

Sophs Give Best Party of the Year

Originality and Liveliness Mark Last Big Party of Term.

The Sophomores certainly covered themselves with glory last Saturday evening by putting on a party that will set a standard for some time. Everything was original from the start. The novel invitations augured correctly that something was going to happen.

WINTER SHORT COURSE

Agriculture, Domestic Science, Engineering. January 4-March 12. Ten Weeks. Owing to the uncertainty as to the amount of funds that would be available for the instructional work of the North Dakota Agricultural College for the remainder of the school year, it was feared for some time that it would be necessary for the Agricultural College to discontinue the winter short courses that have in the past proved to be such a popular and valuable feature of the institution's work.

FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE Y. M. C. A.

A custom heretofore never observed at the Y. M. C. A. of holding a special service for newly received members of the College Y. M. C. A. will be observed next Sunday afternoon at the supper hour. Plans are being made for all the Association men of the College to be present. The special guests of the evening will be the 100 men who have, during the past few days joined the local Association. The exact program for the occasion will not be announced but it will be very informal. If there is any man in the College who is not a member of the Y. M. C. A., who would like to be present on this occasion, such a man is perfectly welcome to come.

INDUSTRIAL MOTION PICTURES.

There will be shown this week, two films from the National Cash Register Company, one on Factory scenes. The other film will be on the Germination of plants. Also there will be shown about 150 dissolving slides, in the showing of which three lanterns will be used, consuming power which will be equivalent to about ten horse power. The slides show landscape gardening, boys and girls gardens, welfare work and many other subjects. Dean Keene of the department will accompany them with a lecture. Friday at 4:45 p. m.

WANTED—WORK FOR XMAS VACATION.

I have the names of several students who would like to act as substitutes for the Christmas vacation period on jobs now held by students who intend to go home for the holidays. Such men who are looking for a man to take their work for them during this period will be able to arrange matters by calling at the Y. M. C. A. office. RAY SWEETMAN, Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Twentieth Annual Oratorical Contest North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, North Dakota.

Friday evening, December 11, 1914 at the Little Country Theatre.

President of the Evening ----- George Stewart Music ----- Selected The Servants ----- Albert Jaquua City Government ----- Joseph Roberts Usurper or Co-Operator? ----- Leland Meonell The Dreamers ----- Walter Baumgartel Modern Barbarism ----- Richard Olsen The Vindication of Ideals ----- Theodore Stoa Music ----- Selected Decision of Judges. Admission Fifteen cents—Benefit Debate fund.

Richards Anniversary Fittingly Celebrated

Members of Home Economics Course Observe Day by Program, Open House and Exhibits

The 72nd birthday anniversary of Ellen H. Richards, premier leader in the home economics movement, was celebrated at this institution with due ceremony. The interest that is taken in this annual event is well warranted by the programs, papers and demonstrations which accompany this celebration.

Especially to be noted this year was the number of outside visitors present at the program and at the "open house" period at Ceres Hall. It affords an opportunity for friends of the institution to become acquainted with the work which the department is doing, and from the comments received, all who have investigated are surprised and delighted with the excellence of the work which is being done. As one lady remarked when leaving, "They dignify things so, that it makes me proud of my position as 'chief cook and bottle-washer'." It makes me wish that I could have had the same opportunity when I was a girl.

The afternoons program was opened by the Treble Clef Club who sang "A Perfect Day" and "Coppah Moon", the latter number being specially acceptable.

The age of the profession and its historical foundation was told of by Miss Katherine Lager, who related how Xenophon had laid out the principles of the science some 2000 years ago. His imaginary dialogue on the subject covered almost all of the modern phases of Home Economics.

A number of striking quotations from the writings of Mrs. Ellen H. Richards were given by some of the department girls; for instance: "There are three companions with whom you should keep on good terms: your wife, your stomach, and your conscience". The Home Makers also gave a number of quotations.

A resume of the scope and character of the first home economics text book was presented by Miss Lena Honet, who pointed out the breadth of vision and foresight into the future which Catherine Beecher shows in the subject matter of this book.

Miss Margaret Hutchinson told the story of an early American Home scientist, who was later knighted for his services to science. Benjamin Thompson, (Count Rumford) was the first man of science to devote any considerable amount of scientific investigation to domestic problems.

A unique song was the next number, presented by the girls in such a manner as to bring out the differences between a home of our grandmothers time and one modeled after the lines laid down by Mrs. Richards.

A brief summarization of what the State and Federal governments are doing to further this type of work was given by Miss Mary Gibbons and brought home very forcibly, the importance which this work has in the eyes of the administrators of this country.

Miss Elsie Stark read a paper on the life and work of Mrs. Richards which brought out the more salient and unusual features of her activities. Her struggles to get an education in a period when higher education for women was frowned on, and her admittance as the first woman student in Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her long successful career as instructor in Sanitary Chemistry, at that school were all graphically narrated.

The purpose of the Richards Memorial Fund was concisely expressed by Miss Katharine Keye when she described it as a "miniature Sage Foundation". Its protected outline of service was presented and contributions asked. After the singing of the "Yellow and the Green" by the Treble Clef Club and the audience, all were invited to inspect the Hall and the department work.

Tea was served in the model dining room which was beautifully decorated. Different groups of girls were stationed in charge of the various exhibits to explain them to the visitors. The parlors and all of the Hall were later thrown open to the visitors who were piloted throughout the entire building in charge of the department girls.

Many were the commendations showered on Miss Stoner for her work in the building up of this department, which showed up so splendidly at this time. The breadth, scope and excellence of the work was an eye-opener to those unfamiliar with the Home Economics course at this institution.

All of the memorial day features were a credit to the school.

Both the long term and the Farm Husbandry classes in stock judging left Saturday for the annual visit to the W. W. Brown stock farm at Amenia, N. D. While here they inspected fine herds of shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs as well as the Percheron horses which Mr. Brown raises.

This is the ninth annual pilgrimage that the classes have made and it is reported as being the best as well as the largest ever made.

The trip was made under the protection and guidance of Professors Thompson and Weje, and the last named reports "some feed and a swell time."

Einar Blix has returned from western Montana where he has been employed in construction work for the G. N. R. R.

The first hint that he had returned to the campus was dropped by Coach Wood, when he was seen with an overgrown smile.

Couldn't Be Exact.

Gil. (to Conductor in Texas) K Buud, how long has this hot wind been blowing? Conductor.—I don't jest know, stranger. I been on this run only seven year.

GRAND LECTURE COURSE.

Dr. A. McG. Beede of Cannon Ball, North Dakota, will speak December 13th on the subject, "After the Battle—What?" Doors open at 7:30. Admission free.

REGISTER NOW!

The programs for the winter term have been posted upon the bulletin boards in the Main Building and the wise student is busying himself with the necessary details of registration before the cares of examination week come upon him. While the new registration card is a rather formidable looking document, it is in reality simplicity itself, combining in one card, the two forms that have hitherto been used and dispensing with a lot of running back and forth on the part of the student. This means a great saving of time for the student and for all of his instructors.

A new feature is the "class-card," one of which the student is to fill out for each differently numbered course for which he registers. These cards are deposited with the registrar and as soon as the student has paid his fee, they are sent to the proper instructors, thus providing each instructor with a complete class-roll promptly and preventing the admission to class of students who are not properly registered. When an instructor receives a "class card" for a student, whom he considers as unprepared for the work, he is to return the card to the registrar and ask for a review of the registration. These two features of the "class card" make unnecessary the approval of the instructor for the registration in advance and the signature of the instructor when the student reports to class.

As in the past, at the times of advance registration, the fees for the next term will not be payable until the opening of the new term.

REGISTER NOW.

MRS. HUBBEL PRESENTS TWO EXCELLENT NUMBERS

Convocation Program Is Marked by Tense Attention Shown.

The presentation of two short readings, Helen Thumre and "Aux Italiens," by Mrs. Nellie Farnsworth Hubbel was one of the treats of the Fall Term convocations. Mrs. Hubbel had read the first of these to the girls of the school before and not the least of the tributes to her excellence of her work was the rapt attention which held both those who heard it before and those to whom it was entirely new. Depicting the struggles of a world-famous prima donna when she is confronted with the necessity of publicly recognizing her mother who is a woman of the streets and her final triumph and acknowledgement of that fact, it was a presentation that rose to powerful dramatic climaxes under the skillful handling of the reader.

The second is a setting forth of the power of music and suggestion and no small part of its appeal is due to the cleverly adapted piano accompaniment from Il Trovatore which was played by Miss Florence Turner. Mrs. Hubbel showed the utmost talent in handling the play of feelings which ran through the poem. Her future appearances at this school will be very much looked forward to.

The program for next week is a musical one, on which will appear the college orchestra and the two glee clubs.

JUDGE POLLOCK WILL SPEAK.

Next Sunday afternoon Judge Pollock, of this city will be the speaker. When the Judge was asked to speak at this meeting, he at first said that he could not accept, but then said that he would not make a speech, but if we would get a number of questions that were of general interest, either as students or as citizens. About twenty-five questions have been handed to the Judge, and he will have the answers ready for us next Sunday. If you have any question on the general topic of prohibition or law enforcement that you would like to ask, he will be glad to answer them after the others. These questions are of interest and value to everyone of us, and we owe it to ourselves to hear Judge Pollock's answers to them. There will be special music. The service will be held in the Little Country Theatre, at four o'clock.

Philos Win Joint Debate Five Contest Points Won

Both Societies Show Promising Material for Intercollegiate Work

The Philomathian Literary Society won the Seventh Annual Joint Debate last Friday evening after a spirited contest. The question debated was:

Resolved, that all railroads doing Inter-State business should be owned and operated by the Federal Government.

Arthur Kotchian, Jesse Kruger, Matthias Thorfinson on the affirmative represented the Athenians and Houghton Harrington, Arthur Scholjander, Ward Porter on the negative represented the Philos. The judges of the debate were Dean Robinson of Fargo College, Professor Fish of Fargo College, and Prof. Weeks of the Agricultural College. Walter Marshall acted as president of the evening and Clarence Wolsted as timekeeper.

The affirmative attempted to prove: First: That the present system is a failure.

Second: That financing the purchase of the railroads would not be difficult, and

Third: that the benefits of government ownership are numerous.

The negative attempted to prove: First: Government ownership is impractical.

Second: Government ownership is undesirable, and,

Third: Government ownership is unwise.

Mr. Kotchian, the first speaker for the affirmative rused the argument that the present system is a failure, in which instance he cited several cases where rebats are still given. The situation is not beneficial to the people of the country and society at large because of its relations to labor questions and important issues pending government action. The railroad system is, at present, causing corrupt politics in that lobbyists are maintained for the benefit of the system, free passes are granted, the robbing of stockholders is practised while in many cases, bribery has been resorted to. The service as a whole is inefficient because of congested traffic conditions; defective road-beds which cause a loss of life. The difference in aim being present day that the railroads are not run for greater efficiency but for greater profit.

Mr. Harrington in speaking for the negative stated that government is undesirable as the present system is excellent, the quality of service and equipment being equal to or surpassing that of government owned railroads. Former abuses no longer exist as publicity is given the railroad service and conditions are cited as they actually exist. Rates are no longer unreasonable and discriminating as they have been proven not to be exorbitant. Some dis-

crimination is reasonable and necessary.

The second speaker for the affirmative, Mr. Kreuger, debated that the financing of the purchase of the railroad is not difficult as national finance is very good at the present time. National finance has been tried and proven a success of recent years and would be successful in this undertaking also. With each government enterprise undertaken, the change has been made for the better and all have been successful in maintaining their own standards.

Mr. Schollander of the negative used as his argument the inadvisability of government ownership as it would weaken the efficiency of the present system, the task being too gigantic to undertake all at once. No reorganization could be offered. The government has shown that it fails to adopt improved methods and equipment and that it is a poor employer of labor. The plan is contrary to good policy for there would be political graft, individual strife and legalized graft would be unrestricted.

That the benefits of the system would be numerous was debated by Mr. Thorfinson. The service would be greatly improved if it were in government hands. The rates would be lowered, giving rise to better conditions. Government ownership would result in social benefit to the country as a whole, for it would cause an even distribution of wealth and eliminate the corruption now existing. It would also limit the powers of the millionaires and trusts now operating the railroad system.

Government ownership would be unwise according to Mr. Porter, because the government could not possibly improve the efficiency of the present system. Government ownership would result instead in poorer service. From an economical standpoint, the change would be unwise as the interest on the capital needed to operate the railroads would be too great. The average wage would be the cause of inefficient employees. The rates could not be lowered and still have the railroads a paying proposition. Efficiency in management would not be secured because the present bad system of employing men. The wages paid to the men capable of efficient management would not be enough to induce such men to enter government employ.

The speakers all had their material well in hand and presented their arguments clearly and forcibly. Debate work has taken a tremendous impetus at this school and the results are beginning to show. With material like this, our intercollegiate teams will be ones to be proud of.

The "Y" quartette gave a number of selections before and after the debate.

LONDON AUTHORS.

Make Strickland W. Gillilan Member of Famous Club.

Within the last year Strickland W. Gillilan has been made a member of the Authors' Club, of London, England, whose officers comprise Conan Doyle, Anthony Hope, Sir Gilbert Parker, Robert Barr and nearly all the other men of letters of that country. His book has been asked for and placed in the club library.

Mr. Gillilan has sold another batch of verses to the Ladies' Home Journal, some new things to Life; has taken up his Chicago Daily News work again (since quitting the strenuous every-day job for the Baltimore Evening Sun), has sold much manuscript to Human Life, Associated Sunday Magazines and other newspapers and periodicals, and been otherwise exceedingly busy and happy.

ABOUT THIS TIME LOOK OUT FOR THESE REMARKS.

- 1. Christmas is getting to be such a tax!
2. It is so hard to think of anything to give a man!
3. The trouble is—she can buy anything in the world she wants for herself.
4. If Tom only smoked! There

are so many "Gifts for Smokers."
5. I'm sure I don't know what it's for, but it looks pretty, so I guess I'll take it.
6. Two dollars? What a pity! It's just exactly the thing, but I can't get off with less than five dollars for her.

7. No, I make all of mine myself. It shows so much more love, I think.
8. Won't you be relieved when it's all over?
9. Just go and get anything you want for yourself and the children and charge it. But don't bother me!

10. It doesn't seem in the least like Christmas this year.
11. Next year I sha'n't send one earthly thing but postal cards.
12. Will you look at that! From a woman with her money!

HAD A MAN ALREADY.

Young Mrs. M. was new to city ways, but when she moved from her home in the country she received many warnings, especially to beware of all strange men. While waiting in a department store one day the shop walker came up and inquired, "Is anyone waiting on you?" "I have a man already," she replied in withering accents as she glared scornfully out of the store.



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REGISTER EARLY.

This being the last issue of the term, we will take occasion to remind every one that they are expected to register early; in fact to do it before exams begin.

"YE COMING SCRIBE".

Mr. George Dixon, who was elected Editor-in-Chief of this sheet for the coming term, needs no introduction to the students of this school.

DEBATE.

Debating prospects have never looked better at this school, if interest taken is any indication. The Farm Husbandry students are considering staging several debates and the number who are looking forward to participation in the Inter-Society and Inter-Collegiate debates is decidedly encouraging.

In the Inter-Collegiate field, we have some excellent dates in prospect and will have fine teams to represent us. Popular student interest will help a lot in turning out winning teams. Everybody boost!

A BOOKSELLER'S HUMOROUS EXPERIENCE.

(By Ralph L. King.) An Atchison, Kans., bookseller, who has been in the business many years recently told of some of the humorous experiences he has had in connection with customers who were confused about the titles of books they wished to purchase.

ONE OF HUNDREDS.

Of Glowing Press Notices Following the Appearance of Gillilan.

Mr. Strickland W. Gillilan, the noted humorist, appeared at the Maltz theatre last night, November 7, in the second number of the lecture course given by the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church.

CHRISTMAS PHRASES DEFINED.

"Peace on earth, good-will toward men."—An expression of universal amity formerly enjoying great vogue, but which has been recently blue-penciled by the European censors.

The Czar's Letter

By WILLARD BLAKEMAN

In 1862 Napoleon III., who had a scheme in his head for his Mexican empire, was anxious to make a cat-paw of England by inducing her to join him in breaking up the American republic.

"Tell your master," said Alexander to the French ambassador, "that if he interferes in America I will strike him."

Now, the emperor was not sure that Napoleon would inform the English government of this threat. He was committed in his Mexican scheme and would proceed despite the czar's protest.

One day the American minister at St. Petersburg was called to the imperial palace and when he returned to the embassy called the second secretary of legation into his private office and, handing him a paper, said to him: "This document is a communication to me from the czar expressing his friendliness for the United States and declaring that if the Emperor Napoleon intervenes in the struggle going on there he will make war upon France."

George Carey, armed with a 42 caliber revolver, made his preparations to leave by the next train at 6 p. m. Expecting that he might be watched and delayed on his way to the station, he called a cab an hour before train time.

"Drive straight to the station," he said. This had the proper effect, and Carey reached the train half an hour before leaving time.

The emissary was put by an official (bribed) into a compartment where there was no one but a girl. The train had no sooner started than she began to puff a cigarette.

When Carey passed the border into Germany he was very sleepy and dropped into a slumber in spite of his efforts to keep awake.

He was leaving his train at Calais to go aboard the boat for Dover when a man stepped up to him and asked if he were George Carey.

Meanwhile the passengers were passing from the train to the boat. Carey stood listening to the warrant, one eye on the travelers and the boat, the other on the person whom he knew to be personating an officer of the law.

A couple of hours on the channel and a few more in a train and Carey reached London. He had no baggage to bother him and took a cab at once for Downing street.

Coming Events.

December.

Friday, the 11th—Twentieth Annual Oratorical Contest.

Friday the 8th: Short course Party, the Armory.

Tuesday, the 26th—Strickland Gillilan.

Friday the 29th—Junior Prom, The Armory.

February

Monday, the 1st—Lorado Taft

Friday, the 5th—Twentieth Annual College Declamatory Contest.

Friday, the 12th—Sixth Annual Short Course Declamatory Contest.

Thursday, the 18th—John G. Wooley.

Friday, the 19th. A. & M. T. High School Inter-Society Debate.

Saturday, the 20th—Colonial Party, The Armory.

Friday, the 26th—Inter-Collegiate Debate.

March

Friday, the 5th—Inter-collegiate Debate.

Saturday, the 6th—A. & M. T. H. S. Party; The Armory.

Friday, the 19th—Dr. Edward A. Steiner.

Sunday-Monday, the 21st and 22nd—Eleventh Annual Industrial Course Commencement.

April.

Thursday, the 1st—All College April-Fool Party, The Armory.

Friday, the 9th—Inter-Collegiate Debate.

May

Saturday, the 1st—Senior Party (May Party).

Monday, the 17th—Eighth Annual Inter-High School Declamatory Contest.

June, the 3rd and 4th—Fourth Annual Agricultural and Manual Training High School Commencement.

June, the 5th to 8th—Twenty-first Annual College Commencement.

NOTICE.

Don't forget to attend the bachelors dream given at the Christian church next Wednesday evening. This is a delightful assembling of American folk songs and ballads, together with living pictures posed by a group of young ladies, to illustrate the songs.

NOTICE.

Anyone wishing to take mineralogy next term, see Mr. Parrott at once. Course will be offered if enough desire to register.

FOR THE SPECTRUM.

The student directories which came out about ten days ago have had a very good sale. However, the number of students who have secured these directories constitute only about one-third of the student body.

A number of these directories are still to be had at the Book Store. These, of course, are not absolutely correct, as it is impossible to make them so, because a number of students are continually moving from one address to another but they are as nearly correct as it was possible to make them, at the time they were issued.

In the Y. M. C. A. rooms is a directory posted on the wall, on which changes of address are recorded as far as the knowledge concerning them is to be had.

POLYTECH PROGRAM.

The next meeting of the Polytechnic Society will be addressed by O. H. Benson, Agriculturist in charge of Club Work for the U. S. government.

His address will be illustrated by a number of lantern slides on various points of the subject. He will cover the more important points on public and civic education for conservation of boys and girls, showing how it is possible to bring rural opportunities into city back yards, vacant lots, etc. He will also tell

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WRITE TO THE REGISTRAR FOR CIRCULARS, CATALOG, AND ADMISSION BLANKS.—FALL TERM BEGAN SEPTEMBER 14.

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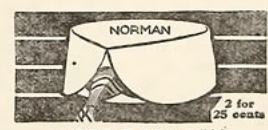
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Athletic Activities

BASKETBALL PROSPECTS

Several Promising New Men Have Been Developed.

Basketball practice has started in earnest and with only a few of last year's men back, Coach Wood is starting the foundation for a championship team. On account of the long Montana football trip some of the men are unable to report until after the Xmas holidays; their school work requiring all of their time. The schedule has not as yet been completed but Managers Slocum and Bjorenson are working hard to make it the best line up of games the A. C. has ever had.

Captain McQuillan is too busy with his studies and other duties to report for practice but after Xmas will be on the job to set a pact for his men and to hold down the position of all-state guard which he has held for two successive years.

Bolsinger, McQuillan's running mate who is beyond a doubt the best all around basketball player in the state, reported for the first time Monday evening. The fact that he landed a berth on the all-state team last year as both center and guard proves that he can take any position and do it justice.

McKee, who has held down a forward position for two years, has again reported and is showing his old time form.

Blix, one of last year's guards, is again seen about the campus and it is hoped that he will be back to hold down his old position.

Heine, who hails from Hankinson, is out for the pivot position and if height and strength are any criterion he will make somebody step.

Crawford, Movold and Hamilton are new men who are showing up well at the forward positions.

Dodds, who starred on one of the class teams last year, is out for a place on the team and is showing up well.

INTER-CLASS BASKETBALL.

Last year a series of games were scheduled between the various classes of the institution. This is arranged by each of the classes electing an athletic manager, these managers meet with the coach and certain nights of each week were given to each class for practice. They also arrange the schedule.

These games arouse a great deal of enthusiasm among the student body and should be made a permanent factor in the institution. The championship was won last year by the Class of '16 and it remains to be seen if they can again carry off the honors.

AUTHOR OF "FINNIGIN"

Writes in Other Vein for Ladies' Home Journal—Five Poems Accepted for One Issue Under Unusual Circumstances.

The Ladies' Home Journal, in the issue of January (1910), printed a page of fourteen poems, five of which were by Strickland W. Gillilan, not more than one of the rest being by one author. In an introductory note the editor said: "A few months ago we said: 'Good poetry we cannot get.' \* \* \* There came to us a large number of verses to convince us of our error. Some of them did not convince us. Others did. Of those that did, we here present a few. It will be interesting in connection with the poems by Strickland W. Gillilan, to note that in the mood there presented he would hardly be recognized as the author of that familiar ballad: "On agin, on agin, gone agin, Finnigin."

GILLILAN'S STORY.

Of How a Swedish Conductor Saved a Lecture Date for Him.

Write a new name in your calendar of lyceum saints—Barney Cavanaugh. A Swede? Certainly. Barney runs the early morning Great Western train from St. Joe to Des Moines.

Gillilan was booked by the edar Rapids branch of the Redpath-Slayton Bureau to make Murray, Iowa, one night and Storm Lake the next. The connections were so close that hopes of reaching Storm Lake were very slight.

Gillilan got to Murray, filled his date, drove that night to Lorimor, eleven miles away, and caught the morning train on the Great Western due in Des Moines at 8 o'clock. It was half an hour late at Lorimor and remained so. Gillilan told Conductor Barney Cavanaugh his troubles and Cavanaugh was sympathetic, courteous and decent about it.

Both were under the impression that the C. M. St. Paul train for Storm Lake left Des Moines at 8:40. But at South Des Moines the time had changed and the train had left at 8:30. Then Barney did get busy. He watched the Des Moines depot yards as the train pulled in and said to Gillilan:

"She's still there. You get your grips ready and I'll head off that train for you."

Leaping to the ground he ran around an intervening train and literally held the already started outgoing train till the lyceum man got safely aboard. Otherwise, the date would have been missed.

Gillilan sent, immediately, a copy of his book, "Including Finnigin," to Barney, with the following inscription:

"To him who held my train for me, Who worked with might and main for me—

Yea, labored not in vain for me But saved an evening's gain for me, I send my little book.

I know you're Swedish by your name; But yet, in spite of that, I'm game And grateful to you just the same, You, Barney Cavanaugh!"

FROM A SINNER'S DIARY.

Then why don't you? In the afternoon the farmer forks in a ton of \$14 hay. The next forenoon he shovels out a ton of \$1 fertilizer. Where's the \$13?

My pa dearly loves to churn. If you wheel the churn out, he hears it as quick as the cats do when you whet a butcher knife.

Brother says he has one hundred hens, and they all have different nests and change their nests every day.

I know a man who, as long as he has a dollar, will be trying to sprinkle it on some rainbow's tail.

I know a cow so poor the dogs gnawed her.

The factory that turned me out didn't put any brakes on. You'll have to apply yours.

I know a man who goes to the store and sits around cold days. He hates to go home and see his family suffer.

I know a woman who snores so it keeps hwer awake.

It rained so much I had to dig part of my strawberries with the potato fork. Not the kind you've always dug potatoes with, dears. When the season was over and I turned off my pickers, the champions went home to pick potato bugs to keep in practice. I had between fifty-five and one-half bushels less one quart and fifty-five and one-half bushels plus one quart. They came to between \$149.15 and \$149.17. A woman canned thirty-two quarts and a pint out of one of my bushels. You can see what measure I give. If you make ready some vines, the Lord is real apt to hang on some berries. In other words, Nature will wear a bustle. Tie it on for her where you want it.

Suicide itself is all right. It's the rocky road leading to it that is deplorable. Since you don't know which these roads are, 'twould be best to smooth them all what you can while working out your pool tax on life's highway.

Don't stir up too many facts. You're apt to set some loose that'll head your way.

I know a man that everything works for. If an army worm tackled his oat crop, he'd take that worm and catch a two-pound black bass with it.

I never had much of a "poker face." You could always tell by the way I grinned when I held pedro.

Everywhere plows are making chocolate-colored trails. And the 1914 oat stubble will be 1915 wheat stubble. "For Nature forms and transforms and retransforms" and re-re-re-re-re transforms 'forever.' What did you and I used to be? What'll we be next time?

That's all; only we've had a bad drouth and pulled our beans to break it. I know a man who says—and believes—that beans have ruined Michigan's climate. I suppose the only way you know beans is when they appear baked in a mummy-colored "pawt," with a drop of peanut jelly set at the proper angle on the mantel. They go through several stages before that, at which I'm helping between showers.

—Lynette Freemire.

THE SCHOOL TEACHER.

She knows full well the verbs and onuns, Can locate all the streams and towns, And trace linguistic ups and downs And all for forty dollars.

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Her garb is always trim and neat, Her shoes just fit her dainty feet, Her wardrobe's always quite complete— And all for forty dollars.

She goes each year to summer school, To learn the pedagogic rule, And buys each latest book and tool— And all for forty dollars.

She gives her substance to the poor, Receives the pleaders at her door, And buys their tickets by the score— And all for forty dollars.

She teaches thirty girls and boys, Smiles through their questions and their noise, And never loses equipoise— And all for forty dollars.

YES! YES! AND THEN?

A college boy was on his deth bed. "Eb," he said, "when I am gone do me a favor by praying to me and telling me what I got in that last botany quiz".

"But," said Eb, "how will I know whether or not you heard me?"

"Oh! I will tell you when you come to Heaven," said the sick one.

"Yes, but I may not be able to get there."

"Well, never mind, I may see you anyway."

In a small South Carolina town that was "finished" before the war, two men were playing checkers in the back of a store. A traveling man who was making his first trip to the town was watching the game, and, not being acquainted with the business methods of the citizens, he called the attention of the owner of the store to some customers who had just entered the front door.

"Sh! Sh!" answered the store-keeper, making another move on the checkerboard. "Keep perfectly quiet and they'll go out."

THE MARINE.

An' after I met 'im all over the world, a-doin' all kinds of things, Like landin' 'isself with a Gat-llin' gun to Talk to them 'eathen kings, 'E sleeps in an 'ammick instead of a cot, An' 'e drills with the deck on a stew.

There isn't a job on the top of the earth The beggar don't know or do, You can leave 'im at night on a bald man's 'Ead to paddle 'is own canoe; 'E's a sort of a bloomin' cosmopolituse— Soldier and sailor too. —Rudyard Kipling.

"GERMOPHOBIA".

Dear Sir:

Since the belief that germs are the possible causts of many human diseases has been so summarily disposed of by the paper "Germophobia" in the October number of the Forum, could you not induce the same writtr to extend her brilliant line of attack to other but similar fields?

I speak particularly of plant diseases. We who grow plant have long been possessed with the idea that potato rot, wheat smut, asparagus rust, apple scab, pear blight and countless other diseases of the vegetable world are due either to germs or to minute-parasitic fungi not altogether differing from them. As a result of this unfortunate obsession, we mix many vile compounds and spray diligently from early spring until the crop is harvested.

Laboring under the delusion that diseases may be transmitted from diseased to healthy plants by spores or germs, we cover our unresisting garden and orchard crops with a fresh coating of Bordeaux mixture with each unfolding of their leaves. The labor and expense constitute a burden that we would fain forgo.

Now that we know we are in no danger of contracting typhoid, small-pox or even the hook-worm, if but our minds be joyous and our ration of mince pie not too generous, life for us would never again be irksome if we could recline in the shade of our orchard trees without the haunting thought that germs were abroad in the branches, and if we didn't begin working the handle of the spray pump, there wouldn't be any apples for winter.

If your contributor would devote an inspired half-hour to this back-breaking question, so that we could be assured that our crops, whether "from a contagion of fear and suggestion" or some equally subtle cause, would never again have scab, rust or blight, we would acclaim her as our great deliverer and the Forum likewise for causing the light to shine.

C. B. Waldron.

(The article referred to, appeared in the Forum in the December number under Correspondance on Page 933).

THE HEART UNSEEN.

So many times the heart can break, So many ways, Yet beat along and beat along So many ways—

A fluttering thing we never see And only hear When some stern doctor to our side Presses his ear—

Strange hidden thing that beats and beats, We know not why, And makes us live, though we, indeed, Would rather die—

Mysterious, fighting, loving thing, So sad, so true, I would my laughing eyes some day Might look on you, —Richard Le Gallienne.

TO THE WILLOW TREE.

Thou art to all lost love the best,

The only true plant found, Wherewith young men and maids distrest

And left of love are crown'd.

When once the lover's rose is dead, Or laid aside forlorn, Then willow garlands 'bout the head Bedew'd with tears are worn.

Then with neglect, the lovers' lane, Poor maids rewarded be For their love lost, their only gain Is but a wreath from thee.

And underneath thy cooling shade, When weary of the light, The love spent youth and love-sick maid Come to weep out the night. —Robert Herrick.

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Ceres Hall Notes

The Student Government Association gave an informal dancing party Wednesday evening in the "Gym." This was the second of a series of parties that have been planned for Ceres Hall girls. Dainty refreshments were served after which all left for their rooms voting it a delightful affair.

Miss Evans has taken up her residence in Ceres Hall. She was driven from Seventh street by diphtheria and thus found refuge in the large well cared for Ceres.

Miss Louise Clayton entertained Miss Madeline Blake Sunday and Monday.

Friday evening the sewing room was filled with ladies who were using their energy to make costumes that would aid to disguise them Saturday evening.

Ceres Hall held open house Thursday afternoon. The rooms were all open for inspection. A good number took advantage of the chance to see the Hall and went through at that time. The Hall is well kept up and is indeed a very pleasant place for out of town girls to live in. Mrs. Gilbert does all in her power to make it a home for the girls and they all appreciate her efforts.

Miss Haggart entertained some of the High School girls Friday evening to a party in the "Gym." The room was very prettily decorated with red, white and blue. A stunt ball game and progressive table game furnished amusement for the evening, for which prizes were given. All kinds of fruits and nuts were served which closed a very delightful social affair.

Some of the Aurora Club girls gave a fudge party to the runners in the Cross country run, Friday evening. Games furnished amusement for the evening and candy and fruits were served. To those that looked on for a short space of time it appeared that every one was having a fine time.

Misses Ethel Poole and Myrtle Johnston gave a turkey dinner Monday evening to the Misses Ruth Olson, Elsie Stark and the Messrs. G. B. Magee, Clyde Stark, Bill Guy and Norman Risjord. The table was very attractive and so also were the cats for the table was cleaned of all its goodies before they would leave it.

Miss Lina Schmidt of Abercrombie spent Saturday and shopped with her sister Olga.

Miss Rudd was on the sick list the last of the week. Today she was able to return to her work again.

Military Department

(By Marvin Kirk)

The following officers have been appointed for the student battalion: Field and Staff Officers.

Royal Drummond, Major. Marvin Kirk, First Lieutenant and Adjutant.

Wm. H. Woodard, Second Lieutenant and Quartermaster.

Company A. Melvin McGuigan, Captain. Arnold Heidner, First Lieutenant. Chas. Amidon, Second Lieutenant.

Company B. Arnold Christianson, Captain. Adrian M. Foley, First Lieutenant.

Earl D. Sands, Second Lieutenant. Company C. Warren, Dodds, Captain.

Carmie Thompson, First Lieutenant.

Cuurran G. Rourke, Second Lieutenant.

Company D. George T. Knutson, Captain. Joseph H. Alexander, First Lieutenant.

Martin S. Hagen, Second Lieutenant.

Company E. Wm. Mendenhall, Captain. Arthur B. Carlson, First Lieutenant.

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The cruelty of punishment for the offense of chewing gum, tobacco and so forth, in ranks of any military organization, is considered inconsistent with the ideas of this modern age of disarmament and universal peace. It has therefore been suggested that the acts of this institution be all supplied with chewing gum, Commandant included. (And that's considerable of a suggestion for any one to bite off.)

But, of course, it is quite practical. No wactics would have to be adopted. The men would have to be trained to close teeth when taking

step with right foot, open mouth when taking step with left foot.

"Ten-SHUN!" "Bout FACE!" "Open gum-BOX!" "RE-move gum!" "Un-wrap gum!" "O-pen FACE!" "Insert GUM!" "Close FACE!" "Chew GUM!" "Up-DOWN! Up-DOWN! Up-DOWN." "Cease CHEW-ing!" "O-pen FACE!" "RE-move gum!" "Poise GUM!" "LOWER gum!" "Stick GUM to belt buckle!" "Com'ny DISMISSED!" —Anon.

HOLLIS GIVES GOOD LECTURE.

Mr. Hollis, editor of the Extension Department, gave a lecture at the Open Forum of the congregational church last Sunday that was very much appreciated. Mr. Hollis has been laboring under a severe handicap for the past two months as he has been suffering from an injury which would be enough to warrant him in dropping all activities, but he has kept up his work without fail during all this time.

At the close of his lecture, Dr. Beard in a tribute to Mr. Hollis's work said that he wished that they had foreign missionaries who were doing work as excellent as Mr. Hollis's work said that he wished that they had foreign missionaries who were doing work as excellent as Mr. Hollis's. The lecture for last Sunday evening was an illustrated one on the Consolidated schools.

ANOTHER ON "TOMMY."

Last Saturday, the stock judging classes with their instructors took a trip out to the Brown Farm, at Amenia. Several rings of fine cattle were brought out to be judged, and the boys placed them, with more or less unerring accuracy. Professor Thompson and Mr. Brown gave their opinion as to the correctness of the placing after the boys had given their decisions. Professor Thompson and Mr. Brown agreed closely on their placings. For further information, ask someone that was there.

Guest of Poor Richard Club.

Gillilan was the honor guest of the Poor Richard club (advertising men's organization) of Philadelphia, on St. Valentine's day in 1911, and of course gave the club a characteristic chat that was greatly enjoyed.

The December issue of the Ladies' World (New York) contains a two-page story of lyceum life by Strickland W. Gillilan. Mr. Chas Dwyer, editor of that magazine, had the article splendidly illustrated and used a portrait of the author at the head of the page.

We Should Manifest Concern!

There was an old man Who had a wooden leg. Not a ride could he borrow, Not a ride could he beg. So he took four spoons And an old scuttle he had And he called it a Ford And it ran, by dad. N.B. This is not an exchange. The L. E. had to get it off of his chest.

E. B. McCracken does the POTOGGRAPHIC WORK for the 1916 AGASSIZ

High School Notes

Last Friday evening, Dec. 4, the Castalian Literary society enjoyed one of the best programs that have been given this term.

After roll call, to which each member answered with a quotation from one of Longfellow's poems, the following program was given:

Solo—The Bridge, Katherine Herer Longfellow's Life — Fern Briscoe Poem—The Republic, Amelia Huber Synopsis of Courtship of Miles Standish — Olga Mikkelsen Piano Solo — Alice Flamer Reading—The Fountain of Oblivion — Eleanor Geiken Duet—Irene Haugberg, Winnifred Pope.

After the program a social time was enjoyed and refreshments consisting of doughnuts, apples and popcorn were served.

BOYS AND GIRLS INSTITUTE EXPECT LARGE NUMBER.

Fine Programs Have Been Arranged, and Largest Number in the History of the Institute Are Expected.

The Annual Meeting of the Boys and Girls Institute gives promise of being the biggest and best that has ever been held. Although there has been no transportation available, the public spirited men of the various counties have contributed generously and it is expected that this will be taken care of. They will crowd a lot of fun, study and information into their four days at the institution but they can take care of it for they are the cream of North Dakota's "kids." They have all done something before they get here and when one considers that out of 50,000 contestants last year, there were only slightly more than one hundred who won the trip to Fargo. They are also one of the biggest forces in the development of corn growing in this state and have been the means of demonstrating to skeptics that this country can grow corn and grow it with a vengeance.

As the latest issue of the Extension pointed out, one of the best features of their week here is the broader glimpse which they get of things and especially the conception of the dignity of the profession of farming. The provision that no member is allowed to attend more than two institutes insures that those who receive the benefit of this instruction will be well scattered over the state and not confined to any few.

The program which has been arranged for them for this year will follow the general outlines of previous programs and will provide for instruction, amusement and the dissemination of a lot of valuable information. O. H. Benson, Government Official in Charge of Club Work, will be here during the institute and will address the members. This is an activity of which the school may well be proud and one which merits all the support which it receives.

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