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## Castalia Wins Debate On Increasing Size Of Navy

**GIRLS ARGUED AGAINST INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE NAVY—THEY SAID INTERNATIONAL PEACE WILL MAKE NAVY UNNECESSARY.**

**DECISION WAS 2 TO 1**

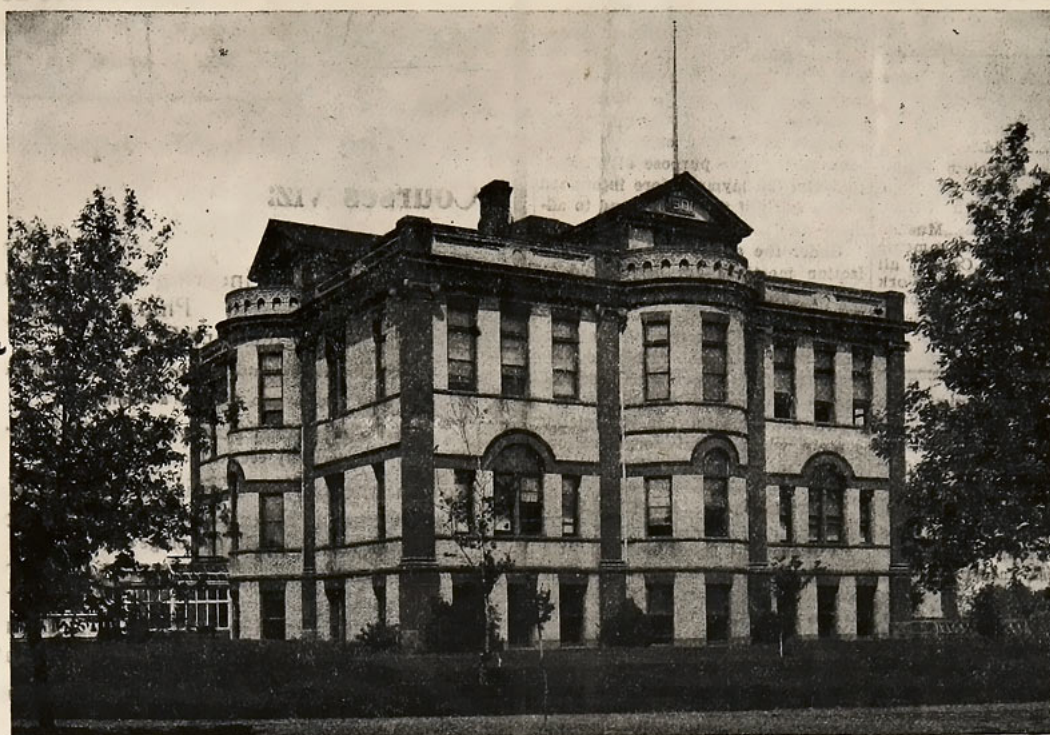
Hesperians gave many good arguments for a larger navy. Cited late history to show that large navy is necessary to uphold our dignity as a nation.

Last Friday night, in a hard fought debate the Misses Rizpah Ladd, Mary Gibbens, and Barbara Heidner were able to prove to the satisfaction of two of the three judges that it would be unnecessary and criminal for the United States to increase their navy. They were opposed by Messrs. Winney Crouch, Ray Boyd, and William Emery. The question was worded "Resolved that it is for the best interests of the United States to maintain a large navy."

The program was opened shortly after eight o'clock, the first number being a piano duet rendered by the Misses Olive Larsen and Hannah Jensen. The president of the evening, Miss Mable Cox, then introduced Mr. Crouch, who, after some well chosen and witty remarks stated the question and opened the debate for the affirmative. He declared that our present navy was inadequate, that the world was not yet ready for universal peace, and that it will take much education to make the world ready for it. The highest type of man now produced is still a fighter, altho he keeps his fighting within the limits of law and religious training. Back of the judge stands the police force. We have no international courts, but the navy is analogous to the police force. Now is the time to build ships and prepare for war, not after was has been declared. Had we had a greater navy we would have had sufficient influence to free Cuba without a war with Spain. A navy is necessary to inspire respect for our nation. Individuals have conscience, nations have none. Hence nations must sometimes fight. Would the opponents have the police force of Fargo abolished?

The direct argument for the negative was opened by Miss Ladd. She declared that an increased navy was unnecessary. She quoted Col. Roosevelt's arguments in favor of a greater navy, and then proceeded to demolish them. The Monroe Doctrine was being enforced many years before the agitation for a larger navy was the chief barrier to International Arbitration. The policy of disarmament followed on the Great Lakes and on the border between Argentina and Chile points the right way for all nations. Over two billions expended every year. All great naval equipment requires a long train of expensive auxiliary equipment. The interest from the money expended to build the battleship No. Dak. would supply \$6,000 annually for an Agricultural High School in every county in the state. "Let us worship not the God of Battle, but the Prince of Peace."

The second speaker for the affirmative was Ray Boyd. This was Mr. Boyd's first appearance on the public platform, and he had had a comparatively short time to prepare, as he substituted for a member who had been taken ill, but he nevertheless showed the form of a veteran. He contended that the extensive coast line and scattered insular possessions of the United States needed better protection. Fortifying single ports left great stretches of coast line unprotected. The need on an increased army is not so great, as we have no rivals on this continent, but there are rival navies across the sea, which only an equal navy of our own could resist. Many countries with a far less extent of coast line have greater navies than we. There are twenty millions of people who need protection. Torpedo boats etc. are not sufficient to cope with invaders. We also need a



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## Arbor Day Proclamation

Forests are of mighty importance in the economy of nature. They shelter man and beast from Winter's icy blast and from Summer's scorching sun. They contribute liberally to the making of nearly everything we use in home or profession. They supply man with fuel for his fireside and lumber and furniture for his home. They have a beneficial influence upon the rainfall, the air and the soil. They regulate the water supply and the water flow in stream and river; warm the cold winds of winter, cool the hot winds of summer; conserve moisture for all plant life, feed the ever flowing springs of pure refreshing water, furnish protection to all animal and bird life; a playground for youth and a refuge for old age. Next to the soil they are our greatest resource, and unlike most of our resources they need not become exhausted except through our own fault. By united effort we can restore the natural in all its original beauty, and by care and cultivation we can grow forests where trees have never grown before. Every lot or parcel of waste land in the state can be and should be made a beauty spot, useful and valuable, by the planting of trees.

Therefore, for the purpose of encouraging the planting and growing of forest trees in this state, and in accordance with the long established custom, I do hereby designate Friday, April 26, 1912 as Arbor Day, and I earnestly recommend and request the officers of the different cities and towns throughout the state to unite with the county superintendents of schools and the superintendents and teachers of the public schools of the state, in the preparation and execution of suitable exercises for and on Arbor Day.

And I further recommend and request each freeholder in the state to plant as many trees as possible on his own freehold, and in time we will make this the most beautiful as well as the most prosperous state in the Union.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota, at the Capitol, at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 23rd day of March, A. D. 1912.

JOHN BURKE,  
Governor.

By the Governor:  
P. D. NORTON,  
Secretary of State.  
By JOHN ANDREWS,  
Deputy

## REG DYNES WILL TEACH AT MILACA

Reginald Dynes has accepted a position as instructor in agriculture at Milaca, Minn., to succeed Charles Ruzicka who will work with the Better Farming Association. He left Saturday for Milaca to take charge of the work.

## Barbara Heidner Will Be Valedictorian

**HAROLD BACHMAN WILL BE SALUTATORIAN OF FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF A. AND M. T. HIGH SCHOOL.**

This year we will have the first graduating class from the Agricultural and Manual Training High School. This class is now preparing to give a class program which will rival that of any senior high school class in the state.

The third year high school students held a class meeting Thursday and the names of the students who will participate in the program and in the play were given out. A few changes will probably occur, but every thing will be settled by the end of the week and rehearsals will commence immediately. The class play will be "The Cool Collegians." It will be given on the night of May 24th. Rehearsals have already begun. The following students will participate in the play: Rizpah Ladd, Mabel Ewen, Lillian Hume, Jack Kerr, Wilbur Rankin, Arnold Christensen.

A class day program will be given on the night of June 1st. Barbara Heidner will have the honor of being the valedictorian of the class. Harold Bachman will be the salutarian. Their marks were very close, both of them having high averages. The class prophecy will be given by Winney Crouch and Bruce McKee. The class history will be unearthed by William Emery. Katherine Ladd will write the class poem and Olive Larson will compose the class song.

## CHEMICAL DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON HEADACHE REMEDIES

For the past week 250 samples of drugs have been taken up in the various drug stores of Fargo, on the semi-annual inspector tour. These drugs are to be analyzed, tested for proper strength, and also for the purpose of determining whether or not these drugs had been adulterated. The department is also busy with analysis of headache tablets and will soon issue a new bulletin on "Headache nostrums."

The Senior Aggies are putting the climax to their four years of laboratory work by mastering the intricacies of milk testing and butter making.

Billy Sunday will give a special talk for college men at the tabernacle Friday evening. A. C. students are invited to be there.

## Farmers' Institute Season Is Closed

**MORE INTEREST TAKEN IN THE MEETINGS THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE.**

The North Dakota Farmers' Institute closed the regular winter season's work at Kenmare on the 3rd and 4th of April. Even though the weather was nice a large number of farmers were in attendance, in fact one of the largest meetings that has ever been held at this place.

The interest this winter has been very good and the fact that the different towns have been willing to pay all the expenses incurred in the holding of the meetings indicates that the institute work is highly appreciated. In fact so many towns raised the money that it was not possible to give each one an institute. Two corps have been in the field a good share of the time.

One of the new features worked out this year is the system of follow up meetings. This was tried out at ten towns and four meetings were held in each one at intervals of two weeks. The regular institute force held the first meeting. The other three meetings were addressed by specialists. The second one was on corn and alfalfa—the third on dairying and the fourth on stock raising. The attendance was good at each one of the meetings and a great deal of good was accomplished as where but one or two subjects were taken up at one session they could be gone into in more detail and the farmers knowing what subject was going to be taken up in many cases made some study of the problem and came loaded with questions and prepared to get the most good out of the session.

There never was a time in the state when the farmers are so keen for information on such subjects as corn, alfalfa, dairying, silos, hog raising, growing of grasses, soil culture and potato growing. The calls for addresses on grain growing were not very many, which shows that the farmers are turning their attention to diversified farming.

## SENIORS WILL STAGE "A BACHELOR'S ROMANCE"

The Seniors have decided to stage as their class play at their graduation exercises the well known play—"A Bachelor's Romance." This is a four act comedy drama, written by Miss Martha Morton and founded on a story by "The Duchess" entitled "A Little Rebel." The parts of "David Holmes," the bachelor, and Sylvia, his ward, were originally played by the famous actors, Mr. Sol Smith Russel and Miss Anine Russel, and are considered the greatest successes in the careers of these two artists.

## High School Field Day And Declamation Contest

**INTER HIGH SCHOOL MEET WILL BE HELD HERE MAY 11.**

The fifth annual inter high school field meet and declamation contest will take place at the N. D. A. C. on Saturday May 11. Last year a most successful meet and declamation contest was held. Nineteen high schools of North Dakota and western Minnesota were represented by seventy-five contestants. This year a much larger number will undoubtedly be present.

The declamations are limited to twelve minutes. Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded the declaimers getting the first three places. This contest should be of interest to all high schools eligible to enter. In the smaller high schools it is sometimes difficult to get enough material in the school to make up a football, basketball or a baseball team. Then, too, the expense of sending these teams to other towns to meet rival teams is no small item. Every eligible high school should have at least one contestant in either of these contests. Entertainment is provided for contestants and one escort from each school while in Fargo so there is only the cost of transportation. If this is not provided by the school the business men of the town should be enterprising and loyal enough to see that this is provided any boy or girl who will represent the school in the contest. If a high school has not taken part in the inter high school debates of this school year, let them encourage their best declaimers and best athletes to prepare for this contest. If the banner is won twice in succession by the same school it becomes their permanent property. Moorhead won the banner twice and Grand Forks holds the present banner.

The rules for the contest are as follows:

Contestants.—These contests are open to all North Dakota and a limited number of Western Minnesota high schools. Entries must be certified by the Principal and Superintendent of the high school. Entries for each event are limited to three, except the relay race where six men may be entered.

Rules of Eligibility.—(Article 5 of the Constitution of the North Dakota High School League).  
Sec. 1—No person shall take part in any contest who is a graduate from a first class high school and who has not been regularly enrolled as a student in the public schools he or she is to represent for at least two weeks prior to the contest or from the beginning of the school year.  
Sec. 2—Any student leaving school before the end of the first semester will not be eligible to con-

## Many Men At Work On Athletic Field

**SPACE BACK OF THE GYMNASIUM IS BEING TRANSFORMED INTO ONE OF THE BEST ATHLETIC PARKS IN NORTHWEST**

## NEW FIELD IS TILE DRAINED

Track Will Be Ready for High School Meet—Gridiron Will Be Completed Before Football Season Opens—Baseball Games Will Be Played in the Old Park.

Dakota Field, our new athletic park, has been the scene of considerable activity during the past week. Though there has been some difficulty in securing men to help in the work, six teams have been busy and the baseball diamond is being rapidly graded up. Some of the students in the civil engineering department have been laying the lines for the new track. It is to be triangular in shape and 5-16 of a mile in length. It is 15 feet wide and will have a hundred yard straight away for the dashes. Four carloads of cinders have been put upon part of it and six carloads will be added besides the cinders from the power house. The new diamond will not be in shape this season so the old Athletic park will be used as heretofore. Three new tennis courts are being added to the east of the baseball diamond. As soon as the diamond is completed, work will commence on the new football field. It will be surveyed according to the new rules and ready for use during the coming season. The grand stand will be located on the east side near the football field. It is expected to have the field ready for use for the interstate high school meet and the dual meet with Grand Forks in May. Work is being pushed as rapidly as possible, and when completed we will have one of the best athletic fields in the northwest.

## WILL CO-OPERATE WITH FARMERS IN RAISING SUGAR BEETS

The Chemical Department and Prof. Ince are co-operating with the farmers of the state in the sugar beet industry. The beets are tested by this department to determine the percentage of sugar which they contain. The Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., will send four pounds of seed to each farmer.

## ENGINEERS ARE GRINDING CLAY

The Engineering department is making some experiments in grinding clay to be used in making tennis courts. If clay used in making tennis courts could be properly ground and made in the proper condition for the foundation of a tennis court it would save an immense amount of manual labor and a heavy expense in the making of new courts.

test until he has attended school two full months.

Sec. 3—No student is eligible to compete in any inter-high school contest who is not pursuing at least three units of regular work with a passing grade in all up to the time of the contest.

Sec. 4—No student shall participate more than four years in inter-high school contests, provided competition while a member of the grades below the high school shall not be considered.

Points.—First place in each event shall count five; second place, three; and third place, two points.

Prizes.—Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the winners of first, second and third places, respectively. The school winning the relay race will be given a silk banner. The school winning the greatest number of points will be given a silk pennant.

The Field Day events are 100 yd. dash, 220 yd. dash, 440 yd. dash, half mile run, mile run, 120 yd. high hurdles, 220 yd. low hurdles, running high jump, running broad jump, pole vault, putting 12 lb. shot, throwing 12 lb. hammer, throwing discus, half mile relay—four men.



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## PERSONALS

Clarence Williams took a trip to Grand Forks last week to make arrangements for printing the Agassiz.

The third year class in German is meeting at seven in the morning this term.

Ephraim Westlund tested thirty cattle for tuberculosis at Horace, Saturday.

Dr. Batt had a visit from his friend, Mr. Van Cleave of Chicago, last week.

The Barret Rag Time Band, under cover of darkness, serenaded the inmates of Ceres, Friday evening, but have not been apprehended as yet.

Eugenia Ruff and Clara Larson attended Norwegian services Sunday as Miss Alm is visiting at her home in Hankinson.

Lawrence Tibert was roped in at the Mutt and Jeff performance and is looking for Jeff.

The second year French class is reading Moliere's comedies this term. This is the first time they have ever been studied here.

Pres. Worst will give an address before the North Dakota Bankers Association next Thursday on "The worth and advantage of the college course in Farm Husbandry."

Mr. Williams is parading around the campus with a straw hat fastened to his head by means of a blue baby ribbon.

Miss Agnes Halland is spending her Easter vacation in Fargo.

Prof. Miller took his Botany 2 class on a tree inspection trip Friday along the Red River.

Owing to the large number of students and the short time left in the spring term, Prof. Smith has turned over half of his geometry class to Prof. Householder.

John A. Swenson, former football star for the A. C. had his picture in the Forum, together with a number of other progressive business men of Lakota.

The Algebra 9 Class has been transferred to Smith. Woe reigns among the faithful, and unholy glee among the gentiles.

Practically everybody in A company has had some target practice. Shooting is carried on every Saturday if the weather is cold in the basement of the Chemistry building. Outdoor practice is expected to start soon.

A large number of students are ushers at the Sunday Tabernacle.

The Agassiz Board wants any snapshot that you may have showing college life as it is and isn't.

The Alpha Mu Goat is too busy to eat, and the candidates do not feel that way.

The Grand Free Lecture Association will meet next Sunday to consider plans for financing another course of lectures next year.

The first parade of the year for the college battalion was held Wednesday. The new regulations were not thoroughly mastered and there were a few slips, but tomorrow the work will probably be as satisfactory as the other drills. The company is progressing quite rapidly and if the present interest is kept up, the battalion will make a good showing in May.

The weather conditions are becoming quite agreeable and the work in the fundamentals of Fusing is being resumed with considerable enthusiasm.

The Engineers meeting on Friday night was postponed on account of lack of attendance. Aforesaid lack was apparently due to campus attractions.

Surveying crews and instruments are so numerous about the campus in the afternoon that it looks like the whole schools was taking it.

Students in English 9 were asked to give a list of the books and dramas read and one student reported reading Shakespeare's "Hamlet" and "For One Night Only."

Miss Mattie Kurtz is having an enjoyable visit from her mother and father of Hazelton.

Miss Simmons has been chosen a delegate of the Fortnightly Club to go to San Francisco June 25, where the National Biennial convention will be held.

The campus is undergoing house-cleaning during the spring weather. The dead grass and leaves have been raked off the lawns and grass seed planted on the bare patches of ground.

Prof. Dolve spoke on good roads before the Hatton Commercial Club Saturday, and spent Easter Sunday at home.

The Athletic field is beginning to take on a very favorable appearance since the cinders have been spread out and the diamond rounded into form. At the rate the work is now progressing it will not be long before we will have an athletic field that we can feel proud of.

Mr. Campbell has returned from a week's trip on seed inspection through the state.

Harrison Bunt has accepted a position with More Bros. of Fargo with their demonstration department and will begin work next Thursday. William Emery has succeeded him in the physics lab.

Ceres Hall girls have requested us to announce that they have some excellent pictures of Mr. Doryland for sale.

Johnny Halland and Bernie Schmallen "hoofed it" out beyond the Sheyenne in quest of wild geese one day last week. Before they could sprinkle the salt on the tail of the geese those birds became wise to the game and departed for lands unknown, and the boys "hoofed it" back without the extra burden they had anticipated.

The Sophomore Aggies are being initiated into the mysteries of the transit and the level these days, and may be seen almost any day proving the correctness of Uncle Sam's measurements on the college farm.

## DUALITY

All forces show duality  
Thus Nature doth bestow  
Her precious gifts, the world up-lifts  
All things by this partiality, or hurls them back  
To decompose among the elements  
Of those, whose top-most leaf did wave as high as they.

Aye, up and down are words of little thought,  
But in success and failure they take part,  
And fill the nectarine, or reddened bole of plant  
With juices sweet or bitter gall.

The oblate earth thru endless space revolves  
And at her Northern pole, most positive  
She groupes her land;  
While from the South negation bids  
Her waves and ice-pack take a less firm stand.

With "yes and no" we feel the dual part  
Which oft may give us grief or joy  
Or carry us on airy wings of love  
Or lead us down the dismal path of hate.

With good and evil, she doth mix our work  
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## CASTALIA WINS DEBATE ON INCREASING SIZE OF NAVY

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property interests in foreign lands. When the millennium arrives is the time to cease taking defensive measures, but not until then.

Mary Gibbens was the second speaker for the negative, and was the star for the Castalian team. She declared it to be unnecessary to increase the navy, for arbitration is steadily coming, and the money could be better used otherwise. A few people in prominent positions can not decide this question, but it must be decided by the whole nation. There is now no danger of war with Japan, England, or France. Peace treaties with the nations will guarantee our safety. "Civilization has advanced as war has receded". "Civilization, not barbarism, is the mother of true heroism". "War decides not what is wrong, but what is strong". Much money and numberless lives would be saved by the abolition of war. Within a historic period fifty millions of lives and forty billions of dollars have been sacrificed in war. It would be better to apply the money to reclamation of land, to facilitating transportation, and education, and to further safeguard the public health.

The closing speaker for the affirmative was William Emery. His argument was that commerce needed better protection. The United States cannot be sure of her place as a world power without a navy. It is recognized that naval power is much more desirable than a strong army. Millions of lives and billions of property lie within a gunshot of our sea coast and along our navigable rivers. The Monroe Doctrine cannot be enforced without control of the ocean. Our outlying possessions are now a source of weakness rather than of strength. Recent history proves the inefficiency of arbitration and of paper treaties, as instanced in the war between Italy and Turkey. Turkey had adequate paper protection, but it was not worth the smallest kind of a gunboat in the time of need. Mr. Emery was the clearest and most forceful speaker for the affirmative.

The direct argument was closed on the part of the negative by Miss Heidner. She affirmed that we need a larger merchant marine rather than a greater navy. We now pay millions to foreign ship owners for transportation. Why not subsidize our merchant marine rather than expend money on a navy? We improve our harbors at great expense for the use of foreign ships. Foreign ports hardly see a ship with an American flag once in a year. Our commerce does not depend on a great navy, but congress should take steps to remove the difficulties in the way of the merchant marine. The development of the deep sea trade is necessary for political reasons as well as for economic reasons.

This closed the direct argument. The rebuttal was opened on the part of the negative by Miss Ladd. Answering the argument that we were liable to insult by other nations she stated that we had pulled through since the civil war without insult. Heavy armament tends toward war rather than toward peace. Why not lead the procession of nations whose faces are toward the light? The cost of a few battleships would in a few years make tuberculosis as rare as smallpox now is. Two battleships would deepen the channel of the Mississippi from St. Paul to New Orleans.

Mr. Crouch opened the rebuttal for the affirmative. He asked, "Were not our citizens in China behaving themselves at the time of the Boxer uprising? And what but a navy brought the Chinese around? We do not know when we will be in danger from Germany, France, or England. The cost of a navy is great, but is not a war more costly?"

Miss Gibbens continued the rebuttal for the negative. She declared that education would cause people to grow up with a respect for our country. "What peace gave, war devours." We are running greater risks by introducing structural changes into our government than by declaring for disarmament.

Mr. Boyd quoted the old saying "In time of peace, prepare for war." A navy is expensive, but everything we enjoy costs money, so we must pay for protection. Naval expenses are analogous to fire insurance. Human nature contradicts the statement that if we would refrain from war-like

preparations the nations would leave us unmolested.

Miss Heidner closed the rebuttal for the negative. She stated that if we do not cut down our naval appropriations the burden of unnecessary taxes would continue. Millions of people are suffering in city slums and in other adverse surroundings who could be helped out of their condition by the money used for war.

Mr. Emery closed the rebuttal for the affirmative. He stated that much money is spent as for liquor, amusements, etc., which could also be used for philanthropic and educational purposes. Building a merchant marine he called increasing the navy.

While the decision of the judges was being taken the Misses Larson and Jensen rendered another piano duet.

In the absence of Mr. Haskins, Lieut. Herron was prevailed upon to act as judge. The other two judges were Prof. Kirschman and Miss Briscoe. Mr. George Gustafson acted as timekeeper.

The debate was quite close, and the members of the teams proved themselves conscientious workers and able public speakers. The only regret is that so few people turned out to hear them.

### ATHENIANS.

The following program was given by the Athenians Friday evening:

Baritone Solo.....Ben Barrett  
Debate—Resolved, that the coming of Billy Sunday will be of benefit to Fargo. The affirmative was upheld by Mildred Wheeler and Jennie Simmons, while Clifford Schroeder and John Wentz ably defended the negative.  
Vocal Solo.....Chester Holkesvig  
President's Address.....  
.....Rosabelle Magill  
Song by the Male Quartet.

The musical numbers were especially good and all responded to encores. The debate was the principle feature of the evening, and the affirmative proved conclusively that Fargo could not possibly get along without Billy Sunday, and the decision of the judges was unanimous in their favor.

### ALPHA ZETA DANCE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20.

The April dance this year will be given by the fraternity of Alpha Zeta. This dance will be given on the third Saturday of the month—on April 20th.

Ross Fowler, '04, of Hankinson, was a visitor on the campus Monday.

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Kick at the school, its courses and teachers.  
Kick at the church, the sermons and preachers.  
Kick at the lessons, the chapel and classes.  
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Kick at the table, 'tis genteel and nice.  
Kick at your neighbors, whatever they do,  
They may not be trying alone to please you So kick.

Kick at debaters, to get a good start.  
Kick at the questions, to show you're smart.  
Kick to be noticed, you don't need to bray,  
Just lay back your ears and blizzer away. And kick.

Kick till your friends in spirit of mirth.  
Kick you bodily off of the earth.  
Kick, if you must, you pestilent elf,  
Give twelve months a year to kicking yourself. Then kick.—Ex.

Teacher: "What is Switzerland noted for?"  
Johnny: "Swiss Cheese."  
Teacher: "Oh, something stronger, greater and more impressive."  
Johnny: "Limburger."—Ex.  
The Sophomore class at the University has elected the staff for the Junior Annual next year.

The girls of the University of Oregon will meet Co-eds of the University of Washington in a tennis tournament in May.

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