

A Fable For Critics

Once there was an Ox. He was a fine, hefty Ox. He could pull a big load. He never balked, but always liked to go straight ahead.

But the Ox had enemies.

There was the Flea and his whole big Family. "We don't care whether this Ox travels or not," said the Flea and his Folks. "All we want is some of his blood." Whereupon the Fleas eternally pestered the Ox and gave him That Tired Feeling.

Then there was the Tom 'Cat and his brothers—the Doubting Thomases. "We don't know whether this Ox is going the right way or not," said the Thomases. "Anyhow, we'll scratch his back for him." Whereupon the Felines jumped on the back of the Ox and scratched him for fair, which made the Ox exceedingly sorrowful.

Then there was the Fiste Pup and his Fellow Fistes—a whole litter of Fistes. "We don't care how slow the Ox goes," said the Fistes; "the slower the merrier for us. All we want is to lag behind him and bite his Tail." Whereupon the Fistes snapped continually at the Tail of the Ox, which gave the Ox a mighty mournfulness.

Finally the Ox, pestered constantly with the Fleas and the Felines and the Fistes, got to looking sickly. He stopped and lay down on his job, and there was no more going forward for him.

KEY TO THE SITUATION: The town is the Ox. The Fleas and the Felines and the Fistes are those citizens who criticise every progressive movement and do everything they can in their petty ways to make the Ox quit pulling in the right direction.

MORAL: Give the Ox a chance to pull. Everybody holler, "Git up!"



THE HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN

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"POST MORTEM"

It's over now, but let the defeat be our own; No matter why or how, it was done—they did it. But we've the satisfaction that we kept 'em going some; Of course they were victorious—but they earned it.

Old R. H. S. we little thought that you'd look on and frown. When fortune smiles not on you, but you're liver-rattled; And though we fou-hit them inch by inch and made their struggles hard, We're defeated but were not humiliated.

We got pushed into the mud and we got kicked in the slats. But our ardor never weakened—not a bit; And we'll still live on and play and victory will be ours— But we haven't even got a thought to quit.

Although there are no broken bones, and somehow that atones, I see several with complexions slightly marred. By experience I know, and others say it so— That several had their constitutions jarred. R-8-78-8.

Miss Lucile Delble, of the class of '07, visited our literary society last Friday afternoon.

Friday of this week concludes our first month of school. Most of the supplies are now here and work has begun with renewed effort.

The high school football team played a game with Punksutawney last Saturday and lost it. It was a good game with a score of 5-0. Captain Shields was hurt.

What is a spiral stairway?

According to a brilliant Senior the report of our literary society is minutes the first time they are written, seconds when copied.

Who can explain why a class minus boys is always so jolly? Or why do the Juniors giggle?

When geometrical lines are "all in" they are not necessarily "down and out."

Miss Milliren—What is the meaning of "reconciliation?"
Bright Junior—Accusation retorted.
Miss Milliren—What does that mean?
Junior—Reconciliation.

"Oh, dear! If Fred were only here, I wouldn't have so much trouble with my Cleero."

What's an epic? Tom—"George Washington."

If I had a saw that—a sub sophomore.

Said Blanche, O how grand
Is the little white-haired fellow
Who plays in the band.

Otis has been sitting in front of Aldine so long that her eyes are turning red.

A riddle—

Opens like a barn door,
Shuts like a trap,
Goes all day,
But you can't guess that.

Who is the most popular Sophomore girl? Ask Dominic, Alex or Hamlin.

Did the Salvation Army of the high school find a crate of lemons on Main street Friday night? Well, I guess not.

Miss Coleman—When should you look for snails? Guy—In winter on a warm day.

DISPUTE IN ENGLISH.

Mr. Sykes—I've heard lots of quotations.

Teacher—Did you see any quotation marks around them.

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