The class of '98 consists of one woman and twelve men. They range in age from 19 to 25 years with 22 years being the average. Colorado was the birthplace of 7, New York of 2, Iowa, Nebraska, New Jersey, and England each of 1. In regard to religion they are as follows: Unitarian, 4; Agnostics, 3; Episcopalian, 1; Catholic, 1; Presbyterian, 1; Methodist, 1; Christian, 1. In politics they may be classed as follows: Silver Republicans, 4; Republicans, 3; Populists, 3; Democrats, 3; Independent, 1. The members of the class and their major are: Amiel Affolter, Mechanical Engineering; Herman O. Brown, Irrigation Engineering; Ray C. Calloway, Irrigation Engineering; William A. Dickens, Agriculture; Jessie W. Goodwin, Mechanical Engineering; Fred S. Hotchkiss, Irrigation Engineering; Amos Jones, Irrigation Engineering; H. C. Matthews, Mechanical Engineering; B. J. Prendergast, Mechanical Engineering; Linnie May Rutledge, Household Science; Charles E. Swann, Irrigation Engineering; Melvin D. Williams, Irrigation Engineering; Thomas J. Warren, Mechanical Engineering. Biographical sketches of these individuals are provided on pages 1 through 4.
The chant ceased. Now the auditorium was filled with dark forms which knelt on the floor. The chanting re-commenced and grew louder and louder as the priestly form arose and turning and turning raised its hands to Heaven, as invoking a blessing. The kneeling forms in front bent lower and lower until they were level with the floor. The chant ceased and there came a sound like the rush of a hurricane, a mighty shreik rent the air and I must have fallen senseless, for I knew no more."

G. H. S.

The San Juan Boarding Club

It was during the summer of 1894 that there originated in the fertile brain of some members of the class of '95 an idea. This idea, when carried into execution, produced no less a result than what is commonly known as the "San Juan" Boarding Club.

The following is a copy of the preamble of the constitution, under which the San Juan Boarding Club presented itself at the bar of justice of the industrial arena: "We, the ram-snorter pumpkin huskers, tachymeter squinters, and caliper manipulators of the 'San Juan' Boarding Club, in order to form a more satisfactory cuisine, establish boarding felicity, insure domestic equanimity, provide for the summum bonum, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of mastication, insalivation, deglutition and gastrication to ourselves and our (future) posterity, do ordain and establish this boarding club for the students who are the recipients of an abundance of sympathetic assistance, but who need something more substantial; or in other words, for the sole purpose of reducing the price of chuck."

It is needless to state that the constitution was duly accepted and the club allowed to enter upon its career of usefulness.

In those days, a student, after attending college a year or two, began to feel the necessity, as stated in the preamble, of reducing the price of chuck; so that he would not be called home to demonstrate his ability to become a producer along agricultural or other lines, in order that he might fill that treasury (now empty) which he was wont to carry in his pocket, with so much satisfaction only a short time previous. Necessity has been called the mother of invention, and it was the necessity which called into existence the "San Juan" Boarding Club.

The officer preeminently great in the eyes of the members of the club is the man who purchases the provisions, such as tough beef, dead horse, etc., and who is careful to see that the same is dead before being served—in technical terms he is known as the steward.

The trials of the Steward are many. After collecting an assessment levied upon the members, he proceeds to show his knowledge of Domestic Science and also his business capacity by purchasing the necessary eatables below the market price, thereby increasing the purchasing power of the money, but occasionally the quality of the article purchased may be a little off color so to speak, and he is immediately assailed with such questions as: Did that butter walk up here without help? Did this cow come over in the Ark with Noah? Did this chicken vote for Grover Cleveland at his first election? etc.

The first man to undertake this momentous task was W. K. Stairbird of the class of '95, but he soon succumbed to the inevitable and A. S. McKee of the same class took the helm. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays are days of special interest at the club because it is on these days that pie is served to the hungry boarders.

When the boys wish to settle any dispute by a wager, the article used is pie. For instance one member made a wager of his pie for a month that President McKinley wouldn't sign the bill for armed intervention in Cuba. Similar wagers are made concerning the results of college events such as the oratorical contests, the field day sports, etc.

One of the customs of the club is that when a member receives a promotion he must celebrate the event by treating the club to a dinner at which the bill of fare is headed with oysters and turkey or equivalents, so that after the fall term promotions in the military companies, the club has quite a number of sumptuous repasts without any extra cost to the club as a whole.

A point in favor of the club is that the meals
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are always ready on time and each member is supposed to be on time to eat them, provided he has not a good excuse. If he is tardy a specified length of time he may be fined ten cents or he may appease the wrath of the cook by washing dishes. A few lessons of this kind soon teach one the value of being on time.

At the beginning the membership was about fifteen, this has since increased until in '97-'98 we have a membership of over forty. Under the able management of C. W. Mayers, the club is pushing its way to the front and has become a necessary appendage to the college.

The club has reduced the price of board in private families about town to a minimum and good board can now be had in private families from $2.50 up.

The club is a living example of successful co-operation. It is interesting to notice how smoothly things move along under the co-operative system where the conditions favorable to its adoption exist. The club is run for the good of all and not for individuals. The steward elected by the club members levies uniform assessments at such times as it may be necessary to defray the expenses of the club.

The revised constitution under which the club is now run, was prepared by Wm. J. Meyers, formerly professor of mathematics at the State Agricultural College. In it the faults which were found to exist in the management under the old system were corrected and the club put upon a strictly business footing, as it had by this time outgrown the experimental stage.

The club places in circulation in Fort Collins each year between $3,500 and $4,000. The writer has been a member of the club for three years and finds it a very desirable place to board.

Graduates of Commercial Department.

CHARLES LUDVIC ARNELL,

Whose strong personality and wholesome good nature is faithfully portrayed by the evidence submitted, is contemporary with our "Hoosier" brother, having been born February 14, 1875, at La Porte, Indiana, of Swedish parents. He received his early English education in the public schools of his native state. In November, 1888, when but thirteen years of age, he removed with his parents to La Jara, Colo., and a little later we find him comfortably located at Alamosa, Colo., where he has resided since 1890. He attended the public schools of Conejos county during a period of five years. In the fall of 1895, Mr. Arnell decided to cast his fortunes with the State Agricultural College, enrolling as a student in the preparatory department. Completing the work of this year, he entered the Commercial Department of The State Agricultural College at the beginning of the next scholastic year. Since his advent into the ranks of those who are preparing for a busy career, he has engaged with all seriousness in the practical work which forms the richest legacy that can be bestowed by the wise provisions of a liberal and farseeing government upon its sons and daughters.

Mr. Arnell is a valuable member of the Columbian Literary Society and takes an active part in the deliberations of this select party.

RAYMOND JASPER BAKER,

Whose faithful portrayal is herewith given, is the son of W. B. Baker, Esq., an old and honored resident of the Cache la Poudre valley, who has been prominently identified with the material advancement of the farming and stock-raising interests of Larimer county for the past twenty years.

The subject of our brief sketch was born Oct. 5, 1879, amid a wealth of prairie, which has since been made to blossom and yield a rich compensation by the touch of nature's balm from the region of perpetual snows. Availing himself at an early age of the opportunities presented by the schools of his district, he continued to profit by this early training until qualified to pursue the work of the Freshman class of The State Agricultural College, which he entered at the beginning of the fall term, September 1894, choosing the Mechanical Engineering course. Mr. Baker continued in the line of his chosen course of study, reaching the ranks of the omniscient Sophomores. With this preparation he enrolled as a student in the commercial department of the State Agricultural College at the commencement of the fall term, September,
An editorial note that the cadet batallion has not been called to fight in the war, however, if called the college students will be ready.

The "Campus and Classroom" gossip section on pages 20-22 include several references to the war, a cheer for Commodore Dewey, and at least one of the students is determined to enlist. For the most part though, the war does not receive much attention.