-

ris, T. C. U.'s pitcher, had good use of his arm and head. He threw swift twisting balls, and made some smooth double plays. Moulden held Harris to a finish. Holloway proved to be the swiftest man on the field; by stealing his bases; and by running from second to first, catching the ball thrown to him by the first baseman and putting out a Baylor runner. Our short stop was always Johnnie on the spot. Our basemen and fielders brought up their part of the game. All told, the T. C. U. team works together like a clock, and has a bright future.

The Baylor team is composed of a gentlemanly set of athletes. But we are forced to say that many of the Baylor students showed a great deal of *Patriotism*. So insolently did they treat the students from T. C. U., both girls and boys, that many of the T. C. U. students have sworn never to go on the Baylor campus again, and the athletic association has almost decided to not play another game on the Baylor athletic field this season.

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Our preliminary oratorical contest comes Tuesday night of next week. The speaker who wins that night will have the distinguished honor of representing Texas Christian University at the state meeting next month. We have been out of the association for two years and we must now make a double effort to re-instate ourselves in oratorical circles. Tuesday night will show what a mighty stride we have made along this line. It will also show the high water mark in matters oratorical for this year. There will be four or five contestants and every man is loaded to the muzzle. It now rests upon each student

to back these men with his support. Give them a good hearing Tuesday evening and an enthusiastic reception. Pick your man and come to the contest prepared to give him a rousing send-off. It will be an occasion for the manifestation of college spirit and enthusiasm. Make the most of it, and make the winner proud of himself and the institution which he will represent.

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Richmond Pearson Hobson whose name and fame is known to every man and woman throughout the land—especially to the latter, appeared in Waco Wednesday evening. Captian Hobson has resigned his position in the navy and is now on the lecture platform discussing affairs of interest in general, and the inner workings of the navy in particular. He is a brilliant speaker, with some oratorical power and genius. At times during his lecture when the fire of eloquence burned in his clear grey eyes, one fully understood something of his undaunted will which made possible the sinking of the Merrimac; that act which caused such intense discomfiture to Ceyera's fleet in the Santiago harbor.

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Patriotism, bravery, honor and chivalry are things to which the American heart will ever respond. Hobson has proven himself in fair possession of them all, so the Skiff with thousands of others throughout the land makes obeisance to the brave young hero.

His Way, or Mine?

I said, "I will walk in the fields." God said, "Nay, walk in town."
I said, "There are no flowers there." He said, "No flowews, but a crown."
I said, "But the fogs are thick and clouds
Are veiling the sun!"
He answered: "But hearts are sick, and souls
In the dark undone."
I said, "But the skies are black; there is
Nothing but noise and din."
And he wept as he led me back —"There is more,"
He said. "There is sin!"
I said, I shall miss the light, and friends will
Miss me, they say."
He answered: "Choose ye to-night if I must
Miss you, or they."
I pleaded for time to be given.
He said,
"Is it hard to decide?
It will not seem so hard in heaven to have
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Professor Schimmelpfennig, Mrs. Ingalls and Miss McClintic celebrated St. Patrick's Day by moving into their new teaching quarters in Townsend Hall.

Mrs. Murphy returned home Monday taking with her, her daughter, Miss Mabel Chiles, who has been quite ill.

A number of students and several of the faculty attended Baylor's preliminary oratorical contest Monday evening. Our sister institution is invited to return the compliment next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ingalls and Miss McClintic spent Sunday at the delightful home of Mrs. J. W. Marshall, on College heights.

The Misses Hall of Comanche, have enrolled in the Music Oratory and Literary departments this week.

Don't miss the preliminary contest Tuesday evening, it promises to be a battle-royal.

Hon. W. A. Keeling, of Groesbeck, was a visitor at the university Tuesday morning. Mr. Keeling was one of the judges in the Baylor preliminary.

Edgar Beakley is enjoying a visit from his mother, Mrs. H. M. Beakley, of Coleman, Texas.

Mrs. Blake has resigned her position in the dining-room, and her place has been taken by Mrs. Miller.

T. C. U. will be greatly benefited when "Hermoson" becomes "North Waco," but no change will be more pleasing to the students than the delivery of mail twice a day.

Our base-ball team has started off in a very promising way. After Baylor, then A. & M. and 'Varsity.

The library has had several improvements added this week, none however is more convenient than the rack for periodicals. Not only will it serve well the purpose for which it is intended, but it may prove of inestimable value to members of the Sociology class as a "practical design for chicken coops."

Mrs. Curtis, the lady that was expected to deliver an address in the chapel last Sunday morning, failed to arrive until Monday. Tuesday morning she made a very appropriate talk to the student body. Mrs. Curtis is a fine speaker and is doing much for the cause of temperance in the state. She said the men of this country demand a higher standard of virtue of the women than women do of men. She gave some timely suggestions to the young men about the cigarette and whiskey habits.

The election for city officers for North Waco resulted as follows:—Mayor, J. H. Scales; City Marshall, B. Hamlett; Aldermen, R. L. Cartwright, A. F. Armstrong, H. M. Minier and A. C. Easley, J. W. Chapman.

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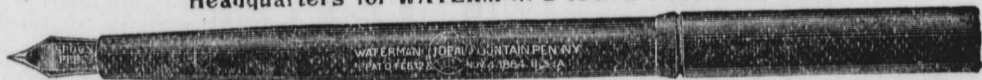
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Easley & Co. have bought Mrs. Boston's stock of groceries and confectionaries. They will soon have cold drinks and ice cream on hand.

The Quintette is advertised for a concert at Elgin, Monday night.

Dr Susie Riejhart will lecture at the University next Thursday March 26, at 8 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. This will be a rare treat to the people on the Heights as well as students.

T. C. U. and Baylor will meet on the diamond at West End next Monday afternoon. Let's all go and help the purple and white win. Boys, please cut out that squabbling that disgraced our last game with Baylor. It is nothing but right that we should give college yells and songs. But if we wish to have the people from the city witness our games, let us have no squabbling.

If you intend to be a politician commence by patronizing the Easley & Co's. pie counter.

Miss Mamie Schaper visited friends at the Texas Presbyterian School at Milford, this week.

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SHIRLEY.

The vice president called the house to order at the usu-

al time. The chief features of the program were piano solos, a vocal solo, a reading and a debate, "Resolved that State Schools should be Preferred to denominational schools. Mr. Webb and Miss Hamlett were on the affirmative and Mr. Moore and Miss Bengé were on the negative side. The affirmative side won. At the business meeting Shirley society decided to go picnicing when spring opens up.

WALTON.

As usual a very interesting program was given by the Walton Literary Society last Monday morning.

Mr. Procter in his journal gave some very valuable thoughts. The comical part of his paper shows that he is of a very humorous nature.

ADD-RAN.

The Add-Ran society met at the usual hour last Monday. A very attractive program was rendered. Several of the numbers were very interesting indeed. Miss Schaper's reading was especially good. The instrumental duet, given by Misses Wolcott and Clark, was pretty.

After the program was over the society proceeded to a business meeting. Three new names were presented.

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