

## School Items.

By Mae Gould and Jessale McLaughlin.

The class in civics discussed the question of election of U. S. senator by a direct vote of the people, Friday afternoon last. Among the points brought out by the affirmative, were:

First. "Lawmakers should be chosen direct by the people for whom they legislate, in accordance with the spirit and harmony of our government."

Second. "A legislature is too susceptible to bribery and corruption, on account of their comparative fewness in number."

The negative side presented the following:

First. "That the U. S. senator represent the state as a corporate body, and therefore they should be elected by those who have charge of the state's corporate affairs, namely the legislature."

Second. "The average intelligence of members of the legislature is greater than that of the people. Hence the legislature is likely to choose better men than the people."

Decided in favor of the negative. Next week the question of the United States, interference in Cuba affairs will be debated.

Arrangements for the library entertainment have been completed, and it will be given Friday evening Feb. 12, in the town hall. General admission 25 cents. Reserved seats 35 cents. Children 15 cents. The program will be published next week.

The graphophone is not an ordinary phonograph, such as has been exhibited here before; no ear tubes will be used in transmitting the sound to the audience, but a large funnel will diffuse the sound waves through the hall; under the most favorable acoustic conditions; the tones reproduced by this instrument can be distinctly heard by an audience of over 3,000 people. Dr. Featherstone, who has taken such kindly interest in furnishing us this novel entertainment, has spared no pains or expense, in securing the best phonographic records to be obtained, and a very interesting program is assured. It will consist of music both vocal and instrumental, and reading both humorous and instructive. Several blank cylinders have been bought for recording the efforts of some of our local talent, and L. A. Jacobson has kindly consented to deliver the opening address through the graphophone.

Grace Gray, who has been sick for the past two weeks, returned to school Monday morning.

There is a number of new scholars added to the list in Prof. Moody's room.

County Superintendent Butler visited the school yesterday.