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STOCK TEAM BACK; MADE BIG SHOWING

The first of the week saw the return of the Stock Judging team from their Chicago trip. Most of the boys are feeling quite elated over the results of the trip, and claim they would just as soon go thru the experience again as not.

The final count up of points places our team at the head of the second division, but making them tenth in rank among the 18 contesting teams. Texas Agricultural College made the highest score, there being a difference between the two teams of about 390 points. The local team made no small record, however, as evidenced by the fact that they beat the University of Minnesota team in every class except sheep.

George Hanson was declared the champion hog judge of the U. S., and was presented with a loving cup from the Duroc Jersey Registry Association. This is quite an honor for George, inasmuch as he won his place over 90 men from all parts of the country.

The Stock Judging Team has deservedly won every point they made—their work previous to going warranted their being placed much farther up the list. We congratulate them on their showing.

SENIORS LOSE TO FAST JUNIOR QUINT

The Senior class team went down to defeat before the fast Junior team in a very interesting and scrappy game. The game was very fast and both teams showed great bursts of speed, but they were forced to slow down when their wind failed them. Movold starred for the Seniors at shooting baskets while Happy Peterson played a good defense game. Ries was the best point getter for the Juniors while the entire team played a good game.

The final score was 13-22. The lineup is as follows:

Seniors	Juniors
MovoldLF.....	Borderud
LaddRF.....	Reis
PetersonC.....	Krammer
MonkebyLG.....	Hayes
KellyRG.....	Underwood

The Power Machinery team was defeated in a one-sided game with the Preps. The game was rather slow but both teams showed good fighting spirit. When the whistle blew for the finish the score was 18-2. The lineup is as follows:

Preps	Power Machinery
RathjieC.....	Bush
FitzgeraldLG.....	McGuire
BrawerRG.....	Andrew
PetersonLF.....	Christoff
RandRF.....	Corce

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THE CHRISTMAS HEAVEN

What shows the insignificance of this world, and of man, as much as a study of the starry universe? What teaches that the works of the Creator are too vast and boundless for human mind to conceive as much as do the great constellations so familiar to us all? To realize that the dimmest star visible to the unaided human eye is four "light years" from our solar system, gives one an idea of the great size of our Universe.

The most beautiful stars, as seen from our solar system, are visible around Christmas. Then Taurus the bull, has worked himself well up from the horizon. The great red star 'Aldebaran' sparkles at a corner of the triangle in Taurus, the Pleiades "Shed their sweet Influence" west of Aldebaran, and are very conspicuous at this time.

To the south and east of Taurus is found the great Constellation Orion. Orion was known by the ancients as the hunter. Orion can well be classified as one of the most beautiful constellations. The beautiful blue star Regel, the red star Belegnese and the belt of Orion, found by three stars of the second magnitude, are the most interesting and beautiful points in this part of the heaven.

The three stars in the vest of Orion point to the brightest star in

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THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS

Nobody knows how Christmas originated, who first celebrated it, or when or where or how. Nobody knows that Christ was really born on December twenty-fifth. That date is simply a day on which to celebrate his birth; not THE day of his birth. However, Christmas is one of our most important holidays and the one that is most universally observed.

The day has come to us from pagan antiquity and thus forms a link with the past. We find that very early in the world's history people had a tendency to worship the sun as THE giver of light and life. Their festivals usually took place near the winter solstice, the shortest day in the year, when the sun again begins its upward course with a distant promise of spring. Among the Romans this festival was called Saturnalia. Among the more barbarous Goths and Saxons the same idea was brought out in the Yule festival.

We are told by ancient chroniclers that the Teutons introduced the custom of the Christmas tree. They decked a fir tree at their celebrations near the winter solstice, for they thought of the sun, riding higher and higher in the heavens, as the spreading and blossoming of a great tree. This custom has been handed down to us till the ideas of Christmas and Christmas trees have be-

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LYNN HUEY ELECTED '20 FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

In an election held at the home of Capt. "Happy" Peterson in Moorhead Sunday evening, Lynn Huey, big tackle in this year's State College team, was chosen to lead our school's eleven next year. Huey has deservedly won this honor, as he was one of the best players in the state this year, and has won the confidence of the school and his teammates by his excellent work. He is in his second year at the State College and taking the Agricultural course. In 1917-18 he acted as observer in Uncle Sam's aerial corps in France, seeing much real service. His many friends are congratulating Lynn in his new position. It should be mentioned that the above choice was made at a gathering of our Football Letter Men at the home of Paul Peterson in Moorhead. This year's captain was at that time host to the team at a turkey dinner.

EXCELLENT PRODUCTION GIVEN BY BOOTHS

The Edwin Booth Dramatic Club presented "Little Women" three nights last week before large and enthusiastic audiences. The play was well received, at it deserved to be, and brings great credit to the actors. Mr. Lynn Huey took the part of Laurie especially well, as did Miss Katharine Blake that of Jo, and Miss Doris Lovell showed considerable ability in her interpretation of Beth. Miss Lieberg, the director, deserves great credit for her work since a great deal of new talent was being tried out. The play was one of the best this organization has put on at the College in recent years and was certainly done creditably by our amateur "stars."

DEDICATION OF "Y". TO BE POSTPONED

A. J. Elliott of Chicago, who was scheduled to speak at the Dedication Exercises for the Young Men's Christian Association Building next Sunday evening, cannot be present, and the date of dedication will be postponed.

A letter from Mr. Elliott's secretary states that Mrs. Elliott is ex-

pected to live but a short time. At the time the letter was written she had lost entirely the sight in one eye, and was to be operated on to save the other one. A later telegram stated that her condition was most critical.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO HAVE OPEN HOUSE

The Board of Trustees of the North Dakota Young Men's Christian Association will be at home to all friends of the Association Saturday evening, December 13, from eight o'clock to half past ten. All members of the faculty and their wives, all students of every course, all station men and employees and their wives, are most cordially invited to be present to enjoy the evening. The Board of Trustees wishes it to be known that this invitation college in whatever capacity.

The Board has designated Mrs. I. W. Smith and Mrs. H. P. Beckwith as a committee to have charge of arrangements. Various committees from the Promotion Force will assist them. It is planned to beautify the lobby with ferns. The College Orchestra will be present and will furnish music throughout the evening. Various soloists of the College and from Fargo will also be on the program. Light refreshments will be served.

Invitations are being extended through the city papers to all friends of the Association. A large attendance of faculty, students, employees, and downtown people is expected.

The members of the Board of Trustees and of the Advisory Board will formally receive the guests. Committees from the Cabinet will conduct the guests who desire to be shown over the building through the various rooms.

THE CHRISTMAS HEAVENS (Continued from Page 1)

the sky—the 'day star' 'Sirius.' Sirius is a bluish white star at the present time. Nearly equal in brilliancy to Jupiter, and brighter as a rule than Mars. The fact that the ancients spoke of Sirius as a red star leads one to think that it has changed in color since the time of the Egyptians.

East of Tarus is the constellation Gemini, the twins. This constellation is composed of the two stars, Castor and Pollux. East of Castor and Pollux is Leo the Lion with the notable "Sickle." The giant Planet Jupiter can easily be found at this time as he is near the handle of the "Sickle" in "Leo."

Four planets are distinctly visible at this period. Namely Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and Venus. Saturn is found east of Jupiter in the constellation Leo, Venus, by far the brightest object visible from the earth, excepting our Moon, is well above the horizon at day break. Venus, when



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morning star, as she now is, was called by the ancients "Lucifer," the light bearer, because she ushered in the day. When evening star she was called Hesperus as she preceded sleep.

The movements of the planets and apparent movement of the stars is one of the most fascinating things in our lives. Nothing is more beautiful, more serene and more wonderful than the starry heavens in mid-winter—on Christmas night.

THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS (Continued on page 1)

come so closely associated that one is not complete without the other.

Thus as Christianity replaced paganism these old observations were adopted and adapted to the new spirit of universal love and brotherhood till the very word Christmas has come to mean loving and giving.

CHRISTMAS IN "MERRIE ENGLAND"

"Merrie England" is the home of "Merrie Christmas." Back in Anglo-Saxon days we hear of the revelries of Alfred's court, which did not last for only one day but several. In fact, Christmas began December sixteenth and ended on January sixth or twelfth night. All this period was devoted to holiday making.

The Christmas festival in England, was above all, democratic. Then all classes mixed and enmities were forgotten. The English country gentlemen held open house and the sounds of merriment were heard from cottage and king's palace alike.

Later, with the rise of Puritanism, Christmas was looked upon as a period of pagan revelry. In 1643, indeed, the Roundhead Parliament abolished the observance of Christmas, but the people would not give up their favorite holiday, and with the restoration of English royalty came the restoration of Christmas. And at the present time, England is

still the country where the Yule-tide is most observed.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

No other holiday has so rich a heritage of old customs as Christmas. Even the dinner has its special observance. In many an English hall the stately custom still survives of bearing in a boar's head to inaugurate the meal, as a reminder of the student of Queen's College, Oxford, who, attacked by a boar on Christmas day, choked him with a copy of Aristotle, and took his head back for dinner. The mince pie sacred to the occasion, is supposed to commemorate in its mixture of oriental ingredients, the offerings made by the wise men of the East. As for turkey and plum pudding they have a deep significance, but it is clearer to the palate than to the brain.

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CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS

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Few holiday seasons have as many superstitions connected with them as Christmas. Then the bees are said to sing, the cattle kneel in honor of the manger, and the sheep to go in procession in commemoration of the visit of the Angel to the shepherds.

In the Alps it is believed that the cattle have the gift of language on Christmas eve. But it is a sin to attempt to hear them. A story is told of an Alpine farmer's servant who, on Christmas eve, hid in the barn to hear the horses speak. When the clock struck twelve he was surprised at what he heard. "We shall have hard work to do this day week," said one horse. "Yes, the farmer's servant is heavy," said the other horse, "And the way to the churchyard is long and steep," said the first. The servant was buried that day week.

Christmas-Schauffer.

HOW MANY CHRISTMAS DAYS?

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There are more Christmas days than we realize. December sixth is one—several countries still celebrate that date. January sixth is another—in the East that date is still celebrated. Other small nations celebrate April twentieth, May twentieth, September twenty-ninth and March twentieth. It was Pope Julius who first fixed December twenty-fifth as Christmas Day, and that date the large part of the world, but not all, celebrate.

THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

During the last few years there has been a great movement toward true democracy and good fellowship in a number of cities and country communities in the shape of community celebration of great events.

Everywhere in the country there are certain days, such as Independence Day and the Thirty First of June when whole towns get together and celebrate. It is then that the true spirit of the day is brot out and enlarged upon as it is passed from person to person.

There is one day in the year however, that day most dear to all the hearts of young and old, when, by the exchange of gifts and a universal feeling of cheer and "peace and good will toward men" we celebrate the Nativity. With exceptions almost too few to notice, the Christmas holiday has been celebrated by small family groups in the home. Why doesn't the community as a whole get its share of the Christmas as well as the other festivals of the year? Surely it is because the full benefit of an affair that included every one, old and young, the poor and the rich, has never been given much thought. What could bring out the sentiment of that season better than a tree and a program where every one has a share of the responsibility?

Junction City, Nebraska, in its endeavor to bring every one together placed the main responsibility of one

such affair on the shoulders of the city choirs. An immense tree was raised and decorated. Collections were made whereby the more fortunate citizens were able to help directly their poorer brothers. Gifts of toys and food were purchased with the donation and distributed among those who were not able to purchase them. The choirs and clubs furnished the music and various forms of entertainment. Everyone was made to feel their responsibility in the matter, everyone was giving something. As a result er they were able to have a celebration themselves or not, were included everyone was happy, for all, whethed.

In another instance where the idea has been successfully carried out, the town was not as large as the one just mentioned. The charities were of course placed in charge of the poor with special attention directed toward the children. Several groups of young men were asked to put on stunts that were more or less original and carried with them the Christmas feeling. One group had musical numbers, another put on a short Christmas play, one gave short songs and vaudeville acts that were planned to be of special interest to the children and the last group introduced games that turned the whole into a happy "Christmas frolic." The women of the town furnished material for the charities to work on, and helped each other to decorate the immense tree from which the gifts were distributed.

What these two towns and others have done, the towns all over this state can do also. Every one who is interested in the movement toward community celebrations of all sorts will appreciate the value of such a one this season of the year. Social and charity workers naturally have a leaning toward it, so all that is necessary for the complete success of any adventure in a com-

munity for the first time, depends upon the full co-operation of every individual. Everyone who enters upon it will be sufficiently paid for his or her trouble by the spirit of neighborly love and good will which cannot but show itself.

THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING

In Padua, Italy, where the good St. Nicholas appears every Christmas eve just as Santa Claus does in this country the poor people left their windows loosened on the night before Christmas. Thru these windows the good old saint would throw long knitted purses, closely resembling footless stockings, which had been filled and then tied at each end. The people kept the purses and it finally became the custom among the poor people to hang them, empty, out of their windows where at Christmas time St. Nick could easily drop a gift as he passed from house to house where the purses were hanging. As time went on and money became more scarce toys were put in for the children and useful presents for their parents.

Farther north where the winters were cold the purses were hung around the fireplace and it was believed that the good saint came down the chimney and filled them. Gradually they went out of use and their places taken by stockings, forming a custom which is in use to this day.

Christmas approaches. How about the high cost of giving?
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OUR FRATERNITIES

Where are our Student Fraternal Organizations? Has anyone seen them around lately—this fall? Have they too joined the ranks of the dead, or worse still, have they engrossed themselves so deeply in self centered interests they cannot see and respond to the larger needs of the campus? We would like to know. In the light of their present dearth of activities toward this College are we to name them nonentities or sponges?

A Student Organization has two functions—to enter and PUSH constructive activities on the campus (not dancing alone), and to further its own interests. The second is subsidiary to the first—ordinarily. Is it here? Think it over, Fraternities. Have you given evidence this year that you have the welfare of the College at heart? or is your existence here a matter of personal interests only? The Spectrum believes you have a leading part to perform on this campus—its nature is apparent.

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We have two weeks to circulate the petitions for change of name. The details of the campaign should be well in hand, and but one thing should prevent us from making our desired goal. Let's step on the accelerator a little, and put this thing across.—NOW.

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A reader of the Spectrum wants to know what we mean by a live student body — what activities are open to the student who wants to do something? We have mentioned one or two in previous numbers of this Journal, but how does the following array strike you? Glee Clubs (keep that men's singing club going; can the girls on this campus sing?); Declamation Contests (it'll take real work to win one of these, but—);

Debates (the University and Farg College are out strong for these and there is a state contest this year); Winter Sports (do we have to confine ourselves to the armory all winter? There's a big outdoors in this state that has health and wealth for you and me); Band Trip (are you going on it next spring?); Welfare Campaigns on the Campus (will you help in the campaign to change the name of the institution; the Y. W. C. A. is selling Red Cross Seals, help them; many colleges are helping the Government in Thrift Campaigns; there are other campaigns, such as the Roosevelt Memorial, the campaigns to sell tickets for special trips, the Agassiz selling campaign and more if you want 'em. We could name others, but attention to a few of the above will give the active student considerable to do for some time.

Our activities need not be confined entirely to the serious: St. Olaf, Huron College, and other live colleges hold Special Days during the year. Did you ever hear of a "Shirt Day"—the men trot out their "loudest" and the best "stunner" wins the prize. A "Hoboe Day" as a day for strengthening of College Spirit is unbeatable. We used to have a "Barnam and Balled Hay" Circus on this campus away back in the Sixteenth Century—dig up some of your old Agassiz and learn how it was done. There's plenty to do here, if you and I ever get any of the old college blood in our veins.

WHY NOT?

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Many of the instructors at this institution insist on punctuality above all things. If a student comes into the classroom one minute late he is due at the very least for a severe reproof. Well and good. We students accept the ruling—and the reproofs—usually without a murmur, but we cannot conscientiously see why the rule doesn't work both ways, nor why it is that some instructors will insist on keeping the entire class for several minutes after the dismissal bell rings. We cannot see any reason why the advance lesson cannot be assigned at the beginning of the period and the work so conducted that the class may be dismissed the instant the bell is heard.

We are entitled to ten minutes in which to get to the next class and we feel that we should have this time. Often it is extremely necessary.

The writer has often thought of giving a gentle reminder to certain instructors, but he has heretofore refrained from doing so in these columns because of a fear that he might be considered a knocker. However, pointing out a condition which needs correction should not come under category of knocking, and it is to be hoped that these remarks will be accepted in the same spirit in which they are given; not as knocking or crabbing — for some of our best and most really esteemed instructors are victims of the hold-over habit—but as a simple request

for a fair deal. Gentlemen, may we not hereafter be dismissed on time?
 —Student.

"THE VOICE OF THE CAMPUS"

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To The Spectrum:
 Just a pat on the back of the Edwin Booth Dramatic Club for the masterful presentation of "Little Women." The dramatic art displayed could hardly have been excelled. To say the least it was gripping, especially so, during the exodus of the much beloved "Beth," so well characterized by Miss Doris Lovell. To each and every other individual in the cast may be sung a special song of praise.

Perhaps Mr. Editor, those lifeless individuals to whom you have so steadfastly been referring in your columns, and who may have had the privilege of witnessing "Little Women," could hardly say that they have failed to receive sufficient inspiration to manifest itself in the future life of the campus, as it should be—and we hope—will be.

—Student.

Bravo! Old Man. You speak with sincerity.—Edit.

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CHANCELLOR AGAINST BETTING

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Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse University came out strong recently against betting on football games. He declared that betting degrades manhood and that gamblers are notorious failures upon all sound business principles. If a student accepts a bet to show his confidence in his team, Dr. Day says, "It is judgment which has to be supported by a bet, and usually is made up of brag and bluster. These are unsafe elements upon which to venture money. It is unfortunate if you lose and it is more unfortunate if you win."

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Happenings Around Us

A note in the "Industrial Collegian" of the South Dakota State College mentions our old friend "Bill" Nemzek as one of the Creighton College eleven who defeated the Dakota team in a game at Omaha Thanksgiving Day. We can still see old "Bill" slip back from his line position, grab the ball with both hands, and go tearing down the field with half the opposing team hanging to his ankles. May he continue long at his old gait.

The "YW" is selling Red Cross Christmas Seals—buy yours of them. Help the girls with the campus quota.

The Woodworking Department is putting out some excellent specimens of cabinet making these days, as well as of table construction. The latter were made for the "Y." The cabinet workmanship will equal any to be found in Fargo.

An event of no little importance is scheduled to happen here on the 20th, 22nd and 23rd, on which dates most of us will demonstrate on paper whether or not we've earned that elusive thing called "Credits." Our slogan for these memorable dates is—"May They Be Merciful On Us."

This is the time for sleighrides; snow, frost, jolly company, bright moon and hearty comradeship. Who'll be the first?

"Doc" Putnam is reported as coming along O. K. after his operation of last week and will be back with us shortly.

Ask "Bill" Bina about that \$50,000 prize animal of his.

All Collegiate Students interested in the 25th Annual Declamatory Contest to be held Friday February 6, 1920, see Mr. Arvold in Room O, Main Building.

Friday evening at 7:30 the Sixth Annual Industrial Course Demonstration is to be held in the Little Country Theatre.

CERES HALL NOTES

Fortune telling is becoming quite a craze in Ceres Hall. Trips to a certain mysterious seer are being planned for the near future. Many of the girls are pondering their brains to think of some real hard questions to ask her when they visit said profress. They are all half afraid of her, but yet are anxious to find out what the future has in store for them. In the meantime,

they are contenting themselves by having their palms and facial markings interpreted.

Argumentation in its finest form was presented Sunday evening in the dining room when Miss Mc Lachlin and Archie Waldie discussed topics of local interest. The debate was very informal, both talking at the same time. No decision was reached.

Miss Bernice Noyes entertained her father last Sunday.

Miss Mabel Burt has been released from the hospital ward. We're surely glad to have you back again Mabel.

Miss Alice Woldy was a Sunday guest of Mildred Peterson.

Laundry work done. We promise to return everything that don't fit. All work done promptly when we have time to do it. Woldy & Miller. (Soap furnished by Ethel McGuigan).

Less than two weeks until Xmas! Hurrah! We're so excited we can't think of any more notes.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

Girls, don't be selfish. You ought to be willing to give at least one hour a week toward making some little orphan happy. The next two meetings will be spent in sewing or making presents for the Orphan's Home. We expect every Y. W. C. A. member to do something.

Our meeting last Wednesday was exceedingly interesting. Miss Tibbits spent two years teaching in Porto Rico and her experience is well worth hearing.

On account of a misunderstanding our lunch had to be called off last Thursday. However, we will have a lunch as soon as convenient. Watch the bulletin board.

DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A dinner will be given by the Board of Trustees of the North Dakota Agricultural College Young Men's Christian Association Saturday, December 13, at 6:00 p. m., just preceding the Open House. The dinner will be served in the Association Room and the members of the Board of Trustees and their wives will have as their guests the members of the Advisory Board and their wives; the Cabinet; and representatives from the International

Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, the North Dakota State Young Men's Christian Association, the Fargo Young Men's Christian Association, Agricultural College Young Women's Christian Association, and the Fargo Ministerial Association.

The dinner program is as follows: Presiding: H. P. Beckwith, Treasurer Board of Trustees.

Piano Solo—Mrs. C. A. Williams, Gen'l Sec'y Y. W. C. A.

Invocation — J. W. Adams, Gen'l Sec'y Fargo Y. M. C. A.

Dinner— "Brief History of the Building Movement"—Prof. I. W. Smith, President Advisory Board.

"Relation of the Young Men's Christian Association to the College"—Dr. E. F. Ladd.

Y. M. C. A. Male Quartette. Greetings from other Organizations represented.

Closing Prayer—Rev. H. H. Frost. The dinner will be served by committees of the Promotive Force in charge of Wm. P. McKinstry and Richard E. Dittman.

Do you know Oscar? Meet him at the A. C. Barber Shop.

WAR STAMPS TO STAY

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CHRISTMAS SONGS

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the Triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

(Refrain)

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King;

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the Incarnate Deity.
Pleased as Man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Mild he lays his glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Risen with healing in His wings,
Light and life to all He brings,
Hail, the Son of righteousness!
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of
Peace!
Amen.

Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
Round you Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night, Holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Halleluia.
Christ the Savior, is born!
Christ the Savior, is born!

Silent night, Holy night,
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy Holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy Birth,
Jesus Lord, at Thy Birth.

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born King
of Angels!
O come, let us adore Him! O come
let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him. Christ
the Lord!

Sing, choirs of Angels, sing in exul-
tation!
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, to God in the Highest!
O come, let us adore Him! O come
let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ
the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee born to be
our Saviour.
King, Thou art come to set the na-
tion free
Word of the Father, now in flesh ap-
pearing!
O come, let us adore Him! O come

let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ
the Lord.

Joy To the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature
sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains

Repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and
grace

And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, and wonders of his
love.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondrous love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him
still
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King,"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they

With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful step and slow, —
Look up! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
O, rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When Peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the
song
Which now the angels sing.

Amen.

TWO CHRISTMAS MENUS

The annual feast days, Thanksgiv-
ing, Christmas and New Years fol-
low each other in quick succession
For each and all of these the aver-
age housewife provides the best that
the market affords but there is al-
ways the puzzling question of just
what to serve that will be different.
The Christmas season is drawing
near and with it comes the all im-
portant question of a Christmas din-
ner.

MENU

Lobster Cocktail
Consomme
Olives Salted Nuts
Planked White Fish Potato Balls
Turkey
Chestnut dressing Cranberries
Candied Sweet Potatoes June Peas
Combination Salad
Cheese Toasted Crackers
Nuts Raisins Mince Pie Coffee
The cocktail may be made with

canned lobster, chopped celery and
tomato of Italian sauce. A con-
somme of chicken or beef is best.
Serve the white fish and small potato
ball on same dish. The chestnut
dressing may be substituted by any
other dressing if the chestnuts can-
not be procured.

MENU

Oyster Cocktail
Chicken with Okra
Salted Nuts Olives
Crab Meat Cutlets
Lemon White Sauce
Roast Goose
Fried Apples, Brown Sweet Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Salad in Jelly
English Plum Pudding
Hard Sauce
Coffee Stilton Cheese Crackers
To complete either of these din-
ners the Old English custom of pass-
ing the wassail bowl or grace cup
can be carried out later in the even-
ing. To make it, put the pulp of bak-
ed apples into a punch bowl with
lemon, orange and all kinds of
spices. Pour on boiling cider and
sweeten.

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MISTLETOE

In the pagan religion of the Druids of Britain, mistletoe held quite an important place. It grows on various trees but the variety which grew on the oak tree was the only one that was supposed to hold any amount of magic. The Druids held their religious meetings in the groves of oaks because they believed the oak to be sacred. As a consequence anything growing on the oak tree was supposedly sent from heaven as a mark of choice by God. It is found in rare cases so was considered the best of luck, especially on certain days.

When a new bunch was found a sacrifice was prepared under the bough upon which the "all heal" was growing. Two white bulls that had never been bound were brought in and their horns were bound with ropes. The priest, dressed in a white robe climbed the tree and clipped off the sacred plant with a gold hook. As it fell it was caught in a white mantle. Then the bulls were slain, a banquet was spread and the priests offered a prayer to God "to prosper His gift to them unto whom He had given it."

The one reference in Scandinavian legends is when it is mentioned as being the material used in the arrow with which Buldur the sun god was slain by the blind god Hoder.

Among the Celts, the mistletoe which grew on the oak was held in the highest favor because of its magical and healing virtues. It was a one time in high repute as a medicine tho it has no medicinal properties. The only trace of the ancient regard for it is found in the English custom of kissing under the mistletoe at Christmas which is believed to be a good omen.

A RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS

Few persons are acquainted with the Christmas as it is celebrated in foreign lands. They do not know that a Russian or a Turk or a Belgian each had his conception of Christmas and that there are differences in each case.

Possibly a good idea of the way Christmas is celebrated in Russia can be obtained from a visit to our Russian communities or "settlements" in our own state.

In these communities weddings are a familiar thing near the Christmas holidays. A wedding in Russia is not like a wedding in America, for the celebration of it often lasts as long as ten days. During this time the Russian people enjoy themselves in games, dances, singing and all kinds of amusement. Dancing and singing are perhaps the chief forms of amusement. The dancing is lead by the father, who usually had been the "match maker" for the happy pair. Each man has his turn at dancing with the bride after the father.

The dances are quite unlike our modern ones. They are carried on by a swift circular motion which would make anyone not used to them, dizzy, apparently. The faster

THE ODD 25

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Beverages are great favorites of the Russians. They drink them with no more thought of wrong than we would in drinking our common soft drinks. The Christmas wedding is a time of real sport for the Russians.

The music for the dance usually consists of an accordion and a violin. Both of these instruments are capable of producing very rapid music, so their popularity among this people can easily be understood.

NEW HISTORY AND TRAVEL BOOKS

We all wish that we had more time to read books on the subject of History and Travel. The library committee has bought some interesting volumes during the last few months dealing with these subjects. Why not borrow one of these for holiday reading?

Among the number, are two very readable volumes on the Japanese people.

"The history of the Japanese," by Brinkley is the first complete and consecutive history of this country to the present day. The work is an authority, for the writer was forty years a resident of Japan. The illustrations are interesting and unusual.

Last year, Kirtland wrote a book entitled, "Samurai Trails." This is a delightfully illustrated sketch of what remains of the really "Old Japan," as seen by two vagabonds in their tramp throughout the country.

Demetra Vaka Brown, a native of Greece, writes in the "Heart of the Balkans," of an interesting journey which she took when a girl with her brother through the Balkan states.

A terrible account of the persecution and cruelties of the Armenian people from traditional times to the present is described in Gabriellan's "Armenia, a Martyr Nation."

Gibbons in his "Reconstruction of Poland," gives a lucid and vigorous presentation of the issues at stake in Poland and the Near East.

Levine in his "Resurrected Nations," purposes to give unbiased

and authoritative summaries of the history and present status of 18 submerged nations of Europe and Asia, arising from the collapse of the autocratic empires.

We shall all want to visit Oregon after reading "Oregon the Picturesque" by Murphy. The illustrations are especially appealing.

"Farthest North," by Nansen is an old but unrivaled work recording the voyage of the ship "Fram" and of a 15 months sleigh journey by Dr. Nansen and Lieutenant Johansen.

We have long needed a readable and attractive volume describing the Land of Sunshine. The book by Saunders, entitled, "Under the Sky in California," is written out of the personal experiences of a man and wife who have seen the wilder side of life in the west.

TROWBRIDGE DISCUSSES EXPERIMENT STATION WORK

"The North Dakota Experimental Station work has been severely 'trimmed' by lack of appropriations," said Dr. Trowbridge in his talk at Convocation this week. He also stated that from experiment it has been proved that fattening swine on corn is wasteful. Under such conditions of food shortage as we have had the past few years this waste amounts to almost a crime.

In the first part of his discussion he showed that experiment is the base of all knowledge so that in curtailing our agricultural experiment service our entire system of agricultural knowledge was being undermined. The shortage of funds makes it necessary for many workers of the profession to accept commercial positions. In the second part of his address, Dr. Trowbridge discussed an experiment which had been worked out and which proved that we waste eighty per cent of the food value of grains feeding them to animals. No food, therefore, which can be eaten by man economically should be fed to animals. The by-products of grains and the grasses and forage of the United States would much more than keep our present enormous export, and allow us ample for home consumption.

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This 'n That.

Freshie: Say, why have all the girls from Ceres Hall been crossed-eyed this last week?

Senior: Trying to keep one eye on the tower clock and the other on the moon.

The devil sends the blessed wind
To blow the skirts knee high.
But the Lord is just and send the
dust
To blind that wicked eye.

—Neb. Agawan.

OH' FUDGE

The Way of a Maid

Solomon of the Second rises to remark: When a damsel goeth forth to seek for victims she dresseth herself in silks and fine raiment; she powdereth her face and daubeth her cheeks and lips with rouge; yea, she improveth upon nature by shaving her luxuriant eyebrows down to a fine line, and in so doing getteth one higher than the other; but after she hath captured her swain and hath him so firmly bound that he ceaseth to struggle any more, she no longer regardeth her personal appearance; she forgetteth the efficacy of Djer-Kiss and Pompeian; yea, verily, she neglecteth even the charm of a slim, trim ankle, and goeth clop-clopping about the fields and highways, wearing a pair of four-buckle polashes with every buckle unfastened so that the breeze flappeth them about at will, like unto sails upon the sea. Of a verity, the ways of woman are strong and past the understanding of mere men

Oh, What He Misses!

I never saw a real "nut,"
I never hope to see one;
But I can tell you anyhow,
I'd rather see than be one.
—Ohio State "Sun Dial."

Explained

Puss: Why is it that the girls are so much better than the boys in Prof. Smith's Trig class?
Neil: Oh, their figures are always better.

How He Got 'Em

Quotations from a popular novel:
"He had a pair of hazel eyes into whose liquid depths she could gaze and never tire. She often wondered from what distant ancestor he had inherited them, for both his father and mother were fair-haired and blue-eyed."
That's easy to explain. His eyes were blue too, but they turned black after that little rumpus down at the poker club, and he treated them with witch-hazel, hence their present tint.

Hurried Thought

Her: How do you like my new dress?
Him: It's ripping!
Her: Heavens! Call a taxi.
—The Sun Dial.

SPECIAL ELECTION

A Special Referendum Election has been called for this Friday to decide on a matter which recently passed the Student Commission but which requires the ratification of the students to be put into effect. This is the matter of a raise in the Student Fees from \$2.75 to \$3.00, the extra 25c to be applied to Spectrum expenses. The expense of publication of our College paper has been so high that it practically hinges on the decision of the students Friday as to whether or not they want a paper the rest of the coming year.

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MISS HOBART AT POLYTECHNIC MEETING

Discusses Home Demonstration Work In North Dakota

At the regular meeting of the Polytechnic Society on December 3, Miss Inez Hobart, of the Extension Division, appeared before the society, telling of the Home Demonstration Work, with particular reference to its application in North Dakota.

Miss Hobart traced briefly the history of this work. In 1917 there were only seven home demonstration agents in the country. The war, and the need for food conservation gave the work a great impetus, so that at the present time there are about one thousand employed in this work. North Dakota has five and will add one or two more at an early date.

Various projects are undertaken by the agents in this work. Two of these, which the speaker told of in detail, are child welfare work, and clothing. To show the need for work in child welfare Miss Hobart stated that a very large number of children are 10 per cent or more underweight, and that of the deaths in North Dakota, one-fourth are of children under one year. It is the purpose of the Home Demonstration Agents to correct this condition, by taking to the mothers information in the care and feeding of children.

The work with clothing, Miss Hobart stated, is one in which great interest is shown. Clothing schools of three or four days duration are put on in various communities, un-

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der the direction of the Home Demonstration Agent. The renovation, and remaking of old garments, thru these schools has saved in the aggregate many thousands of dollars for those who have availed themselves of this work.

Following Miss Hobart's talk, other phases of the work were discussed by Misses Lewis and Jensen of the Home Economics department.

The meetings of the Polytechnic Society are open to all students. Students who have shown marked ability along scientific lines, or who are interested in scientific work may be elected to associate membership in the society. The names presented for membership must be endorsed by two active members of the society. The meetings of the society are held at eight P. M. on alternate Wednesdays, in the Physics Lecture Room, Engineering building.

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