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Literary Societies Have Grand Festival

and Give Best Literary Program Ever Given Here.

Athenians Get Fisrt Prize

For Best Play-Castalians Win First Place in Song and Yell Contest-Much Enthusiasm Uncorked.

One Literary Society often manages to give a very good program during one evening, but when four literary societies all strive to furnish the best entertainment which the talent in the society can give, an exceptionally interesting program is apt to be the re-This was certainly the case last Friday evening when we had our first Literary Society Festival. For over a month, all our literary societies have been bending every effort to show the public what they could do on this particular evening, because here the society would be judged by outsiders by the program that each rendered. Besides this, prizes were offered, and the society carrying off one of these could feel honord and one of these could feel honored and getting good, new members. As this event was talked about and advertised to a great extent beforehand, a very large crowd was present, not only students, but citizens of Fargo as

The program was opened by two members of the Castalian Literary Society rendering a duet. Then came the first literary part of the program, the farce presented by the Castalian Literary Society, "A Spinsters' Convention." In this play every member of the society had a part. As the name would indicate, it is strictly a meeting of "old maids." Old maids they were, of every description; short and tall, large and small, lean and stout, refined and otherwise. spectators were amazed that these old maids could really be the petite Castalians as we usually see them. Miss Katherine Ladd played the leading role, being the president of the convention. Her acting is entitled to especially favorable comment, although all those in the cast acted their parts well, but space forbids giving individual mention, on account of the large number that took part.

The object of the "convention" was to discuss the welfare of all old maids in general and to talk over the matrimonial field. Also ways and means were taken up by which some specimen of masculinity could be captured. In this connection, they took an opportunity to classify some of the unmarried members of the faculty. Prof. Makeover, who, by the way, was one of the Castalians, caused quite a stir among the spinsters with his machine which he guaranteed to transform them into young, beautiful ladies or fairies. His rattle-trap machine seemed to be popular with the girls even if it jarred the nerves of the audience. It certainly did the business, however as the transformations it accomplishd were marvelous. During the farce songs were sung by the society which made hits with the audience.

During the intermission, the Philo Storland, Ralph Smith, Mr. Songuist and Mr. Oblinger, sang a song while the society set the stage for their play, "Is the Editor in?"

In this farce, some of the troubles of an editor were well brought out. Here, Mugh Carr acted the part of Mr. Pastepot, a rattlebrained country editor. His acting was above criticism for here he seemed actually at As he was seated at his desk in the usual editorial fashion with his feet on his desk and scissors in his enough to entice any innocent bache- looked for trouble with the editor but lor and lead him off into unknown paths. It seemed, however, that Mr Pastepot was already spoken for, as

A. C. Well Represented At Miss Magill Wins 1st Prize One Of Our Old International Stock Show

The A. C. was well represented at Our Four Societies Combine Efforts her cunning ways did not aid her in the International Stock Show, in that Prof. Minard, Prof. Arvold and Miss, dents learned of the deah of May any way in securing enough free Dean Shepperd had charge of the Simmons, selected by the Spectrum to dents learned of the death of May space in her paper to publish her Students Judging Contest. He was judge the stories in our Christmas was one of our most prominent and poem. As Miss Poetaster, Mr. Hal- assisted in this work by E. J. Thomp- story contest, has awarded first place land showed considerable ability as son and Burke Critchfield of the Ani- to Rosabelle Magill on her story, an actor. Mr. Anson was an old mal Husbandry Department. Prof. "Peace on Earth; Good-will Toward West on account of her ill-health, farmer. He was not as cute as Miss Richards judged Percheron horses. Men," and second place to E. D. Sylhaving been afflicted with consump-Poetaster but made up for it by his He states that he found this to be vester. Miss Magill will receive a tion for some time. She has been cleverness as he managed to insert quite a task. The rings were very handsome leather pillow for her effolks having a little four column ad for a bushel large, in some cases, there were as forts and Mr. Sylvester will get a moved west two years ago and now of rutabagas. Mr. Manikowske, who many as 125 horses. He attended a pretty plush pillow. We congratu- have a fruit ranch near Seattle. played this part had a makeup which large number of meetings of Breed- late them. was the best of any of the amateurs' ers Associations.

In Christmas Story Contest

The faculty committee consisting of

The stories were all good so it was deceased, now a Sophomore in Agri-

Students Passes Away

It was with regret that our stupopular students. Since leaving here she has spent most of her time in the having been afflicted with consumpstaying at home, her folks having

Carl Yerrington, a brother of the

Freshmen Give Sleighing Party To Sophemorcs

THREE HAYRACK LOADS OF UN-DERCLASSMEN SEE ALL OF FARGO AND MOORHEAD WHEN THEY HAVE A

Copper Kettle Inn

Speeches Given by Pres. Carr, Pres. Tibert and Others—Slams and Taffy Handed Out in Large Quantities.

Last Saturday evening the yearlings gave a sleigh ride party in honor of the two-year olds. Three hav racks, well filled with straw blankets, were used to convey the seventy under-classmen.

The party left the armory at 8 o'clock and drove down Broadway giving cheer after cheer, each load of joy-makers trying to beat the other. At Front street, the party turned and drove eastward continuing their yells and songs. While crossing the Red, the whole party united in singing, "How Dry I am."

The greater part of Moorhead was covered and the A. C. people showed the astonished Minnesota citizens what reactions can be gotten by combining two such active elements as are the two first year classes at the

After leaving Moorhead, the party took a round about trip back to the north end of town and landed up at the Copper Kettle Inn where they were all shown seats upstairs and the real fun of the evening commenced.

After partaking in a good feed consisting of oysters, coffee and cake, the enthusiasm was uncorked "right." President Carr of the Soph. class gave the first speech in response to the one which Tibert, the leader of the Freshies, couldn't nerve himself to give, in spite of his experience on the Farmers Institute platform. Carr informed the Freshies, in a friendly manner of the advisability of returning the two missing toques, and promised that if they did return them he and his flock would help them some time when in need

This speech was followed by one from V. Arvold, and another by Ebner, who spent some time in convincing his audience that a regular attendance at the Grand was an important factor in a college man's life. After this, some Freshmen made the remark that what they lacked in quantity, they made up in quality. Manikowske, however, failed to see any great quality in them when they couldn't "extinguish" between horned and polled Angus.

At this time Waldron found that he couldn't control himself any longer, and having lost the paper prepared for the occasion, he rose and challenged the Freshmen to games of Ping Pong, Pinochle, Dominoes, Hand Ball and Basket Ball in quick succession. Tibert manfully arose and in his usual ready manner, accepted these challenges, making quite an impression on the fair ones present.

Toasts were given by several other members of both classes, and by the able and willing chaperones, Prof. Martin and Miss Donaldson, which the party broke up.

Edythe Grasse of our Music Department will leave for Rochester, Minn., in a few days. Her father is seriously ill under Dr. Mayo's care. He has been there for a month. Miss Grasse will join her mother, who has been there for some time. Any of her pupils wishing to see her before leaving should call at her office today.

All college students intending to ake part in the oratorical contest, Feb. 23, should hand their names to A. G. Arvold at once. Work should be begun immediately.

Tom Jensen, who for several years was a student here, but for the last to our old students, will be married ten years has been in Alaska, is to one of Wisconsin's prominent citi- spending some time in Fargo. Mr. Jensen is interested in a mine near

Lynn Burd, one of our special students in dairying last year, but now to lose one of her popular young having charge of the creamery at La-ladies but this rumor has not yet Moure, was visiting the college the been substantiated by Mr. Clark. He last of the week. He was accompanwill spend the winter in Washington, led by his brother who is considering D. C., to do work in connection with taking up some special work here this



that evening. Robert Pearson played act the part of a cranky old woman.

Rueben Larson, as Mr. Sparr, was hand, one subscriber after another one of those athletic old-timers who came in with some complaint for the preferred to retaliate by physical editor. Miss Poetaster, alias Herman means. In playing the part of a lowa Agricultural College won the Halland, was the first to appear. She "rough-neck" he did well, showing Grand Championship Steer Show. whose coy smiles and wily ways was Verne Oblinger was Mr. Boodlum. He

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the part of a middle-aged country a Canadian landslide. MacDonald which was the best. We wish to thank mediately on receipt of the telegram woman, one of that masculine type and Manitoba won first and second all who entered the contest. We are telling of his sister's death. He will which are no at all backward about places. Missouri was a close third. giving their opinions of anybody. Any Missouri saved the day to some exone who thinks Bob Pearson cannot tent for Uncle Sam. One of her sons in vain as the practice alone was is extended to the bereaved family. be anything but docile should change won highest individual honors for worth much. We also wish to thank their opinions of him because he can scoring all classes. The showing of the judges for the work they did to Manitoba speaks well for the team make the contest a success. that represented us at St. Paul last month. That team was only beaten

> Iowa Agricultural College won the Nearly all colleges within accessible distance of Chicago had a good representation of students. It is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when we will also be represented in the Students Contest, at least.

The Students Judging Contest was quite a task for the judges to decide culture, left Friday for his home im sorry all could not win a place, but

The class in Botany I, took no labby 38 points out of 1728, by the Man- oratory work in this subject yester-

NOTICE.

The College Declamatory Contest takes place Feb. 9th. All college students intending to take part should hand in their names to A. G. Arvold and begin work at once.

Miss Steindahl, who three years

ago was one of our instructors in Domestic Science and is well known zens during the holidays.

Allan Clark, '09, of the Dickinson Nome in Alaska. Sub-Station, is spending the holidays in Fargo. Rumor says Fargo is soon his position on the sub-station staff, winter.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

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a special holiday edition to remind some value to the college. you that the close of the term is at When the engineering building was reach the goal, a passing grade. So ing society.

it is with the Staff, and it is unUp to the time of the burning of it is with the Staff, and it is un-fortunate that this issue and the the chemistry building, the engineers examinations should so closely coin- enjoyed the room as their own percide as to date of preparation.

weeks of well earned rest at home en up to be used as a classroom with and while there, the college will be the understanding that they were to judged in a great measure by changes regain the room for their own use here. This factor, combined with completed. With this in view, the soyour expressed convictions regarding clety, immediately at the beginning the A. C. will largely determine how of the fall term appointed a comyour friends will regard the institution. Remember, that you are a representative of the greatest institution was done and the committee was inin the state and act accordingly.

Make your New Years resolutions and in them include that if you have lish room. Now do not delay retaining as so term when the term begins and in this listen to lectures rehearsed for your

C. at Brookings. That should serve

When a number of the "men" of the Sophomore class, with an ingrow-ing sense of humor find it necessary to assault a member of the Spectrum staff, such an action should be considered as a disgrace to the school, and to the class which these "men" represent. The most notable feature of the affair was the bravery with which-it was conducted, ten of these skating? The Athletic Park has "men" against one. Such people are been mentioned as a suitable place sometimes called cowards, such actions cowardly. When a bunch of has offered to start a subscription list half-baked individuals arrive at the with five dollars and other ways and point where they believe that the college and the college paper should de-Hoover, realizing what great benefit vote most of its time to exalting their performances, and are willing to take such cowardly methods of defending ed, that the space north of Ceres Hall given in much the same way as in their lilywhite reputations, the place would be an ideal location. It has farmers' institutes, only the subjects also been rumored that the "powers" were covered much more thoroughly. among civilized people. The courage that are", have seen fit to grant the Special features were lectures by Dr. among civilized people. The courage and the intellect of these people is space north-east of the creamery for on the same plane with that of the mobs of the south. It is unfortunate mobs of the south. It is unfortunate power House with the inevitable rule power House rule power House with the inevitable rule power House rule rule power House rule power House rule rule power House rule rule power House rule rule rule power House rule rule rule rule rul that a few who are distinguished ination of the ice by ashes and dust, aldson and Mrs. Randlett of the A. rather for noise than for brains, for strength rather than for courage, for as much as Hockey is a form of athle-dairy cattle and corn. Prof. Randlett vulgarity than for good taste, should tics, it seems that the Athletic Mantheir whole class. We believe, though, project. Talk it up if you are inthat the majority of the class would terested and come back after vacatibe guilty of nothing like this, and will on, resolved to do your best to help unite with the rest of the college in procure this necessary recreation. condemning this and all similar actions. It will take a good deal more than this to intimidate the Spectrum, or induce us to lower our policy to a plane with theirs.

WHY?

Is the engineering department a special department of the institution select a team this afternoon or toto be controlled by one or two members of the faculty, or is it a depart- Moorhead Normal five on Thursday ment that should enjoy the same evening. rights as any other department of this college?

any value to the institution? Look their material. The game will by over the number of students and it no means be a walk away for the A. judged corn at Lakota and during will be found that the sudents tak- C. The Normal boys have been the latter part of the week he went scription compose about one-fifth of played several games including the to editorial work of the Extension the entire student body. This seems University.

The Spectrum comes out today as to intimate that engineering is of

hand. The students, if ever, are built the specifications called for a busy making one last grand effort to room to be set aside for the engineer-

sonal property. Then through cour-Many of you will spend the two tesy of the society, the room was givwrought in yourself during your stay after a new chemistry building was mittee to interview the registrar in regard to securing the room. This formed that the room was being used for four full hours a day as an Eng-

The registrar stated that he did now about to be completed, you will not know of any particular room that avoid them when you come back. was available at that time, but if a room could be secured in the meanmany are wont to do. Begin the time to satisfy the purpose for a class room, the engineers would once more way help yourself and those who must regain their room. It was suggested and advised that the committee interview the two college literary societies in regard to obtaining their room, as Thirty students have already sig- they only used their room twice a nified their intentions of going into month. Permission was granted by the preliminaries to compete for pla-ces on debating teams at the S. D. S. lish class into their room. Then the committee, after constant effort all as a stimulus to some of our students fall, reported the Athenians decision to begin to think of trying out for the to the registrar. He flatly refused to fulfill his part of the agreement

(Signed) The N. D. A. C. L. E.

BOOST FOR A RINK.

Seven hundred students are waiting to see a skating rink materialize in this part of the city. The South side is well provided for,-but who cares to go so far, for a couple of hours

BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS THURSDAY NIGHT

Basketball is now well under way and two teams are being put through a strenuous scrimmage every afternoon. As yet no definite team has been picked to represent the institution, but Coach Reuber will probably morrow which will appear against the

The game Thursday evening will give Coach Reuber and assistant Is the engineering department of Coach Birch a chance to get a line on

Normal stated that he would use several men for each position and that his team was in fairly good condition for the contest.

The game will be played at the Normal gym and this being the first game of the season for Reuber's aggregation, a larger attendance of A. C. students to back the team will be greatly appreciated.

While there will be considerable changing of men the following line

Moorhead Normal-	. A. C.
Paxton rf	Hackett
E. Johnson	Eiden
A. Johnsonlf	Nolet
Mathiason	Hall
Burkee, Captc Wheeler, Capt.	
	Simpson
Stallyrg	Darrow
Lowmanlg	Balsinger
	Dawson



GUNCKEL SPEAKS JAN. 9.

The second number of the lecture course will be on Jan. 9, when John A. Gunckel will speak about his work with newsboys. Mr. Gunckel is known far and wide as the newsboy king, and his success as a practical philanthropist has attracted attention throughout the whole country. Mr. Gunckel first became interested in the newsboys of Toledo, and organized them into an association, trying to inculcate into them manliness and self respect. He has succeeded so rell that his work has spread to other cities and the association is now na tional. Mr. Gunckel is a splendid speaker, and with his ins ng subject, and the host of anecuotes he uses to illustrate it, the lecture is sure to be valuable and interesting.

On Feb. 29, 1912, Mr. Edmund Vance Cooke, the well known poet, humorist and impersonator is the attraction. Mr. Cooke has a wide reputation, being variously known as the poet of Nineteen Hundred and Now, the Impertinent Poet, the Laureate of the Little Tots, etc.

PROF. RANDLETT CONDUCTS EXTENSION SCHOOL

from the 4th to the 13th of this month, the Extension Department has at Lisbon where practical instruction was given on agricultural subjects by members of our faculty and other speakers. This short course was attended by a large number of farmers and townspeople. The instruction this had charge. He was assisted by Supt. Lanxon of the Hettinger Sub-Station. More of these short courses will be given at different points of the state

Supt. Lanxon of the Hettinger substation is here to spend a month at the college to assist Prof. Randlett with his extension work. This week he is looking after arrangements and is giving instruction to the boys and rirls attending the Boys' and Girls' Institute, which is being held here.

to look after the corn show that is horses this year. These reports are to be held in Fargo in conjunction going to be distributed free of charge with the Grain Growers convention.

At the end of his month's any here. ne will again lecture before the short be held over the state.

Thursday Prof. W. C. Palmer

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Farm Husbandry, Power Machinery and Homemakers' Courses Begin Oct. 16th

Miss Lehy. Prof. Bolly's private the Horse Breeding department at the secretary will go to Los Angeles next institution. week to spend the winter.

The Lyceum of Engineers met Frifollowing program was given:

An Engineering Course in an Agricultural CollegeJ. W. Nolet The Drayton Bridge Prof. Slocum | Science three years ago.

Each of these gentlemen had good talks prepared and ones that were of great interest to the members of the society. At the close of the program some lantern slides of college scenes were shown.

While at the International, Prof. Christmas legend. Richards purchased for the College Herd, the pure bred Shorthorn sire, a Canadian bred sire of good breed- to shop. ing and will make a very valuable addition to the College Herd.

Prof. Shepperd after attending the International took a short business trip to South Florida.

Mr. Burke Critchfield of the Stallion Registration Board is now hard at work on its second annual report which it is expected will be ready to After this is over, he will begin They have enrolled nearly 1,000 new to all persons in the state interested in horse breeding.

Mr. Thompson, after spending few days at the International, took a short trip to his home at Nameoke, Ill., and also stopped off at St. Louis and Champaigne.

On his way home from the International, Mr. Burke Critchfield ing engineering courses of some de-practicing for some time and have to Minneapolis on business relative spent a few days with C. A. Michells, who is taking post-graduate work at the U. of W. He also conferred with

Victor Steindahl of Menominee, Wisconsin, was visiting Mark Heller day evening and at which time the one of his classmates, in high school. Hr. Steindahl was just returning from The Sugar Industry Eric Martinson a trip through the west. He is a brother of Miss Steindahl, who was one of the instructors in Domestic

Y. W. C. A.

May Flower Prince, 349768. He is everyone wanted the afternoon off

Only three girls, it is reported, will spend Christmas at Ceres Hall.

During the past week the food ommissioner has held a number of hearings for manufacturers to appear and show cause why the dealers should not be prosecuted for the sale of oleomargarine misbranded, and in fact so labeled and sold that it may be mistaken for butter.

During the holidays, Dr. Batt exyears they join and hold a union ing overlooked.

If Mabel 'pears to have been proposed to, would you imagine that AT THE GRAND.

There will be no lectures at the Grand for the next two weeks, but they will begin again Jan. 7, when Dr. Dolt will give an illustrated lecture on "Egypt."

In collecting the news for the week is quite often happens that some items of more or less importance are omitted. Such omissions should not be taken as personal slights, as the This week's meeting was led by true cause is nearly always that none Miss Marion Cox. Miss Jacobson of the staff happened to hear of the spoke to the girls on "Christmas event. While we make every effort Spirit" and read a very interesting to keep in touch with all that takes place about the College, the field is Mission Study Club did not meet so broad that some things are sure to escape us each week. The num ber of such omissions would be greatly reduced if every student would take the trouble to inform some member of the staff of any item of interest which may come up

> A number of the student organizations have shown this spirit of cooperation by appointing a member o report their doings.

Many of the organizations, howver, are not doing this and are losing the opportunity of showing they are alive. Perhaps they are not

Any spirit of co-operation is pects to attend a union meeting of greatly appreciated by the staff and the Modern Language Association in if individuals would also help to keep Chicago. This Association is in two us informed there would be much sections as a rule, but every four less likelihood of important items be-If you know of any meeting. This is the first time a news we would be most grateful if union meeting has been held so far you would either inform some memwest, and it is considerable of an ex- ber of the staff or have the information put in box 57 at the post-office.

> A complete set of apparatus for observing the weather has recently been

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Peace On Earth:

(First Prize Story)

On the evening of December 23, a young man passed St. —'s church. after. The voices of the choir and the notes of the pipe organ came clearly to the listener in the words: Peace on earth; good-will toward men.

Practicing for the Christmas service," he thought, and a bitter smile crossed his handsome face. "Peace on earth-" his thoughts ran on; what hollow mockery. If people only meant it. But do they? Good-will the twenty-sixth be willing to perjure his soul to ruin another man. He is no worse than the rest of the human mas shoppers. There is a woman who come to this place to escape light and while she is crowding her out of the ginning. way to get her place at the counter.'

seamy side, where men displayed baser natures, where honesty is seldom rewarded, and shrewdness wins the day. He had been left an orphan at five. His father had left the tree for the children. him in a brother's care with ample provision for his education. With this uncle, John had made his home. In Andrew Held's house there was very little of the home spirit. Mrs. Held, who was many years her husband's junior, lived with but one object that was to spend money in the whirl of society. Andrew Held's one desire was to make and accumulate wealth. There was, therefore, no time to spend on the boy, who was by nature loving. This environment made him cold and unresponsive. In high school he had few close friends, finding in his studies his only pleasures.

When he went to college he formed the first real friendship of his life. George Gilbert, his roommate, was a frank, bright-faced young man. He seemed to bring out the best in John Selden's nature.

In his Junior year John spent the Christmas holidays with George at the Gilbert home. Here he had his first experience of a happy home life. How he had enjoyed the innocent fun and frolic of a family Christmas tree. There were presents from each mem ber of the family to each individual The guest was remembered in the same way. Cynic as he now was, he could not recall one of these gifts without feeling that old thrill. How well he remembered it; a simple collection of the grandest thoughts of our best-loved poets in a limp leather cover. This was the present from Marcia, George's sister. Marcia was then a senior in high school. She and John were the best of friends and this friendship meant much to the lonely boy.

The friendship continued through the remainder of his college course and while he attended law school. They saw much of each other during this time. Each Christmas, small tokens of remembrance had changed. Then George had gone to South America on an engineering project. His family had moved; John did not know where. There changes had taken place at the time he was getting started in his law career. He had sent his Christmas greetings as usud but they had no been acknowl--dged. This was the crowning cause for the present cynicism and indifences that might restore his faith in manl ind.

distant, to take charge of a case. It was clearly a matter of taking advanfraud an honest man out of what rightfully belonged to him.

Young Selden had soon learned or entering his profession that it did forward. Her hand was outstretched pathway. not pay to have an active conscience, and her eyes sparkled with welcome. Although he had never stooped to shielding or helping an actual criminal, he had carried through many cases he knew to be unjust.

Collins had asked him to come to his home at Edgeville on the twenty-Selden was to look up some details relative to the case in hand.

As he passed through the crowd and laughed at their selfish striving out-of-the-way place." a sudden idea came to him. Why not go to Edgeville tomorrow instead of five years," said Marcia, smiling. flock," said the mother, as she seated waiting until Saturday? He could "You surely knew that we came here. herself on a bench near the door. spend the time there as well as he I wrote telling you about it at the The children flocked around her with could here. It would be quiet at least time." and he would not see anyone he

knew. There would surely be more then added slowly, "Would to God it room for the Christmas cheer there had.' Good Will Toward Men and it would not crowd in on him John walked home with and renewed his acquaintance with The children were adorned with a as it did here. Anyway he would and renewed his acquaintance with The children were adorned with a not need to accept the invitations he Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert. By special in-doughnut bracelet on either arm. had received. For in spite of his cold- vitation, he had dinner with them ness his success had made him sought | Christmas day.

next morning he was at the depot, robbery. suit case in hand, glad to get away from the sight of the Christmas windows. The town was on-a branch line and the train was slow and uncomfortable. A group of students going home for the holidays held high carnival in one end of the car. toward men! Such hyprocricy! No he spent at the Gilbert home, when They reminded Selden of Christmas cia. ed head on the twenty-fifth and on he still believed in the goodness of mankind.

the train pulled into Edgeville. The race. It is the same today as it was small red station seemed to shiver in the days of the cave dwellers, with the intense cold. The few men Might is right and to the victor be- standing about the platform were longs the spoils. See these Christ- muffled and shivering. If Selden had is wishing another a Merry Christmas gladness this was surely a good be-

His thoughts going on in this bitter hotel of which the town could boast. sake, for Mrs. Holdon's temperature mood, John Selden made his way After dinner he decided to look rose two degrees daily at noontide, down the brightly lightly thorough- around the town. He found this did only to decrease a like amount during fare of the metropolis of a western not take long. At one of the general the night. state. A successful young lawyer, his stores a clerk asked him to buy a profession gave him an insight into ticket for the Christmas tree pro- en up lodgings in an abandoned logthe sordid, selfish side of life, the gram. The school children were giv- ging camp seven miles away. Here ing a program that night and were station on the X. Y. railroad and takto have a tree afterward. The ad- the pines stood like lordly columns mission was only fifteen cents. The with a small plume of needles at the money was to pay for presents put on top. Each wind that swayed their

> amused for a while. The afternoon into dreamland and back to health. had been too dull even for John's dull ed the birth of Christ. He was curi- camp. A cabin, hastily constructed, barter as had the people in the city. one had thwarted them.

> pal, has worked hard to prepare a Dick" was calling for help to harvest good program. She is very clever, a a crop of wheat, oats and flax. fine singer and the children just worship her. You will be pleased with to find work in these fields so that the program, I'm sure."

> bert carelessly. It was a common its way to the mother for a few name but it was strange that a popu- weeks, generally containing , somelar teacher in a little country town thing for a livelihood. Then the let-

Having nothing more to do, Selden even of his wife. went to his room and read until supthe back.

stage. Led by the beautiful voice of and put out of reach of the inquisitive from the realm of the infinite. Picksome unseen person, the children red squirrel and chipmunk. sang "Holy Night, Silent Night." Even Selden had to admit to himself nailed boots and timber garb passed she returned she carried a sweethat the whole was beautiful. The back and forth through the forest. rest of the program was carried One with Jacob's staff and compass hrough just a little bit better than directed others with small axes where nost Christmas programs. It ended to trim the underbrush and spot trees with the childish voices singing a along the line. Christmas hymn ending with the the heart of the stranger.

o announce that Santa Claus would room, but stopped abruptly. lispense the presents on the tree to only, maybe, sadder and more a pail of water in each hand. Sucthoughtful.

taking his eyes from her face But ierence of John Serden And for the he could not help noting the love and watched he smiled, but not bitterly way."

When Santa Claus had completed ie?" ed by Collins, an old rogue living in his work, teachers and pupils came a small town about seventy-five miles and mingled with the audience. Seled that question as they cautiously den had remained standing near the sidestepped up to the table. door. He wanted to go without being tage of a loophole in the law to de- recognized by Marcia but something stronger than himself kept him there. the door, but that same person was When passing through the crowd seated upon the threshold with a pail Marcia recognized him and hurried of water on either side blocking the quite modest, now acted like the Crat- as the grade is too steep even for the

> "Why, John, how does it come that the cook. you are here? It is so long since we heard anything from you I had given would like one, too," said Leon, the up all hope of seeing you again."

> "It is only an accident," John answered. "Only the merest chance. I directly behind the fence-like cookee. am glad, Marcia, that it has given me "I beg your pardon, madam," he said the chance of meeting you again. I in his most congenial tones, as he never dreamed of finding you in this arose from the doorway. "Won't you

"It has been my home for the past

He no sooner thought of this plan tell him he could not go on with a at hand greatly encouraged Mrs. Hol- fork into the breast and began to field, a city about fifty miles from than he decided to carry it out. The case that was so close to being plain don, for her store of provender in the cut out the morsel, but before the Albany, we came to the beginning of

> bells rang out the refrain "Peace on last two months. earth; good-will toward men" John

> > Rosabelle Magill.

After a three hours tiresome ride The Best Christmas Present

(Second Prize Story)

Yuletide was drawing nigh, Three young hearts were full of hope; though the fourth, the mother, was filled with doubts and fears.

Six months before, the family had been forced to seek the turpentine la-Selden went at once to the only den air of the pines for this one's

The family had landed at a small tufts back and forth sent numberless Well, here was a chance to be wireless messages which lulled her

Soon after they were camped the spirits. It would be interesting to father located one hundred and twensee how these country people observ- ty acres of government pine near the ous to see if they had the same empty now contained the family and gave way of making it a time for selfish notice to the timber barons that some

"You see," went on the clerk, glad This additional expense greatly deof a listener, Miss Gilbert, the princi- pleted the cash on hand, but "Big

Mr. Holdon started early in August he might tide the family through a Selden only noted the name of Gil- trying winter. A Sunday letter found should have the same name as the only girl friend he had ever had. ters cased, for a man in a cook car has but little time for the society

The mother spent many anxious ed from Mrs. Holdon's mind. Soon per time. About seven o'clock he hours through the long interval, pick- she quietly followed the ever-welcome found himself following a crowd to ing up pine knots, making them into he town hall. The place was already stacks; seeking the blisters on the She listened to the retreating bells. erowded and he was given a seat at balsam, boiling the pitch into gum; Suddenly they ceased to ring. Then gathering blueberries that grew near After waiting a short time, the cur- and drying them for future use. Later cold winter air. tains were drawn back to either side. as the hazel bushes were in the fruit. About fifty children occupied the many sacks were gathered, shucked

Early in the fall men wearing hob-

One day the family strayed farther words "Peace on earth; good-will than usual and upon their return oward men." This time it was lis- passed the camp where they had lived ened to with a softened feeling in in early summer. On seeing this old landmark the children rushed past Then the principal came forward the mother and ran into the dining

A man in white apron and cap was the children who were collected on standing at the other end of the room. the stage. To John Selden's amaze- He was in the act of emptying a pan ment Miss Gilbert was none other of cookies on the side table. They than Marcia Gilbert. She looked the but a man stood in the doorway with same as she did five years before, urned around and were about to bolt

"Hello! Hello, children! Cook,

"Hello! Won't you have a cook-

It was the inner child that answer-

one in the pocket they started toward she heard that same metallic sound. are continually rising, forming a

"Won't you have another?" said

"They do taste good. I think mama largest of the three.

Just then Mrs. Holdon appeared come in."

"I was just looking after my me." mouths and hands too full to admit "It never reached me," John said; of anything save facial expression.

John walked home with Marcia their little cabin among the pines. The cook."

gentlemen who dealt in culinary art that the mother's thoughts turned to was to come He saw Collins only long enough to and had so many things in that line a toothsome piece. She drove the little cabin was fast diminishing and knife reached the neck it struck the dangerous down-grade which con-A year later when the Christmas her husband, had not written for the something solid. The wishbone was

Selden's heart echoed the words. He cial introduction to the two gentle- moved each bearing the three M's. was hurrying to his home where he men, to prompt the children to a daily found the Christmas spirit of joy and visit at cookie time till the cook said hard to tell. Each of the little folks violent lurching of the cars as they good-will embodied in his wife, Mar- that he could predict the exact time sought washbowl and towel three struck first one curve in the tracks of a future arrival.

One afternoon the trio lingered longer than usual. The snow began cranberries. to fall in large, flat, many-moleculed flakes. The cook with fatherly instinct, accompanied them home and found a sad state of affairs-a few food supply. The half starved mothstove.

his white apron and cap. Taking a resumed his duties.

Hope never dies in the young, but the old all realize its diminishing returns. This is why the little folks looked forth to Christmas and the mother even began to doubt the trusting hand.

She was tucking down the coverlet on Yuletide eve when the younger, night tell him to leave . sled for Wesley, said: "If Santa comes tonight tell him to leave a sled for Leon, a doll for Pet, and-and a hobby horse for me."

"You forget that I, too, will be asleep when he arrives," said the mother.

She left the bedside and walked to the table, dropped her head on her arms, though without a murmer above a whisper.

How long she sat there she never knew. Presently a sleighbell rattled near the door. It sounded as if an animal was shaking himself to throw off the snow. The door opened cautiously. Several sacks were hastily placed inside. Seeing the small stockings, Santa tiptoed across the floor and filled them to the top. Several other things were set upon the sacks. Then the bells retreated slowly.

Every bit of doubt had now vanishmessenger out into the moonlight. several voices came faintly on the

She was about to enter the house when a happy thought came floating -ing up an axe that stood by the doorway, she ran to a little grove. When scented balsam.

Far into the night she labored, but upon retiring she looked at the effect through eyes beaming with pride.

The sun's rays had lit up the frosty treetops and the shining particles were falling in a mimic snow storm when the family became astir. The children danced 'round the well-fruitsmall pair of bobs with Swedish iron ed tree in glee-the oldest drawing a shoes, the younger trying to hitch his hobby horse to the bobs, and the little girl carrying her doll in a cradle.

Upon taking an inventory in the morning, Mrs. Holdon saw that everymorning meal.

moved near the body. The final road. From Springfield to Chester cleansing was given and the turkey the tracks are comparatively level

the dinner. The children, generally heavy trains a "pusher" is neccessary chit family. Leon had fastened a most modern types of locomotives. box on the bobs and hauled in some Then with an engine behind as well of the pine knot stacks, small hands as one in front, the ascent is made. looked over the cranberries, the oven door was never wholly closed, and the first experience working as a brakeroast was basted every five minutes man on a fast freight train, running

him." good."

Half an hour later the four started drooped, as he wiped them with his on which I was working as brakeman. down the well "blazed" trail toward chubby fists. "W-ho's h-h-h-he? My plans, if they were carried out,

The potatoes were served, a drumstick was given to each of the boys enjoy the Christmas fun, so I went The meeting of two such congenial and a wing to little Pet. Then it was to work with vim, thinking of what This served, together with the so- eye. Then a score of disks were re-

How long the meal continued is

The dinner over, they remained as they were for a time to examine their steps to keep from being thrown off. respective physical condition. All The application of the brakes, howbecame quiet. Nothing was heard ever, cid not check the downward dried blueberries, a small quantity of save the barking of the tramp camp rush of the train; on the contrary we hazelnuts made up the whole of their dog. Each one listened. Presently seemed to be gaining speed every a squeaking footfall was heard. It minute. This was perhaps due to er sat staring into a nearly fireless drew nearer and nearer; louder and the fact that the train was composed still louder as it reached the well- of about forty cars which were load-The next morning a man threw off tramped snow around the house.

well-filled sack on his shoulder, he setting the balsam that still contain- such a weight and such a speed it made a fresh trail through the loose ed some of the unnatural fruit. snow. He soon returned again and Then someone with drooping arms any train, especially one on a downand unsteady gait moved toward the grade as this was. The further wo table. His frosty whiskers nearly covered his face, but the eye, the about five miles from Chester we cheek, the forehead, were recognized were speeding at the rate of about by only one as he sank at her feet. "Father!"

> Who can depict the scramble which ensued?

story; how he had been in a Sisters' was a running stream, which seemed hospital in the southern part of a to be still as a pond as we thundered large city for two whole months, along. I was the last one to enter where saintly nurses cared for an un- the car, and opening the door I enknown through six weeks of typhoid tered and walked toward the warm delerium and how his mind had returned but three days before, which center of the room, for I was chilled made it possible to reach the household.

Words are but carbolic acid in such fatherly love or childish reverence. A friend may condole another in a time of great bereavement but only those a scene and utterly fail to express one quick shock, throwing me entireof inward feelings can make them known in the realm of sympathy.

not be served to the nearly famished man. As he pushed back his chair he missed going through a window noticed the partially overturned tree and arose to straighten it.

"Who brought you these thing," very plainly that he was in no wise connected with their appearance.

"Santa," was little Wesley's impulsive answer. The father was too could see ahead of us what appeared wise to press the question and never again referred to the matter. Mrs. Holdon knew and Leon knew for they of the cars had crashed into each oth read it in the faces of the men at the camp.

Two of the gentlemen called during the evening for half an hour. As everything was in order they leisurely returned to their bunks near the large kitchen range.

After the guests were gone, the trio gathered around the father for their 'Good night." It was then that Mrs. Holdon ventured-"What is the best present we have received today?" The children answered all at once,

'Papa.' -E. D. Sylvester, '13.

The Wreck Of The Wheat Special

In the western part of Massachumas dinner. She straightway began pressed me as being one of the most Finally everything was ready for grade nearly forty miles long. On

It was early one fall that I had my to Santa for?" said the mother as she pleasing one, but never-the-less I looked around the table at the bright stuck to my work and winter found "I know one who is nearly as experience I went through on one of standing by, and carried away.

Little Wesley's eyes twinkled, "Wheat Special," bound for Boston, and placed it on the tracks again as

would bring me home Christmas eveing and give me plenty of time to

About an hour after leaving Pittstinued to Chester. As was the cuslifted up. A silverine luster met the tom, when this down-grade was reached, the brakeman ran over the train and tightened the brakes on the cars. The speed of the train and the times to remove the oil and stains and then another, made it very difreceived from turkey smothered in ficult to walk on the narrow walk on the tops of the cars, so I had to spread my feet and take very short ed with wheat-a direct shipment The door swung open, nearly up- from the west to Europe, and with would have been hard to slow down went, the faster we flew, and when forty miles per hour with all the brakes on.

The day was just breaking as I was returning to the freight-man's parlor In broken sentences he told his car, the "caboose;" beside the track inviting stove which stood in from the frosty morning air. The door had scarcely closed bening me when I heard a rumbling, which seemed to come from the front of the train, then the motion of the train became jerky, finally stopping with ly off my feet against the door through which I had just entered. The rtmains of the dinner could The rest of the men were also thrown about violently, one of them barely which would have resulted in paint injuries, if not death. Scrambling to our feet, we found that none of us said he. His manner and voice told were hurt, except for a number of bumps here and there. We then rushed out of the car, and, through the gray dawn of the morning we to be a large mound on the tracks Coming closer we saw that nearly al er and piled up in a heap of splinter ed wood and wheat about the engine from which the engineer and fireman emerged, scared, but little hurt. Upon closer examination of the ruins and the vicinity of the wreck, we found out that the cause of the disaster was that the engine had jumped a switch and had torn up the road-bed for the distance of over one hundred yards, finally stopping with its nose buried in the sand and gravel of the road-bed. The tremendous speed of the train as it struck the switch had probably caused the engine to jump the track; then, when the engine did stop the shock was so sudden that the following cars all crashed into it, telescoping each other as if they were light packing boxes, and dumping the wheat in a huge heap.

As another train was due in a short time, I was ordered to the thing had been planned for a Christ- setts -occurred a wreck which im- rear of the wreck. I ran back to the caboose (for the caboose and cessfully headed off and seeing no its preparation, just taking time to odd and spectacular wrecks that I three other cars on the rear of the Selden sat as if in a trance, hardly other road of escape, they lost all serve coffee and doughnuts for the have ever witnessed. The scene of train were not smashed up at all) and Under the drooping limbs of the the state west of the Connecticut these in hand, I hastened up the gast five years he had had no experi- respect the children gave her. As he these are our neighbors over the balsam she had placed the turkey river, where one of its tributaries, the track. It was not long before the and as she did it her ear detected a Westfield river, winds among the train, which was a passenger, appearmuffiled metallic ring. Upon remov- Berkshire Hills. Following this ed and stopped a short distance from ing it in the morning, she noticed twisting and turning stream are the the wreck. Explaining to the conthat the head and neck had been re- tracks of the Boston and Albany rail- ductor and engineer what had happened, I returned to the wreck, anxious to see what was to be done. With a cookie in each hand and put into the oven; but several times but after leaving Chester the tracks ready scores of people were walking down the tracks from the village to view the wreck and gather news, for the wreck had occurred about a mile west of Chester; and farmers were gazing with longing eyes at the huge pile of wheat-for wheat would be fine feed for their poultry. hour or so, the wrecking train arrived with a big gang of Italian laborers, and work was immediately during the three hours' hoasting.

"Have we anything to be thankful bany. The experience was not a very track, so that trains could pass along track, so that trains could pass along without delay. This done, the work was commenced on the main part of faces. The three answered in one me still on the job, thinking little of the wreck. Here the work proceeded accord: "He's the best fellow in all the risks I was taking. But I became more slowly. Broken timbers, trucks the land." Mrs. Holdon added, "Bless more careful and cautious after the and frames were loaded on flat cars my trips just about Christmas time. big thirty-ton steam crane lifted "Who is he?" It was the wife who Leaving Albany, early one morn- after a little tussle, the glant engine anticipated the answer. "Who is he?" ing, was the fast freight called the out of the furrow it had ploughed,

if it were but a mere toy. With just as much ease, a freight car that had rolled down the embankment, was placed on the tracks.

After the wreckage was cleared

away, officials arrived on the scene and the injured wheat was sold to the highest bidder, who, in turn, sold it to the farmers from the surrounding country at a ridiculously low price and many farmers piled up their grain bins with enough wheat to last them for several years.

with what was left of the "Wheat Special" and we continued our trip to Boston, arriving there early in the morning, nearly a whole day late. The first thing that I did was to report to the superintendent and then I boarded a streetcar and hurried

Never before had I seen such glad and surprised faces as those that met me when I reached the house, for the news of the wreck had traveled ahead and they had imagined that some thing terrible had happened to me. In vain had they tried to find out something about the wreck, but no full reports had been received as yet The superintendent had been asked, but he knew nothing definite. Telegraphic inquiries revealed nothing of my welfare. Consequently one can imagine how the tears of joy were shed upon my appearance at the door. when I told them that I was unhurt, and all tears were wiped away. The rest of the day was spent in relating again and again the story of the wreck of the "Wheat Special," which ed home. On reaching her apartments The sister sat down and the little made that Christmas remain in my memory as one of the most happy and thankful of all the Christmas Days that I have ever celebrated.

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A Christmas Awakening

At the court room window stood a man who, with wrinkled brow, gazed out over the city's business section. Suddenly he turned and his eyes rested on the other two figures in the room. One was that of a severely dressed woman, now passing out of the door; and the other an elderly man who sat at the desk arranging some scattered papers. A moment later he left the window, and his partner at the desk looked up inquiringly.

"Well, we've lost the case; and to woman."

"Yes, it is hard to lose to a woman; but she's square; no tears or sympathy appeals from her; and if we had to lose I'd as soon Miss Burblank would win as another."

"This is the third big case she's she remembers them all?"

The senior attorney hesitated a minute then, looking at the junior tle heads appeared in the window member with a meaning glance, replied, "By close application and condoesn't come with a bound."

The great strain was then released order and the two men left the court porch and Louise blushingly intro-

Meanwhile Mary Burbank was making her way, with a buoyant step, to the imposing hotel which she callthe wraps and expensive furs, which had protected her from the chill December preeze, were thrown aside and the severely cut gown was exchanged for a becoming afternoon any connection with the dreaded law struggles of the ten preceding years.

Finally she picked up her mail and, glancing through the letters. picked out those she wished to read. The first to be opened was addressed cess she had yet to experience real in a rather shaky hand, and after happiness? Someway, after thinking reading it she seemed completely absorbed for several minutes.

of that letter, her father; of the child- career. ish pleasures in which he had been to school, of his surprise when she enrolled as a law student and finally always surrounded her with a worshipful love. When things went of her mother, who had planned for mother, had enrolled in an unheard had now settled down to a life of in- joys and longs for a real home. finite calm tending her household duties and caring for her two children What a fate, after what she had planned for Louise! Why, the girl might have taken a classical course at the best college in America and then she could have studied law and what cases, they, as two sister attorneys,

was Louise's letter extending a still over to Dave's bunk. more urgent invitation and picturing guest, Ray Hopkins, who was spend- and dearest friend.

ing a few weeks at the sister's home.

Ray Hopkins! At the very name Mary Burbank's lips curled in scorn. law course a year before she enrolled know what I'd do without him." and had encouraged and applauded But what of him? O, owing to his father's poor health he had left when seldom used calendar, Joe announced half through his junior year, in order that it was the 20th. as he said, to look after the farm At the time this excuse had seemed sadly. demonstrated, had indignantly dis-

missed him. when she was striving to gain recog- ed and blackened gums. nition, and those dark days when, discouraged, she had half wished that ed convulsively on the bunk studs. she had followed his advice. Today, however, it was different; she was

acknowledged as the best woman at- small chance I have in the shape I'm torney in the state.

With an effort she recalled the father's letter and invitation. Would she go and spend the holidays with the family? At first she thought not; at least not at her sister's home where it would be necessary to meet and recognize that brother-in-law who had ruined her plans for Louise. Later, however, her expression changed. A new idea had come to her. Yes, she would go. And while there she would demonstrate to Louise the glory which a public career could bring. Not only would she dazzle her sister, but Ray Hopkins as well would find that he no longer possessed even the slightest attraction for her, a woman of the world.

Thus it was that the day before Christmas found Miss Burblank entering the sleepy little town where she had promised to spend the holidays.

Her father and sister were at the won this year. Seems to me she station to welcome their guest and as brought up every decision since she stepped to the platform their Noah's time which had any bearing arms and caresses were about her. on this case. How do you suppose They exchanged a few commonplace remarks about her health, trip, etc., and then rushed her on to their home.

As they neared the cottage two litand behind stood a man, tall, well tinuous study; knowledge like hers built, and with pleasing countenance lit up with steel gray eyes. As they By this time the papers were in neared the door he stpped out on the duced her husband.

On entering the house, two little girls, one three and the other about five, rushed up to greet Aunt Mary, girls promptly climbed upon her lap, and before she knew it Mary Barblank, the well-known attorney, was caressing these children and talking amiably with their father, whom she side. dress. Thus transformed, she sat had intended to treat with dignified down to rest and to think over the coolness. Someway Louise's life was day's efforts. As she sat there few not so nearly ruined as she had picwould have suspected her of having tured. Louise herself was as pretty and young looking as ever and more court. Her fair hair was arranged than that, a happiness seemed to emwith taste and the expressive face anate from her face which increased showed no lines of age after all the and etherialized her beauty. What was the meaning of it all?

That night Miss Burblank pondered long over the question. possible that with all her public sucof Louise, household duties and motherhood took on a new beauty and Musingly she thought of the writer Mary Burblank almost regretted her

Christmas day Ray Hopkins came consent when she wished to go away not as fully overcome as Mary had could say anything. imagined. His genial nature and thoughtfulness pleased her and she found herself listening to suggestions the first big case. Yes, father had and plans which a month before she would have scorned. After all, Louise had exprienced a great many pleaswrong he had comforted and encour- ures which she had missed, and now aged. But with these recollections a real home, she decided to abandon were entangled others. She thought that Ray Hopkins offered his love and forever her brilliant career and beher a career as a teacher; who wished come Mrs. Hopkins. No long engageher to take domestic science; and ment for these, who too long had with the idea a smile passed over her been robbed of life's happiness. New Clearly she was not fitted for Year's Day found them on their hondomestic work, but then there was eymoon and a month later, with a Louise, the little sister, who, follow- hopeful heart, Mre. Hopkins entered ing the narrow path marked out by upon a course of domestic training which would fit her to fill the new du of agricultural college in the middle ties in her farm home. After all west, graduated, taught a year and Louise was right; every woman en-

"Greater Love

Hath No Man'

Big Dave slowly put down the bit And now father had written asking of mirror which he held in his hand get doctor quick." Then the voice she picked up a second letter), here fire. Joe rose quickly and crossed

the pleasure a family reunion would gently, looking down at the pale face give; incidentally it also told of a and fever wasted body of his partner

"Where's Davie?" asked Dave. washing dishes," Joe answered. "He had. He was the friend who had begun the sure is a bully, little kid. I don't

"Aye, Davie always was a good the decision which brought about her lad," Big Dave murmered to himself. enrollment in the law department. And then to Joe, "What date is it?" After a lengthy calculation on a

"Five days till Christmas." rather flimsy to the girl's practical Then, with a wan smile, "I'll no be mind and when he had appealed to giving you or Davie anything this her to give up the thought of a career Christmas, and it's thinking I am and to return with him, she, feeling that I'll never have another to make

"Why?" Joe demanded anxiously. "Look," whispered Dave, as, with Then there was that first year, his one well hand he bared his swell-

> Joe went white and his hands clos "Scurvey!" he gasped. "Yes, it's scurvey, Joe; and it's

in and us with no fresh vegetables and no chance of getting a doctor.'

"It can't __ ," Joe stopped abruptly by Rags, who was proudly carrying a much mauled and exceedingly dead pack rat by the neck. As Davie began to tell his father of Rags' desperate battle with the rat, Joe left. He had to be alone, to think, to plan something - anything was better than standing there and listening to Davie's happy talk and overflowing spirits, which were likely to be crushed soon, unless something was

"Scurvey!-and he can talk of Christmas!" he groaned. He went to the window and looked out. He could hardly see the windlass at the top of the shaft leading into the little mine that was their sole means of existence, so thick was the driving snow. "If I could only get to town! Why, it would mean saving Dave's life." . He stood staring out the window with unseeing eyes, until he heard a burst of boyish laughter from the other room. He turned with sudden decision and snatched his skis from their racks on the wall.

He was risking his tife and he knew it, but to that he gave not a second's thought. When Davie returned he had his small preparations all made, and while Davie was finishing his dishes he went in to tell Dave of his

Briefly-almost curtly, for it was hard to hide his emotion-he told Big Dave what he was going to do. Dave begged and pleaded with him not to go, but all to no avail.

"Joe! Joe! Don't go. Forty miles alone in this weather and every trail blocked. I know what it is out-It's getting worse every minute. It's bad when the weather's good and think of the shape those trails are in!"

"It's no use, Dave; I'm going," said Joe, decidedly. "Here comes Davie. Don't let him know. Remember now"

"Davie," he said as the lad entered, 'I'm going to town for-for some things for our Christmas. Can you take care of your father while I'm

"Sure," said Davie, proudly; "I wish you didn't have to go, though." Jee swung him high in the air and then set him down gently. "I'll be back soon," he said gally; stooped and patted Rags, wrung his partan active participant. Then of his and someway that old attraction was ner's hand and was gone before Dave

> Three days later a line rider from the Grant ranch, searching for cattle, since the storm had let up early that morning, paused in amazement at the foot of the old Baldhead mcuntain. Far up, showing almost as a speck appeared the figure of a man on skis The figure halted for a moment and then dropped down the open side of the mountain. Traveling at a terrific rate and growing larger every second it swung in a large curve along the edge of the Devil's Slide. 'The watcher gasped at the daring of the man and then stood petrified and helpless. As he watched, a puff of now jetted up in front of the skiman. The figure swerved, crumpled in a heap and then fell slowly down the pitch of the slide.

> When the line rider, ten minutes later, slid off his spent, steaming horse at Joe's side, he thought him dead. When he gathered the battered body into his arms, however, the head turned and the bruised, bloody lips gasped out-

"Dave-scurvey - at Big Bend her to spend the holidays with him and lay silent for a minute. Then trailed off and died away murmuring in Louise's home. Yes (and with this he called Joe from his place by the something about "Christmas — Dave

Early Christmas morning little Davie opened the door in response to insistent knocking, to a group of hollow-eyed, weary men who had been traveling for two days and nights without stop. If Dave had nothing "Out in the kitchen with Rags, to give for Christmas at least Joe

When Dave, late next spring, finally got to town, he found on visiting the little graveyard that the people of Curlew had seen to it that Joe was not forgotten. At the head of Joe's "The 20th," said Big Dave, half grave was a huge granite boulder with an inscription on it. Hat in hand, and with eyes so blinded by tears that he could hardly read, he read the simple epitaph. Just two lines-the upper, just one word:

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Then give thyself with each intent, With feelings lost in love; Yet thankful as recipient With grateful joys, above.

The Youth

Christmas has come with its joy and

With its clamoring noise, children marching along; With balsams and spruces bediz'ned

And the shining of jewels in faces more bright.

Your pleasant'st smile is the one now

Tis better than diamonds adorning 'Merry Christmas to all' in emphasis

Is better by far than good things to

The gift to the giver brings joys yet untold.

Than e'er a recipient ever can hold; So give ye in love each token and

For life to the living is always worth

The Child.

Will Santa come tonight Mama, in fly'n 'sheen or sleigh?

think I'll hang the lantern out so he'll come this wey; If he comes whiz'n thru the air I'm

'fraid he'll never stop Or if he 'lights upon the house, I'm 'fraid his toys will drop."

Don't be afraid my little lad for Santa is quite spry,

He never thinks about the roof if it is wet or dry;

He hustles down the chimney without a single track,

So "cuddle down" my little dear and take this goodnight smack."

-F. J. S. '14.

MISS GRASSICS PUPILS GIVE INTERESTING PROGRAM

There was a good attendance at the cecital given by the piano and voice pupils in the Music Hall on Saturday evening and those present report that the program was unusually excellent. The work of the girls showed that they had done a great deal of work in preparing for the program and their performance reflected much credit upon themselves as well as their teacher.

Miss Grasse delivered a short but interesting talk upon the "Sonata Form" which showed her thorough knowledge of the classical side of music. Her talk was illustrated by the Moonlight Sonata, Beethoven, played by Maud Engle; and by the Sonata No. 2, Mozart, played by Lila Elliot. Both of these selections were played with a feeling and understanding which made them fit in admirably with Miss Grasse's remarks.

...Joseph Low Estelle Madison

of the Department:

RomanceAnton Rubenstein, op. 44 Sadie Robinson Skylarks Morning Song Koelling Miss Jacobson's illness.

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The work of the Department during the past year has been of an unusually high grade and a larger number of students than ever before are taking either piano or vocal lessons In fact, almost every plane on the campus is in use, for practice purposes, all the time from 8 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock at night.

Grasse is also leading the Girls' Glee | promote the control of th Club and this organization is doing some very creditable work.

PERSONALS

O. H. Dolve of Hatton, several years ago one of our basketball stars, visited his sister and brothers here,

Last week was a busy one for the literary societies. The players were rehearsing their plays every day and all the rest of the members were practicing the songs and yells.

The Athenian caste in the play, "In the Wrong House," used the roast chicken which it won as first prize m the play contest of the All Literary Festival, as a nucleus for a feed, Saturday evening. The repast was enjoyed in the same spirit as the prize

a very difficult case to the A. C. Veterinary Department, where he made use of the operating table and appa-

The North Dakota Stallion Registration Board met Thursday of last week in their offices at Francis Hall. The out-of-town members present were Dr. E. J. Walsh of Minot and Mr. John Donnelly of Grafton.

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Ceres Hall

Mrs. Marshall and Miss Jacobson visited the Barnes farm at Glyndon

Miss Stella Jaque left for her home in Tokio, N. D., Saturday on account of the illness of a sister.

were guests of their parents down town all day Saturday.

Mrs. Poole of Steele, while on her way back from the Twin Cities visited her daughter, Ethel, at Ceres

Miss Thordis Eyolfson visited Ceres Hall over Saturday. She left for her home Sunday, accompanied by Miss Cecelia Eyolfson.

have been very greatly enjoyed by attended. They were excellent dinners. All who were there will admit that Domestic Science girls can cook. Miss Hoover left for an extended

trip through the East, Thursday. She

intends to visit Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Boston, New York, and Washington. On her way back, she will visit her home in Kansas. The little girls are arriving daily

at Ceres Hall for the Institute. They are going to dress dolls in the Sewing Department. The instructors in Cooking will be assisted by the Junior Girls in Domestic Science, 6.

Dean Hoover's classes have been excused from all examinations.

under Miss Lamb, entertained the Home-makers faculty at dinner Fri-

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The class in Domestic Art did not

There will be no gymnasium classes next week. Miss Haggart wishes all the girls a Merry Christmas and told them to exercise at least once during

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some very good talent will be develop- and Lotty get the blessings of the responsive reading, some good-naed in the Philomathian Society.

Following this play, the Athenians seems somewhat of a mystery to were given the stage. They presented the short play, "In the Wrong House." This play had fewer character Holkesvig was great. His enunciaters than the other plays, but each tion was so clear it could be heard audience with some more music from one had longer parts, and more real distinctly in all parts of the room; acting was necessary

ed from the business. Tom Jarvis, would predict a good career for him called T. J. for short, was one of her in that capacity. boarders who was taking an extended paying for it. In the meantime, Mr. tion of Mr. Holkesvig, he was easily Arvold announced the decision of the Themistocles Judd, an author, apthe star of the evening. Reginald judges, who were Prof. Minard, Dr. house was the place where he stayed. The author, he thought, must be the would be an ideal housekeeper. man. After a heated controversy he left to return at some future time.

ATHLETIC and steps to arrest Jarvis who looked the were given by almost all in the cast. cause he loves her no more. Mrs. cial mention. Clapper was called to determine

tocles Judd is completely frustrated got mixed up with the husky rough- He can see nothing but a conspiracy neck instead. Max Waldron was the in the whole thing to marry him to uniform for their stunt. The stag printer's "devil." He did not have this girl, and denounces the conany oral part so his usual wit was not spiracy in the loftiest language at around the campfire except the senbrought into play. His makeup, how- his disposal, as marriage was far be- tinel, who paced back and forth, and ever, was good. He looked as un- neath him. Old Mr. Nokes now rekempt as a personal devil could ap- lents to some extent and offers to This was quite impressive. They give his blessing to Lotty and Mr. This play as a whole was very in- Judd. The real couple seize this opteresting and every part was well act- portunity of making up with the "old place". The Athenians had some very ed, showing that with more training man" so the truth is told. Tom Jarvis old man, although the whole affair

his facial expression and actions so Mrs. Clapper was a middle-aged, typical of an antiquated author-that of the first literary festival was over good-natured boarding house keeper, it hardly seemed possible that he was who, like others of her kind, was af- only acting. If Mr. Holkesvig's inter all the money that could be secur- clinations were toward the stage, we be postponed to some future time.

vacation, so was not occupying his Mr. Nathanial Nokes, which was a room at the time although he was very difficult role. With the exceppeared on the scene. He wanted a Colley as Tom Jarvis was very acquiet place where he could produce ceptable. Edwin Evingson, who took literature which would in time save Mr. Yerrington's part as the detecthe world. Mrs. Clapper, of course, tive, only a few hours before on achad just the place he wanted. She count of the death of Mr. Yerrington's gave him Tom Jarvis' room. The ausister, did exceptionally well, considthor was just making himself com- ering the very short time he had in annual affair. All were unanimous in fortable when loud raps, sounding which to learn the part. Addie Staflike hammer knocks, were heard oin ford, who took the part of the elopthe door. On opening the door, a ing bride, was as pretty and win- A. C. very trate old man, Mr. Nathanial some as any bride could be. Miss Nokes, appeared. This old man's Poland was the old boarding house daughter had eloped with a fellow keeper, and was so good natured that Hammes and Lane have taken she called "T. J." for short and this that many, especially members of over the business of the the Freshman Class, decided that she Mercantile Co., of Moorhead, Minn.

While the Hesperians were arrangft to return at some future time.

But Mr. Judd had barely settled Athenian quartet made up of Ewen, chemist whose function it should be down to his studies again when Tom Evingson, Williams and Holkesvig, to aid them in testing all beverages. Jarvis returns unexpectedly and sang "Down by the Old Mill Stream," brings a bride with him. He finds and Miss Mikkelson sang a solo, Judd in his room; he wants to know which, as usual, was greatly appreciwhat excuse Judd has for being there ated by the audience. The Hesperians and begins to take action to evict opened their play, "A Convention of him. Mr. Themistocles Judd just as Papas," with music. With banners strenuously objected to Jarvis' pres- and posters flying, they marched to ence in the room and wants to take the platform from the back part of means of ejecting the intruder. At the room with their band. This band this point, a detective appears on the made a hit. The play was a kind of scene to arrest somebody. He takes a campaign for men's rights. Speeches most guilty, but the quick-witted The play concluded with "What's the Lotty had a way of saving her hus- Matter with Father." Mr. Christianband. She throws her arms around son as Col. Highertower, and Jack Themistocles and pretends to sob be- Kerr as Walker, are entitled to spe-

Following the literary part of the 10 Broadway, which one was her rightful husband. program, came the noise making. All Having known Tom as a bachelor for the societies were entered in the song a long time, she said he certainly was and yell contest. The Castalians sang Phone 1550 hot. Her father now again appeared a very catchy song and gave a num- Edwards Bldg. - - Fargo, N. D. DeLendrecie Bldg.

GRAND FESTIVAL demn the faithless husband which he to them which landed the prize. Mary believes the author to be. Themis- Gibbons was their splendid yell lead-

The Philos were all out in military was darkened and all gathered all sang the "Old Camp Ground." gave their vells with span and vim and were easily entitled to second good original songs and yells. In a tured puns were gotten off on Prof Arvold and his stand on seggregated literary societies. Their yelling lack-ed the unison which is acquired by practice. The Hesperians favored the the band and gave some good yells when the student part of the program

"Seven Minutes of Mystery" had to Arthur Ogaard played the part of bers of the literary societies and their riends.

While the crowd was eating, Prof. Arvold announced the decision of the Putt, and Mr. Parrott: First place to the Athenians for the best literary program; and first place to the Castalians in the song and yell contest; and asked for the sentiment of thos present in regard to making this ar interesting evening ever spent at the

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