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## James E. Edmonds to Major & Mrs. J. E. Edmonds (26 February 1900)

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My Dear Mother & Father,

Second term

examinations are drawing near and  
Commencement - June and the "glorious  
prospect of making my own living" are  
now only four months off. Our law work  
has been rather easy this term - much  
easier than it was during the first term.

We are now going through "Hale and Cummins",  
"Hale on Damnation" we call it - the basest  
work of our time. Rowen Shuman has the  
most inexhaustible supply of words I  
ever heard come from a man's mouth.  
He knows the Mississippi reports by heart  
and can tell you the page, paragraph and  
report number of every suit that has been

brought since the lines of the state were  
run.

I had a fight the other day. A regular  
affair with seconds-reference and time-keeper.  
It was in a closed room with no  
spectators. It lasted three rounds and a  
half under the Queensberry rules, and  
ended by my opponent giving up the fight.

He insulted a girl with whom I had an  
engagement and did not apologize to her  
but - was for a day afterwards. I thought I  
had given him time to do so - and told him so.  
He refused to do so but I finally persuaded  
him to ~~come~~ to my way of thinking.

I had the pleasure of seeing him near  
two black eyes and an enlarged nose for  
three or four days. It is the first regular

affair. I have had since I have been in  
college and if any more will be as near  
buried words as was this one - I don't want  
them in my line.

Have you a Chas's Blackstone  
around the place? Saw books cost like  
every thing. We had one the other day that  
cost 30¢ a lesson. I will have to pay  
\$30.00 for tuition at the end of this term

or by the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. \$25.00 for  
March expenses will come in handy by  
Friday. Such is life - it costs like  
law books to go to school and board  
bills - laundry bills and Barber's bills are  
every one due on the first of March.

Give my love to Aunt Amelia and to  
Cousin A. J. - and tell Rose & Lief

Billy and Gus in good fix.

My grandam roommate and rival  
Gus Smith - celebrated his honey-moon  
by cutting law lectures a solid week. His  
excuse was the old biblical one "I have a  
new wife and cannot come". The Lord didn't  
accept this excuse - and neither did  
"Lawyer" Shunda. You need not fear my  
desire to keep up with Gus will lead me to



The path of matrimony even though  
my wife would pay my board bill.

Your loving son.

James E. Edwards

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

Monday

Osford 1900

Spent more money than for utility all  
last season more than before  
and more than

March 31

Mrs. J. L. Edwards

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Mrs. J. Z. Edwards  
Bellevue P.O.  
Bellevue Co.  
Miss.



BOLIVAR  
1860  
MISS.