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Register For The Winter Term Now

Schedules Are Posted And Should Register Before Examinations

The programs for the Winter term have been posted for a week now and registration for the winter term has already started.

There has been one change made in the registration system, and this has been made at the suggestion of the State Examiners.

Lady Gregory of Ireland Delights Large Audience

Take Her Subject, "The Drama"

A large and appreciative audience listened to Lady Gregory of Ireland when she appeared as the second number of the Citizen's Lecture Course at the Armory on the evening of November 30th.

She advocated the establishment of small theatres in every state, in which plays on the life of that state could be presented.

Lady Gregory told of her experience in work among the tenants of the region around Cool, Ireland, during which time she studied and gathered Irish folk lore which later, with the help of Yates, the Irish poet, were used in the little theatre in Dublin where a company of Irish players put in Irish plays.

Some advice was given to amateurs. First in regard to scenery, she advised the use of such stage settings which would make unnecessary the having on hand of a large number of changes of scenery.

Citing from her own experience, she told how her patent limited her to the use only of Irish plays, which were usually put on with an indoor cottage kitchen setting, one which was used for all occasions.

Another point was the use of plays which typified the locality in which they were to be enacted.

In the course of her talk, Lady Gregory quoted a part of one of her comedies, which revealed some of the traits of the Irish peasant which convulsed the audience with laughter, which was augmented by her solemn assertion that it was all true.

Her unaffected manner added much to the pleasure given by her address.

On the late afternoon and early morning trains Saturday and Sunday, a dozen men from A. C. left for Jamestown where they attended a two day conference of North Dakota men who are in special training for the promotion of extension work of a distinctly religious nature throughout the rural and small town communities of the state.

President Worst Tells of Conference

President Worst represented the Agricultural College as a delegate to the Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits held in Chicago, last week. The purpose of this conference was for the discussion of questions that farmers and producers are interested in, with a view to securing cheaper money for development purposes and better prices for farm products.

Co-operation among farmers was the keynote of the conference, and ways and means necessary to secure effective co-operation was the problem that received most attention.

The fact that forty-six states were represented in the conference indicates the national character of the convention and the general interest in financial and marketing questions that affects the agricultural business of the whole country.

Unquestionably constructive measures will be adopted in the immediate future that will eliminate many of the abuses which farmers complain of, now that they are aroused as never before, both as to their inherent strength when working co-operatively and their utter helplessness when working individually.

With better business methods and better farming, will naturally follow, better living. Then agriculture instead of being unpopular will become a most desirable vocation, one that will attract young people toward rural life; for nothing short of this can stem the tide that flows cityward.

The president is of the opinion that the Conference recently held will result in great benefit to the agricultural interests of the country, provided the farmers awaken to their opportunity and by united action and fair means assume direction of their own business instead of trusting to other agencies.

Wireless Station. The wireless station is having some unique experiences these days. In the first place, the operators are having no little pleasure in listening to the wireless telephone messages that are being sent in trials which are being made with this new branch of electricity.

Fargo is still building and will continue to build no doubt during the month of December, and it may be all winter.

Social Centre Demonstration A Success

EXHIBITS AND PROGRAMS ATTRACT MUCH ATTENTION.

If demonstrations are milestones in the progress of civilization, the model Social Center Demonstration held last week in the LITTLE COUNTRY THEATRE means a Hiawathan stride forward.

It emphasized the realization of a dream, and the attainment of the seemingly impossible. It was a stirring surprise, even to the most optimistic, and a demonstrated miracle to the weakened chaps who live on the atmospheric center of a doughnut.

The three days of the demonstration were literally filled with instructive, inspiring, and entertaining lessons to those interested.

On entering the LITTLE COUNTRY THEATRE the visitors were greeted with music from an orchestra or a band depending on the time. The exhibits of sewing and cooking brought forth many favorable comments.

The programs were well carried out and met with the hearty applause of all present.

The program of Thursday afternoon was one of special interest to the younger members of the community, as it consisted of juvenile and folk dances. These were all very well received.

The other programs were also well received. Never before has a similar project been attempted.

She Doesn't Expect Much. He—A maid must not expect such lovers as she finds in books. Few men are paragons.

She—Oh! I should not expect a paragon. I should be satisfied with a lover, young, handsome, brave, noble and unselfish.—Dayton Herald.

Lady Gregory Much Pleased With Play

The affair at the Little Country Theatre, at which Lady Gregory was a guest last Tuesday pleased her thoroughly. She enjoyed immensely the presentation of one of her own comedies, The Traveling Man, which was given under the direction of Miss Delia A. Linwell.

The cast consisted of Harold Bachmann, Katherine Ladd and Katherine Keye. Mr. Bachmann showed some fine dramatic talent, and did clever work in the heavier passages of the play.

The title of the play is somewhat misleading, as interpreted according to the modern comprehension of "traveling man." That character in Lady Gregory's play refers to an old tramp, in refusing a kindness to whom, the housewife turns away "eternal youth," or, as the old Irish fable is interpreted the Christ.

Lady Gregory was very enthusiastic about the Little Country Theatre and its work, which coincides with so many of her own ideas as to the drama.

Oregon A. C. Preparing for A. C. Debate

According to the last issue of the O. A. C. BAROMETER, the college paper of Oregon Agricultural College, the preliminary tryouts for the dual debate with A. C. were held on the evening of November 29. Eight men, seven of whom have had previous experience in college debates, were chosen. From these, four will be selected at the finals tryout to be held on next Monday evening.

Speaking of the tryouts, Registrar Tennant, who was one of the judges said: "In all my four and a half years in connection with debate at this institution, I have never seen so much interest shown in debate and the quality of work as shown by this tryout, has never been equalled."

The debate is to be held on the evening of January 10, Harold Bachman and Mathias Thorfinnson representing A. C. at Corvallis and Arthur Scholander and Walter Baumgartel debating the question here.

"Dad" Elliotts Message Appreciated

Has Large Audiences for Four Nights

"There are no quitters at A. C." is a slogan which every man on the campus understands as a reminder of the four days of splendid fellowship which all enjoyed with "Dad" Elliott of Chicago, senior secretary of the College Young Men's Christian Associations for the West.

With a very busy week scheduled and practically no newspaper publicity given "Dad's" coming, the men of A. C. crowded out to hear his driving messages for four nights straight. First he showed to the satisfaction of his audience that to make good in the world of business today required a character that was above reproach.

The next night came that wonderful address on "Three Reasons for Being a Christian." No longer do A. C. men lack for an understanding of why a Christian man

can live a cleaner, a more unselfish, and more helpful life than if he put aside his religion. "Dad" with his wonderful store of personal knowledge of individual men, made it more than plain to every man there.

During the few days of the visit of Mr. Elliott and Mr. Beaver, the General Secretary for the Northwestern Colleges, many A. C. men had the opportunity of meeting "Dad" and Beaver personally, and talking over with them some of the questions which had arisen in their own personal and religious lives.

At the close of the four days the men of A. C. who had followed the meetings day by day all the way through, expressed the opinion that not in their student generation had the college men as a whole been so moved to act on their highest conviction as they had been under the leadership of "Dad" Elliott, all-western end, student leader, scholar, and Christian gentleman.

Sophomore Masque Ball An Enjoyable Affair

Many Novel Costumes Are Worn

One of the best parties of the year was the Sophomore masquerade given in the armory last Saturday evening. After some discussion on the part of the class it was decided to follow the good example of last year's Sophomore class and give a masquerade.

After several unsuccessful attempts on the part of a negro gentleman to play the piano, an old black mammy came forth and by her mastery of the art of piano playing revealed herself to be none other than Mr. Baernstein.

The surprise of the evening was sprung by the members of Baernstein's six-piece orchestra. About the time that some people were beginning to get uneasy at the non-appearance of any music it was announced that thru a mistake the orchestra has not appeared and a call was made for volunteers.

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The armory was effectively decorated with A. C. pennants, and frappe was served throughout the evening. The dancers unmasked about ten o'clock and after that informal dancing was enjoyed.

GERMAN ENTERTAINMENT TO BE GIVEN DECEMBER 14

There will be a Christmas entertainment given in German in the Little Country Theatre on Tuesday afternoon at 4:45. Admission is free and all are cordially invited to be present.

HerrSchulze—Arnold Heidner, Frau Schulze—Eleanor Geiken, Karleben—Dorothy Keene, Kellner—Connie Mills, 5. Vocal Selection.....Ward Porter, 6. Music.....Fargo College Male Quartette, 7. Playlet—"Die Luegnerinnen" Frances Shea, Martha Dittmer, Ethel Fisher, and Pearl Levitz.

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**ALUMNI**  
 Mark E. Heller, '12, is now located at Chanute, Kansas, and as in the old days seems to have a good many "irons in the fire," being interested in a newspaper, in oil lands, and natural gas lands.  
 Clifford F. Schroeder, '14, is this year instructor in physics at the Lidgerwood high school. He maintains his interest in athletics and is coach of the Lidgerwood high school team. According to reports, his football team made an excellent showing, losing only one game, its director of agriculture in the high school at Elmore, Minnesota, and is now superintendent of schools at Winifred.  
 Earle B. Hunt, '11, and Mrs. Hunt (nee Eugenia Ruff, '14) are now located at Winifred, Montana, operating a 320-acre ranch. After leaving college Mr. Hunt was for two years director of agriculture in the high

**Athenians Win Eighth Annual Debate**

**Convinces Judges That Mail Order Houses Are Beneficial**

The Athenian Literary Society, represented by Theodore Thorlinton, Lena Horne, and Hugh Robinson, won the Eighth Annual Joint Debate on Friday evening. The question discussed was "Resolved. That mail order houses are not beneficial to the rural communities of North Dakota." The Athenians upheld the negative of the question. The affirmative was given by Rosilla Ladd and Louise Fitzgerald. Florence Lane was also a member of the team but was prevented from taking part by illness. Her main argument was presented by Miss Ladd while Miss Fitzgerald gave her rebuttal.  
 The debate was opened by Rosilla Ladd, who briefly discussed the movement away from the cities and are described by the U. S. Census of 1910, as being the community of 2500 inhabitants or under. She outlined the arguments which the affirmative intended to advance as follows, (1) that mail order houses are a monopoly, (2) that they are not based on sound principles, (3) that they are not beneficial to the community from a civic, moral or economic standpoint, and (4) that the question resolves itself to "Mail Order House vs. Co-operation."  
 The affirmative's arguments were opened by Mr. Thorlinton, who traced the development of the mail order business from its humble beginnings in 1872 to the place where there are 1200 in at the present time. The mail order houses today do a business equal to 4 per cent of all the retail business of the country and 8 to 10 per cent of the business done in the rural communities. The main arguments of the affirmative were (1) that the mail order houses tend toward centralization of business, (2) that they are more efficient than the rural merchants, and (3) that they furnish goods more economically. He dwelt on the first of these, showing that the mail order houses tended to eliminate all but the most efficient of the small merchants.  
 Miss Ladd next discussed the point that the mail order house is not beneficial to the rural community from a civic, moral, or economic standpoint because they do not pay living wages, and use sweat-shop labor. She maintained that one-half the old customers of the mail order houses had gone back to trading with the home merchants.  
 Miss Horne next took up the negative side of the question and discussed the efficiency of the mail order houses from the points of management, fresh stocks, and sanitary conditions of the establishments. Mr. Robinson continued the debate by showing some of the benefits of buying from a mail order house such as, convenience in ordering, the fact that there is no middleman, and that the catalogues are "price levelers."  
 Miss Fitzgerald, in her main argument, told of the monopoly of the mail order houses and of the passage of certain laws in order to control their business and to protect the home merchants.  
 The rebuttals of both sides were largely a summary of the points already advanced.  
 The decision of the judges was three in favor of the Athenians. Professors Thomas and Keithley and Mrs. Sweetman were the judges. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Cadet Band.

**High School Notes**

**CASTALIONS AND HESPERIANS GIVE PARTY.**  
 The high school party given last Friday by the two high school literary societies, Castalia and Hesperia, was a decided success in spite of the fact that the play planned for the evening would not be put on at that time. Dad Elliott was giving an address in the Armory at eight o'clock, so the young people met in Ceres Hall Parlors, where they played games until nine o'clock. At nine all went over to the Armory and the remainder of the evening was spent in lancing and games. The Armory was partitioned into two apartments by strips of blue and gold paper—the Hesperian colors. The dancers occupied one part while those who did not care to dance enjoyed themselves in an athletic meet and other sports in the second.  
 Professor and Mrs. I. W. Smith and Professor and Mrs. E. G. Meiner were present and entered into the spirit of the occasion with hearty enthusiasm. Excellent music was furnished by an orchestra. Refreshments were served about eleven o'clock, and the evening's entertainment closed with "The Yellow and the Green" sung by all.  
**LOCALS**  
 During the past week, Tom Hannan and his assistants have been replacing some of the trees set out last fall which failed to grow. Several more have also been placed around the campus. This work is a good demonstration of the fact that large trees can be transplanted with suc-

**CERES HALL**  
 Mrs. Butler and son, Mr. Eddy, Wm. Eddy and Mr. and Mrs. Short spent Sunday with Mrs. Rupert.  
 Mr. Burr Engle spent Sunday with his sister. He came Saturday night and Maud had a very exciting time at the supper table. Ask Walter about it.  
 Mr. Else spent Saturday evening with Mary Horne. He is from Edmore and came to visit with friends.  
 Mrs. W. A. Snow and Miss Elsie Felstad took Sunday dinner with Myrtle and Ivy Waechter.  
 Judith Rognlie stayed with Lucille Stuart Saturday night.  
 Miss Anna Kellogg has been in bed several days with the grip.  
 Cecil Manikowski gave a delightful spread to her girl friends Saturday night.  
 Gladys Plath took 6 o'clock dinner with Mrs. A. A. Plath Thursday.  
 Mr. Carl Hamer visited with his sister Alice Thursday.  
 Alice Tibert and Helen Adams of Moorhead took Sunday dinner with Liela and Ruth Nelson.  
 The Misses Thordison, Berg and Anderson gave a spread Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Thordison's birthday which was the following day.  
 Miss Liela and Ruth Nelson had supper at the home of Mrs. Tibert Saturday evening.  
 Ask Miss Westly about her phone call Saturday.

**SOCIETY**

Do your Christmas shopping early." Prof. Householder was seen in the Woolworth department store recently, apparently trying to get some suggestions for the difficult Christmas problem, which is beyond the scope of mathematics.  
 Many of the students are suffering from attacks of the gripe. The Spectrum staff is not immune to such maladies, as two of our worthy members are on the sick list.  
 Mrs. A. D. Haskins, wife of "Bert" Haskins, formerly a student here, but now studying at Ames, was the guest of Mrs. W. A. Mercer during the past week.  
 The first Cadet hop of the season was held last Friday afternoon. For awhile there was a great scarcity of the girls, without whom a dance is el." But this drawback was finally remedied, and the dance was a decided success. "All's well that ends well," you know.  
 The dance was in the hands of some of the officers of the Cadet Battalion, each company being represented by one of its officers. The music was furnished by the Cadet Band. Many substitutions were made during the course of the afternoon in order to give some of the members of the Band a chance to dance.  
 One of the features of the afternoon's entertainment was the famous 100-yard dance, called by some enthusiasts "Orr's 100-yard race." This came at the close of several encores, especially of the one-steps. These uncovered some couples who were very proficient in fast dancing and lead to the agitation of a rule providing that all those who couldn't keep up, should keep off the floor.  
 The afternoon was a very enjoyable one, and it is the earnest hope of those who were present that the Cadet hops may be repeated.  
 Where Safety Lies.—"I see when a man runs for office he has to put himself in the hands of his friends." "Yes, my dear."  
 "If a woman ran would she have to put herself in the hands of her women friends?"  
 "I suppose so."  
 "Well, I don't imagine many women will run. Think of taking such chances!" —Luluville Courier-Journal.  
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