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THE oral examination ought to commend itself. It is a great test, but one a student would do well to undergo. Many subjects would permit the oral examination, and give the student a foretaste of the method adopted in the German universities.

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THE election of ex-Principal of the Preparatory Dep't, Prof. John W. Heston, '79, to the Presidency of the Washington State Agricultural College, the duties of which he assumed Jan. 4, '92, is no surprise to us. Gentlemanly, scholarly, we have never doubted his reaching high and honorable position.

His accession to the Presidency of the Washington State Agricultural will mark for her a new era of growth, fitting and parallel to that of the State of Washington.

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THE chess tournament recently held at Columbia College, the participants being Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia (referee, Wm. Stenitz) affords a suggestion. It would permit a most interesting contest if several of the Pennsylvania Colleges were to have such a tournament about the close of the winter term, which would in some respects be a better time than the fall vacation, as there will then have been sufficient time for practice, and determining what player or players would best represent us.

The subject is recommended to the consideration of our neighbors. We could no more be accused of borrowing the idea than our foot-ball team could be accused of imitating other colleges in playing foot-ball. It is wasting words to say that chess is a great and wonderfully instructive game, full of critical situations that test skill and power of mind as nothing else can. In our various athletic sports we have contests of muscle, and

quickness, now let us have a contest of brain. We will be less one sided, and have our attention directed to a game, the playing of which is quite as useful exercise to the brain, as gymnastics to the muscles.

It would be well to organize with a view to being ready should there be promise of a chess tournament.

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FRIENDS of P. S. C. can confidently recommend its Chemical Department. Few institutions present a more thorough course in Chemistry, or one so highly satisfactory to the student. The laboratory is commodious, the equipment complete, and always at the disposal of the student, who is wholly freed from annoying restrictions and regulations in his use of apparatus. Furthermore, laboratory fees are very low, compared with those of other institutions, so low in fact as to perhaps lead one to think they are for only a medium, instead of the very best outfit.

For a practical, a satisfactory, and an effective course, Chemistry as presented here has few rivals, still fewer peers.

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HOW difficult it is to look straight ahead, see what you see, and then act logically. How much we are held back by our own inconsistencies, and the neglect of plain duties arising from them! And how revengeful these neglected duties are. It may be that days, weeks, months and even years after, they will worry us, and vex us with extra steps, besides charging interest, inasmuch as the business one may have in hand will often be seriously interfered with. The habit of mind which enables us to see straight, think straight, speak accurately and act straight, enables one to avoid miserable uncertainties, adds joy and zest, and even years, to life.

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ON Saturday evening, Jan. 21st, last, forty-three students took advantage of the unusually fine sleighing, by hiring conveyances and