

three successive weekly meetings of last term was well attended. Many fine and brilliant nominating speeches were made placing before the convention the strongest men in the field. In the 7th and 8th and 9th ballots the fight lay between Joseph Hawley and John Sherman. The 9th ballot proved the Sherman men the victors, with the small majority of 3. The 9th ballot was as follow; Joseph R. Hawley 22, John Sherman 25. His election was then made unanimous, after which Chauncy M. Depew of New York was nominated for the vice presidency. The convention adjourned *Sine die*.

—Prof. S. T. Ford, elocutionist of New York, will give a choice selection of recitals, readings, and impersonations in the college chapel April 20. Prof. Ford will come under the auspices of THE FREE LANCE. His wide reputation should insure the presence of every one who enjoys something rare in this line. We clip the following from the many testimonials to his superior ability: "Gifted with a fine presence, graceful manner, and a splendid voice."—*New York Times*. "He moved his audience from laughter to tears at will.—*Philadelphia Press*. "He has only to be heard to be appreciated.—*New Wilmington, Del., Morning News*. "His enunciation of different dialects and phrases of the many walks in life were inimitable."—*Washington Republican*.

LETTER BOX.

Perhaps an apology is owed to our sister colleges for the late publication of the following communications; if so, our excuse is that the present issue has been unavoidably detained.

MUHLENBURG COLLEGE, ALLENTOWN, PA.

March 28, 1888.

Editor FREE LANCE:

Muhlenburg rings with the general activity of college life. The 2nd inst. is held memorable by the elegant reception tendered the boys by Pres. Seip. Recitation and music, in addition to an almost indescribable repast hurried the evening hours.

The new gymnasium, which, in our case, is perhaps a forced expression, is progressing very nicely.

The large store room in the basement of the building will be sufficient for our need. Our in-

attention is not to turn out sluggers in a muscular line but, rather, if possible, in an intellectual way. The committee on apparatus made some purchases. The curators will have the keys on hand by the time we return from Easter vacation.

The Sophomores resumed their study of Botany with renewed zeal. Our botanists never have much trouble to make up a reasonable herbarium. On South mountain, a place perhaps a mile and a half down the Lehigh river, from fifty to sixty orders can be found.

The Seniors begin to look around with rather a quiet countenance. Not because they are rapidly approaching the end of their course, of which fact they were strongly reminded when they handed in their final speeches, but because the real duties of life are so close upon them. They have one more pleasant event in view before their final examinations, viz., a series of Geological trips.

The optional study of French, which died out, or perhaps simply hibernated, a little over two years ago, was again resumed by the Freshman, Sophomore and a part of the Junior class.

The Glee club has shown some activity at various times in the past and will assist in the chorus of the Gilmore Band Concert on the 22nd inst. With the warm weather we hope to hear more from them.

Muhlenburg in general, is on a very fair way. Her financial secretary is meeting with success wherever he goes. Last week the endowment of the Greek professorship was raised \$10,000 and an agreement made to add 20 per cent. to the whole amount the agent collects toward the general fund.

It is hardly worth while to say much about the sociability of our students. Any institution would be dead unless some of her sons were moving in commendable society. We all have opportunity of enjoying good, elevating society.

Yours truly,

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To the "FREE LANCE:"

Spurred on by dread of the financial ruin which would inevitably follow the payment of the