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South Dakota S. C. Wins Both Debates

S. D. S. C. AVENGES HER DEFEAT LAST YEAR BY WINNING BOTH DEBATES.

Decisions Very Close

JUDGES NOT UNANIMOUS IN EITHER DEBATE.

Our long string of consecutive victories was at last broken Friday evening, when our debating teams were defeated by the South Dakota trios. They were both the kind of defeats, however, that we are not afraid to face, as is shown by the decision of the judges which were two to one in both cases.

They were so close that it was almost impossible for any judge to form an opinion as to which sides had presented the strongest argument so it was, after all, largely a matter of chance who the winner would be.

As was stated last week our affirmative team was made up of Miss Camp, Charles Hammond and Leo Horst, who debated at home.

The question was, resolved: That the Federal Government should establish a Central Bank.

Mr. Horst was the first speaker in the debate at home. He showed that present currency laws in the U. S. were radically wrong as was evidenced by our numerous panics in comparatively good times in a prosperous country where they are absolutely out of place. He told of how central banks had to be established in times past to overcome financial stringencies and how the right kind of central bank could avoid them in the future.

G. S. Bisby was the first speaker for S. D. He admitted that our currency laws were not what they ought to be and often caused financial stringencies but said that this was entirely due to the inelasticity of the present laws and could be overcome in other ways. Panics he said were caused by excessive speculation, inflation of prices and the distrust of the public of our banking institutions. Making our currency laws more elastic would remove this distrust and at the same time the prime cause of panics. European freedom from panics, said he, was not due to her central banks. There the population is concentrated, fixed and conservative and their resources developed while our population is more scattered, romantic, and cosmopolitan while our resources are not developed and conditions are entirely different in this country.

Miss Camp the next speaker, showed how we would have been fortified against the panic in 1907 if a Central Bank had been established at that time. She gave a plan of how such a bank could be established of which Wall street interests, other corporations or political cliques could not possibly gain control. Such a bank would have a charter for 50 years so would not be controlled by any political party.

The stock of this bank would be subscribed by banks having federal charters to the amount of one-fifth of their capital. The directors would be chosen by this large number of institutions. The representation would be so large and the capital so great that it would be impossible for any coterie of men to gain control of it. The working of such a bank were very well explained and many reasons given to show that it would not be subject to corporate or politic domination.

P. V. Finley continued the argument for the negative. He declared that such a bank would be a menace to American liberty and emphasized the matter that it would be subject to monopolistic control and political maneuvering; that and its very organization would depend on some political party. It would be foolish to assert, said he, that the directors would not continue to belong to some political party. To show how it might become subject to monopolistic control he cited the fact that J. P. Morgan alone already had control of 32 banks with a capitalization of \$10,000,000,000. Moreover he declared that sudden changes might result disastrously to the people of the country.

Mr. Hammond concluded the direct argument for us. He showed how the contention that efficient men could not be obtained to direct our institutions such as a central bank was all nonsense. He said that America has always been able to fill positions of honor and trust before and that it was a bad slur against our manhood to argue that they could not do so in the future. America said

Edwin Traynor Chosen Commencement Orator

Last year a custom was inaugurated here of having a commencement orator from a member of the senior class. This orator was to be the person who had accomplished the most of any person in the class in the line of public speaking. Last year Peter J. Olson received this honor. This year Edwin Traynor has the honor of filling this position. One of Mr. Traynor's first attempts at Public speaking, he won first prize in the Agricultural Club Essay Contest. Ever since, he has been an active contributor in this line of work and in all other college activities. He was on the Intercollegiate debating team in his Freshman year; was one of the declaimers and a member of the Intersociety Debating Team of 1908-09; and one of the winning orators of 1910.

The commencement oratorship is well deserved recognition of what Mr. Traynor has done for the A. C.

he has always produced leaders and her banker are among the most conscientious and honorable citizens. He showed how such a system would be more responsive, safer and would avert panics and financial stringencies. His arguments were pointed and given in such a way as to make them effective.

Mr. H. D. White closed the direct argument for the negative. He argued that a bond secured currency would be safer and more stable than the notes of the central bank. This country with its thousands of banks is too large, said he, for such a bank to judge the value of all our commercial paper and would not be able to determine the proper rate of discount. Mr. White is an exceptionally forceful and pleasing speaker and gave arguments that were hard to refute.

Mr. Bisbee of South Dakota opened the rebuttal which were only three minutes each, and was followed in turn by Mr. Finley and Mr. White. They reiterated some of the charges against the Central Bank which they had argued all the way thru the debate, especially the subject of political and monopolistic domination.

Mr. Hammond opened the rebuttal for us and in their turn was followed by Miss Camp and Mr. Horst. Miss Camp was especially strong in rebuttal being in the closing arguments, without doubt the best one in both teams and showed a wonderful grasp of the question. Her natural and convincing way of speaking appealed to all.

Supt. Hoover presided during the evening. The judges were E. D. Parsons of Minneapolis, Atty. Lawrence of Fargo, and Supt. Silvernail of the public schools of Red Wing, Minnesota.

As was also stated in last week's Spectrum our negative team which debated in South Dakota was made up of L. D. Gifford, Ray S. Towle and H. M. Dodge. There the debate was opened by Roy Nord in a skillful manner. He analyzed the question and told how they would prove that the Central Bank would be more desirable than any other plan. Mr. Gifford opened the argument for us and outlined the debate from the negative point of view. He gave some of the objections to a Central Bank idea and showed why it would fail. He also pointed out the danger of political juggling.

J. T. Cottingham who it will be remembered was the strongest South Dakota debator here last year was also the strongest man for the affirmative this year even showing marked improvement over last year. He continued showing some disadvantages of the present system. Mr. Towle was the second speaker for the negative. He dwelt on the dangers that lurk in the Central Bank idea how it would cause over inflation of currency under the system proposed by the affirmative. C. D. Johnson closed the direct argument for the affirmative. He contrasted foreign countries with ours and told why it should be adopted in the United States. Mr. Dodge closed the direct argument. He reviewed briefly the points brought out by his colleagues and offered a plan that was better, safer and simpler system of aiding solvent banks in times of financial stringencies. It was based on the system of Mr. Fowler of New Jersey. The exposition of this scheme was very logical and clear. He made his position so secure that in the rebuttal the affirmative barely mentioned it.

In the rebuttals in Brookings as well as here it was very noticeable that the arguments of all our debators clashed with those of their opponents and were advanced on that occasion while, the rebuttals of the South Dakota debators seemed to me meritorious as they refuted arguments that had not been presented by our team.

Fargo College Wins Oratorical Contest

FREDERICK STILLWELL OF F. C. WINS FIRST PLACE. LESTER M. SMITH OF U. N. D. WINS SECOND PLACE.

The state oratorical contest took place last night in the Presbyterian Church under the auspices of Fargo College. A good crowd was present. Fargo College students were out, in force and quite a number of our students were present.

The first speaker was our representative Edgar Olson who spoke on "The Citizen of Tomorrow." He told how the life blood of our children was being sapped by the worst kind of drudgery in the factories and mines of the East and mostly for the private gain of the money powers of the country but a direct loss in the vitality of the children and often of their lives and would ultimately be sure to result in a deterioration of American manhood.

The second speaker was Lester M. Smith of the University who took as his subject — "The Young Man in Public Life". He gave a short review of the rapid development of this nation. He showed how much of this development was due to the vigor and industry of her young men. A large number of instances were cited to show that young men were the progressive element in American politics and were doing, more than their share to solve our problems today. Even the signers of the Declaration of Independence were young men. Jefferson when he drafted it being only thirty-six. A tribute was paid to the American college and an appeal made to us to be equal to the tasks which we had to face. Mr. Smith had a very fine stage presence being calm and deliberate. His pronunciation was excellent and there was a continuity of thought which made his oration easy to follow and very interesting.

He was followed by Frederick Stillwell of Fargo College the winner of first place who took as his topic "The Dignity of Individuality." The effacement of the individuality in America and other countries in the East was contrasted with the self advancement of the countries of the West; how China has made more progress in the last 20 years when the individuality of men has been allowed to appear than in the twenty centuries before that time. With the settlement of the country, said he, individual advancement would be more difficult and the strong interests will try to dominate. Then is when character and individuality will be needed more than ever. The strong men in America today are men like Roosevelt, LaFollette and numerous others which had individuality. There was an earnestness and sincerity in Mr. Stillwell's appeal which made a deep impression on those who heard him.

"War and Peace" was the last oration and was given by Clarence Crocker of the Wahpeton Science School. It was a fine argument against the deprivations of war and the destruction which goes with it. The causes of war and the reasons why we can not have universal peace at present and how it was being brought about for the future were explained.

After the contest a song by the young ladies sextette of Fargo College was greatly appreciated by the audience.

The judges were Prof. Hollis and Attorney Combs of Valley City and Supt. Sherart of Detroit, Minn. Ray Towle who is president of the state board of control was chairman of the evening.

Dr. Batt To Lecture Friday Evening

LECTURE WILL BE ILLUSTRATED AND GIVEN IN GERMAN. SONGS IN GERMAN TO PRECEDE LECTURE.

Next Friday evening, Dr. Batt, professor of Foreign Languages, will deliver an illustrated lecture in German, on the subject of Rothenburg and Nuremberg. This lecture is to be given at eight o'clock in the engineering lecture room. All the A. C. students of German, and those from Fargo College, and the Fargo High school, are invited. A musical program consisting of German songs is to precede the lecture. This lecture occurring on the evening of the Crack Squad dance will be out in ample time to allow those who attend this lecture, ample time to take in the other circle of events.

Base Ball Season Formally Opened

The base ball season was formally opened yesterday P. M., when the Concordia College team played our boys and went down to defeat to the tune of 8 to 0. The game throught was a very slow one. For the Concordia Bunch, Thomson, the pitcher was the only one who had any conception of the great American game. The other members of the team scored mostly error, baking only three hits, and appeared to be badly rattled throught the whole contest.

For the first five innings of the game Wirtenberger did the twirling for our fellows while Baker toed the slab during the remaining four innings. McConn knocked out a two-bagger, Reuber and Gorman each received two hits. Foss, Baker, Grant and Nolet also succeeded in connecting safely. Warner connected in the first and seventh for a one and two-bagger respectively.

The day was an ideal one and a fair crowd was assembled to witness the contest. The antics of the sub-water carriers J. Reginald Colley and Blue Jay Power proved to be a source of much amusement to the spectators and gave life to the game. Clyde Jewell officiated, Mr. Scull acted as score keeper.

Batting order A. C. McConn, third. Reuber, r. f. Gorman, first. Foss, c. Baker, c. f. and p. Grant s. s. Wirtenberger, p. and r. f. Warner, l. f. Nolet, second.

Kalmbach To Become Member Of A. C. Faculty

FARGO HIGH SCHOOL PROFESSOR TO ACCEPT PRINCIPALSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL AND MANUAL TRAINING HIGH SCHOOL.

The college has recently had the good fortune to secure the services of Prof. J. E. Kalmbach of the Fargo High School who is to become the Principal of the Agricultural and Manual Training High School at this place. Prof. Kalmbach comes to this institution well trained and backed by a wide experience. He first secured a B. S. degree at Kalamazoo College, Michigan and from this college attended the University of Chicago where he also secured a B. S. degree. Following this he taught in the Grand Rapids High School Michigan for one year and from there was secured by the Roswell Military Institute of New Mexico. After remaining with this school one year he declined his reelection and accepted a position at the Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio where he remained until secured as instructor of mathematics and the sciences at the Fargo High School. Prof. Kalmbach has been connected with the Fargo High for the past four years and during that time has done much to strengthen this school.

Prof. Kalmbach has a fine reputation as a foot ball coach and also as a director of track work and will be a valued advisor in this line. With the beginning of his work next fall he will in all probability be also in charge of the College track work.

Arbor And Bird Day Proclamation

State of North Dakota
Executive Department.

I do hereby designate Friday, April the 28th as Arbor and Bird Day for this state. This day is especially set apart for the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers, and for the study of forestry and the progation and protection of birds.

(SEAL) Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota, at the Capitol, at Bismarck, North Dakota, this Eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1911.

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

Fortune Martineau has been elected capt. of the track team this spring. Mr. Martineau has had considerable experience in track work and will undoubtedly make good in his new role.

Crack Squad Dance Coming For Sure

On account of the lack of interest in the military department of this institution, it has often been difficult to keep up the standard of drill which the government expects of us. An organization which has done a great deal to popularize this department the last year is the Crack Squad. They engage in a form of drill which is difficult to master and requires a large amount of valuable time of those in the squad. This time is given voluntarily as no credit of any kind is given for this work in the way of credit or financial remuneration but there is in that kind of maneuvering, and as said before, to create interest in the military part of our curriculum. The Crack Squad will take part in the government inspection the middle of next month and will greatly enhance our chances of getting a good report from the inspector.

To those who believe in the continuance of military instruction and its appropriation, the crack squad dance next Friday should receive the warmest support. Our faculty has often been accused of not taking the proper spirit, in regard to cadet affairs. This occasion will offer a fine opportunity for a vindication of this charge. The faculty as well as the students, should be much in evidence at this hop.

This is only one of the reasons why you should go, however, for a good time is assured to all who attend.

The decoration will be along military lines and will be gorgeous as well as original. The best music procurable has been secured.

Besides the hop they will give an exhibition drill which will be entirely different from the one given last winter and will be worth a large part of the admission.

Do not miss the crack squad dance next Friday April 28.

Hammond To Edit Next Year's Agassiz

EDGAR OLSON TO BE THE BUSINESS MANAGER. COLLEY THE CAMERA FIEND.

The Sophomore class held a meeting last Tuesday afternoon, at which time they elected a business manager, and editor for the 1913 Agassiz.

Mr. Hammond was chosen at the head of the editorial staff. He will in turn appoint all necessary editorial assistants. Mr. Olson won out for the position of Business Manager. Mr. Colley is the official kodak fiend. After making sure that the class would stand the expenses of the films, he reluctantly accepted.

A committee of five was appointed to confer with the Freshmen, and arrange for the Track-meet.

The Sophomores have elected particularly capable men, and the 1913 Agassiz ought to be a success. Each of the class members pledged, that they would do all within their power to help make the 1913 agassiz the best ever. This combined determination in unison has always been characteristic of the thirteneers.

Judge Ben Lindsey Coming Here May 4th

The 4th of May, we will have with us a man who has been in the limelight in the United States for several years for what he has done for the people and especially the children of Denver and the rest of his country. This man is Judge Ben B. Lindsey, who speaks here at this time. This will be the last number on the citizens lecture course. Judge Lindsey is too well known in the student body and people of this state that it is almost unnecessary to say anything about him here. His works in driving the "Heart" of Denver in coping with the strongest machine of corrupt politicians at first single handed, in establishing juvenile courts have made him known over this country and foreign countries as well.

Prof. P. B. Burnett, who five years ago was a registrar at this institution recently sent Dr. Batt, a nice assortment of his photographic work. Prof. Burnett is now the director of foreign languages in the Manual Training High School at Kansas City. He has just completed a new Spanish text, "Familia de Alvaredo," which is now being published by Holt and Co.

Father Cleary Talks On American Citizenship

FOURTH NUMBER OF LECTURE COURSE GIVEN THURSDAY EVENING A FORCEFUL SPEAKER.

The fourth number of the lecture course was given last Thursday evening when Rev. Father Cleary of Minneapolis, gave a lecture on American Citizenship. His lecture was of considerable length, so we can not give much of a resume of it here. He urged us to judge others by what they had done and said. He thought that much of the snobbishness against foreigners in this country, was entirely unwarranted, as so many of them had done so much for this country. The American Citizen, said he, are sovereigns and hold the reigns of government in their own hands, and that we will determine what the destiny of the American Nation would be; whether we should continue as a nation or fail so would feel our responsibility and do our part in ridding this country of graft, corrupt politics and other things, which tend to undermine a nation.

He does not believe in any cure-all, like socialism, as there are about as many kinds of socialism as there are socialists. Obedience to law, and not law enforcement said he, is an indication of the character of the people of a country.

Father Cleary was one of the most natural speakers that ever appeared on the platform at the A. C. He had an ease of expression that was hard to equal. Although, he did not seem to talk loud, every word he said could be easily heard in all parts of the armory. His talking was not of the noisy, dramatic order with numerous jestures, but like a gush of words which seemed to flow entirely from his heart and which seemed to go to the hearts of his hearers.

Fees To Be Increased

Heretofore the Agricultural College has never charged a tuition fee. However, the demands made upon the college are such that until sufficient funds are made available for the proper support of the College, the Board of Trustees have found it necessary to authorize a tuition fee of \$5.00 per term to be charged against all students. This fee is in addition to the other fees enumerated in the body of the catalog.

College To Exhibit At Atlantic City

EXHIBIT TO SHOW VIEWS OF COLLEGE AND GIVE DATA CONCERNING COURSES, GROWTH, ETC.

The Board of Education of the Presbyterian church with headquarters at Philadelphia to the college, stating at the next meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly that they wish to display the important information regarding the Universities and Colleges of the United States. This meeting is to occur at Atlantic City, New Jersey, and is to continue for ten days. The object of securing this information is to interest the churches in providing for the religious life of the students. The board requested that the college send in an exhibit showing the size, importance and the courses given at this school. This information is being sought of all the State Supported Institutions of Higher Learning.

In compliance with this request, Prof. Keene and Register Parrott have prepared an exhibit twenty by twenty-eight in size, showing a number of college views together with a considerable amount of condensed data about this institution. Some of the interesting bits of information concerns the attendance of this institution is given decades. The attendance by decades show: In 1890 9130 students 1899-1900, 490 students; 1909-1910, 1252 students.

Attendance for the year 1909-1910,
Graduates 3
Science, procure and applied 107
Preparatory 232
Special and Industrial 840
Total 1252.
Number of graduates 118.

Gink Gorman and Edgar Olson have been put thru the "Third Degree" in automobile during the past week, however, we can not refrain from remarking the irregularity, when the two young ladies sit in the front seats and the gentlemen in the tonneau.

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Judgment and the Blue Pencil

The ideal college editor is a myth. There never was one and there never will be. If there is, he will not last long, for the diplomatic corps of the nation needs him. It is wonderful what force resides in printer's ink.

The question of what not to print is equally important, and the answer is often equally difficult. The faculty makes a ruling. The students hear a rumor which gossip twists into horrible shapes, and the next thing the editor of the paper is showered with protesting letters.

The careful editor keeps politics out of the workings of his paper. As the journal can be made a potent factor in the wholesome development of student interests, in that measure can it also become a menace when it is the tool of any political faction.

Last Friday came the important debating event of the year when our two debating teams met the S. D. S. C. teams. By a narrow margin our opponents received both decisions.

Prof. Shepperd is in receipt of an interesting letter from Ralph Ward of the class of 1895 who is now on a wedding tour in South America. The letter was written on board the Victoria and just opposite Tattal, Chili.

and Mrs. Ward will return to their large North Dakota ranch.

Amos Ewen spent Saturday and Sunday with Edwin Evingston at Kindred. Mr. Gifford stopped off in the Twin Cities on his way back from South Dakota to study some of the bridge and cement construction work in those cities for a day or two.

Mr. Towle returned from Brookings yesterday having stopped off for a short visit in the Twin Cities on his return. Mr. Dodge and Mr. Traynor who accompanied the team returned Sunday evening by way of St. Paul.

Extension Bulletin number 3 will be off the press in a few days and ready for distribution. This publication, which is of the regulation bulletin size, is issued annually and is edited by Prof. Randlett and Miss Hoover.

Freshmen Meet

The Freshmen met Monday noon and among other things elected Leo Horst Vice-President of the class and Max Waldron as a member of the Student Council to take the places of those who could not be here for the spring term.

One day last week Prof. Dolve found a pair of gloves in his classroom. Without much ado he threw them to the class and asked them if they belonged to any of them.

The Pharmacy club held their first meeting of this term, Friday noon April 21. One of the points discussed was a base ball game, and wish to challenge "any class on the campus to a game."

It is bad to be popular. So says one of our forensical freshmen, so it must be so. Last Sunday this young man, in his Sunday toggery approached one of our young ladies, who had just returned from a buggy ride with some of the girls.

Prof. Minard, Pres. of the Athletic Board, is optimistic over the coming High School track-meet, which occurs on the Dakota field in May. All the older schools, which have formerly attended these events, have made entries in both the track and declamatory contest.

The attention of the student body, and especially the girls is called to the fact that to-morrow is the day for the arrival of that New York hat, a mere mention of which appeared in last week's Spectrum.

One of the jolliest parties ever given at Ceres Hall was the farewell party given by the Y. W. girls to the Senior girls who will leave them this spring.

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ATHENIANS.

On account of the Inter-collegiate debate last Friday evening, the Athenians started their program at 7:00 o'clock, the first number being a vocal solo by Miss Alice Olson, who it will be remembered was once a student at this institution. The members of the society appreciate Miss Olson's kindness in favoring them with one of her most enjoyable solos. The second feature of the program was an extemporaneous debate on the question; Resolved, that the serving system now in vogue at Ceres Hall Dining Room has a beneficial effect upon the etiquette of the boarders. The affirmative was taken by Miss Rosabelle Magill, and was very well handled, especially when the disadvantages she had to contend with are considered. The decision, however, was in favor of the negative, which was most ably upheld by Mr. Jack Dinwoodie. Next Miss Mable Cox played a very pretty piano solo, which was followed by the Locals given by Mr. Reginald Colley. His salutes were very much enjoyed by all present. The last number on the program was a spell-down, led by Miss Gertrude Gibbens and Miss Marion Cox. To Mr. Ruzicka is due the credit for standing up longest, although he could scarcely be called the champion speller. The business meeting being dispensed with, the members adjourned to take in the debate.

CASTALIANS.

The Castalians met in spite of all other attractions Friday evening. Their musical inclinations were catered to by a piano solo by Miss Ethel Smith, which was especially well rendered. This was followed by a reading by Elizabeth Samson. A giggling match by "Sadie & Mattie" was an original stunt put on simultaneously with other parts of the program and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, as was a Reading by Rizzpah Ladd. Another stunt was a spelling match by the society, not the old fashioned kind with the mere spelling of words, but something entirely new and original. A piano solo closed the fun for the evening.

PHILOMATHIANS.

The Philomathians like the other societies had to cut their program short at Friday evening's meeting. A vocal solo by Max Waldron wonderfully well rendered and in the opinion of those present, was the musical threat of the year. Only two literary numbers were given. They were given by Melvin Ostby and Max Waldron.

HESPERIAN.

At the regular meeting of the Hesperian Literary Society, the following program was given.

Reading from Mark Twain, Jack Kerr Debate: Resolved that the Liar is a more desirable citizen than the Hypocrite.

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The debate was decided in favor of the affirmative. It was a very hard question to find references on but some very good original ideas were brought to bear on the question.

The following program will be given at the meeting of the Lyceum of Engineers to be held Thursday, April 27th at seven o'clock:

Engineering locals .. F. Smith Peterson
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Quite a delegation of students were down to the train Wednesday evening to see our South Dakota debaters, Le Roy Gifford, Ray S. Towle, and Harold Dodge, with Mr. Traynor, who accompanied the team, off for South Dakota. Under the leadership of Mr. Schroeder rousing cheers were given to the members of the team and some of the college yells given in a manner that made the train folks look for three or four hundred students instead of the thirty or forty that were out. After a number of calls for "speech," Mr. Traynor appeared in behalf of the team and gave a short talk. Another Dakota was given and the crowd dispersed for their homes.

Bert Haskins was called home Saturday by the illness of his father.

Miss Rhoda Fosburg has just returned after spending a few very pleasant days at Ashby, Minn.

The finance committee of the board of trustees were guests at Ceres Hall Wednesday and Thursday noon.

Miss Clara Gunness spent Saturday at her home at Abercrombie.

PERSONALS

During the week another application for another Associate Agricultural Editor was placed at the college by another Agricultural Journal situated at Winnipeg.

President Worst, the last of the week received an invitation from Bozeman, Montana asking him to deliver a commencement address at that place June 7. Owing to the fact that our commencement will be at that time Pres. Worst had to decline. However, if they can arrange their exercises for the 8th the President will comply.

The two leading railroad companies of the state have asked the college for the names of all the farmers adjacent to their lines who are readers of the college literature. The companies, it seems, want to help supply these progressive people with additional and helpful literature.

To-day at Grand Forks occurs the conference of the Presidents of the various Educational Institutions of North Dakota. These conferences are held quarterly and at these meetings the educational problems peculiar to the state are taken up and discussed. It is also understood that a number of the Board of Directors from the various schools are also at this conference.

President Worst is to deliver a chapel address at the Fargo High School of this week.

Register Parrott made the final corrections on the proof of the new college catalogue last Friday. The catalogue will be off the press and ready for distribution in about two weeks.

The Board of Directors have found it necessary to discontinue the college summer school. This is due to the fact that the funds to carry on this work will not be available. It will be remembered that last summer the college conducted a summer school in connection with the Cass county summer-school, but this year only the Cass county summer-school will hold forth. This as usual will be held here at the A. C. under the direction of Prof. Riley, Supt. of the Cass County Schools. A number of the A. C. faculty have been secured as instructors at this summer session. Beginning with June 12th, it will continue four weeks.

Thursday of this week, the Farmers Institute Board met in Fargo to consider plans for the future. On the same day there is to be a conference of the Commercial Clubs of the State at Fargo. These Clubs plan to meet and see what can be done to raise enough money to continue and further the good work of the Farmer's Institute.

On the fifth of May, the Y. M. C. A. are to put on a little play, "The Deestrick Skule." Those who are to participate are now hard at work and will put up an entertainment that should attract our students.

A part of the time of the Junior Engineers these days is employed in the Testing room in determining the strength of different beams and columns. This work is a practical application of the theories as promulgated in the class room. In the class room, theories and formulas are discussed and the discussions are followed up by test in the laboratories where the formulas and theories are verified or modified, as the case may be. These tests are being made with the big 100,000 pound testing machine, which forms a part of the engineering laboratory equipment.

The college authorities have granted permission to the Fargo Y. M. C. A. to use the Dacotah Field, for their track meet, which is to be held Saturday, June 3d. The college authorities are glad at all times to be of service and to encourage any worthy enterprise, which has for an object the welfare and betterment of the young men and women, no matter where or how situated.

An interesting line of experimental work is being conducted in the Electrical laboratory with electric bell transformers. In the past, all door-bells have been rung by means of electric batteries that must be renewed once each year. By the newest method the door bells are rung by a little device, technically known as a bell transformer, that receives its energy from the electric light circuit and is imperishable. These bell transformers, as produced commercially are convenient but use too much current to be particularly attractive. As an improvement on the type of machine most commonly sold a transformer has been constructed that may be operated at a satisfactory cost and one that promises usefulness in service, that will make it a popular machine.

Miss Sadie Kohler has returned after visiting her parents at Little Falls, Minn., and spending some time in the Twin Cities.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting last Friday was led by Miss Gertrude Gibbens.

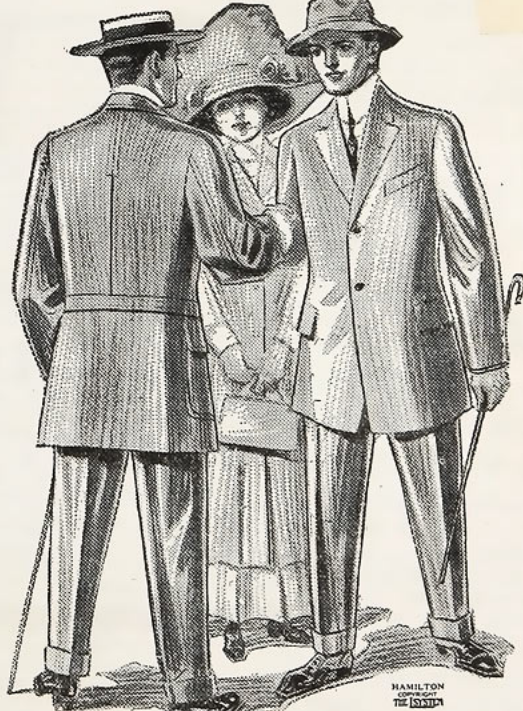
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Personals
 Quite a number of our faculty have been given a glimpse into the mysteries of Masonry lately. Rueber, Scull, Bailey, and Sudro were given their first degrees Friday evening while N. C. Abbot received his initiatory degree last night.
 Alma Leeb entertained the members of the Mission Club at her home on Seventh Avenue Saturday afternoon at four o'clock.
 Mr. Mercer is now busy in the plant breeding plot in the garden. At present he is carrying on an extensive experiment in soil sterilization in the experimental gardens under the direction of Prof. Bolley.
 Press Bulletin 44 is one of the latest publications published by this institution. It deals with the relation of corn cropping to flax and wheat cropping and deals with the selection of seed for these crops. It is written by the botanical department and is now ready for distribution.
 The Junior pharmacists have finished their galenical preparations and have begun their volumetric analysis.
 Reginald Colley will think twice in the future before he attempts to pass any remarks about ladies gloves. In the last affair he did not bargain for the bad after effects which it brought about. The young lady is very thankful for the services of the Alpha Mus thru whom the gracious apology was brought about.
 Ches Holkesvig has been singing "Soldier rest, Thy Warfare O'er" since the senior play has been agreed upon.
 Even the faculty feel the call of the wild these days. Prof. McArdle spent Saturday at his cottage near Lake Cormorant making preparations for his summer vacation at that lake.
 Beware of these ravenous people who are suddenly being nice to the girls taking Fats & Oils from 10:00 to 12:00. They're fishing for invitations to dinner in the Diet Kitchen.
 Miss Agnes Halland put in a very strenuous week in the clutches of one of those very tyrannical dressmakers.
 Leo Horst was showing the South Dakota debaters around the campus Friday.
 Rorace Rueber aside from his other athletic achievements of late has been winning name, fame, and smiles from the dormitory fairies by performing gymnastic stunts for their personal edification.
 Max Harrington is busy at present working out plans for the Senior Ball which occur some time next month.
 Registrar Parrot officially opened the Tennis season by posting a sign requesting old and prospective members to pay their dues.
 Already Jack Dinwoodie has begun to complain about the weather being too hot. That's all right Jack but—wait a couple of months and get in on the chorus.
 Prof. Ince left yesterday for Clifford where he will spend much of the week in planning the fertilizer experiments which will be carried on there this summer by this station in connection with the Buffalo Fertilizer Co.
 Mr. Sam Provan, was renewing old acquaintances at the college Sunday morning. Mr. Provan will be remembered as being one of our prominent students five and six years ago. Since leaving the A. C. Provan has been the manager of the Farmer's Elevator and Co-operative store at Marion, N. D. His success at this business is attested to, by the fact that he has held this position for a number of years at a good salary.
 In a day or two more all terrace floors in the new chemical building will be finished. The marble work will be completed in about ten days. Experts who have been in this building within the last few days, state that it is the finest piece of workmanship and marble that they have seen in the Northwest.
 Miss Jessie Ellis who, it will be remembered attended the A. C. a couple of years ago, is visiting old friends around the campus. She will spend the summer months in Fargo.
 Bessie McKee, who is now teaching the first and third grades at Erie, N. D. spent Saturday and Sunday at her home and among friends at the college.
 Prof. Richards left for Minneapolis last Saturday where yesterday he met the members of the National Stallion Registration Board. Prof. Richards is secretary to this board.
 Miss Maud McKee who is teaching at the Gardner city schools, was a visitor among her college friends the last of the week.
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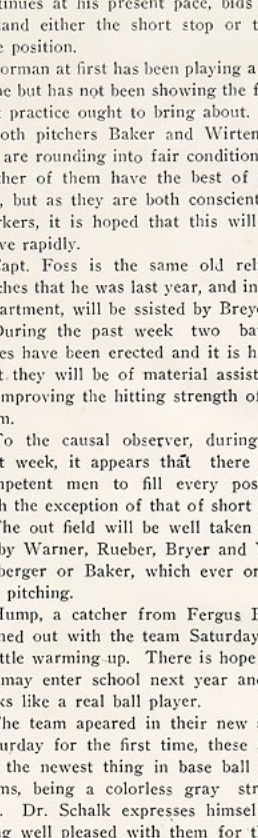
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Alethic Notes
 Friday night the candidates for the team indulged in a six inning game. Baker and Foss acting as battery for the first squad and the coach and Breyer for the second. The hitting was very light on both sides, resulting in a score of 4 to 5 in favor of the first squad.
 The infield still remains an unsolved puzzle, and it is not yet decided what the definite line up will be.
 During the past week Grant has shown marked improvement and if he continues at his present pace, bids fair to land either the short stop or third base position.
 Gorman at first has been playing a fair game but has not been showing the form that practice ought to bring about.
 Both pitchers Baker and Wirtenberger are rounding into fair condition but neither of them have the best of control, but as they are both conscientious workers, it is hoped that this will improve rapidly.
 Capt. Foss is the same old reliable catches that he was last year, and in this department, will be assisted by Breyer.
 During the past week two batting cages have been erected and it is hoped that they will be of material assistance in improving the hitting strength of the team.
 To the causal observer, during the past week, it appears that there are competent men to fill every position with the exception of that of short stop. The out field will be well taken care of by Warner, Rueber, Bryer and Wirtenberger or Baker, which ever one is not pitching.
 Hump, a catcher from Fergus Falls, turned out with the team Saturday for a little warming up. There is hope that he may enter school next year and he looks like a real ball player.
 The team appeared in their new suits Saturday for the first time, these suits are the newest thing in base ball uniforms, being a colorless gray striped suit. Dr. Schalk expresses himself as being well pleased with them for these suits are an exact counterpart of the road suits of the Chicago Cubs.
 Prof. Thompson, Ware and Schalk reported at the Ball park Friday, for practice. They will be joined next week by Seth Richardson and Jno. Framme. This will be quite an array of has-beens, who will assist in giving valuable suggestions to the members of the team.
 The Ball Park has been thoroughly renovated and it once more resembles a ball ground.
 The Editor feels that this may be an opportune time to sound the word of warning to the authorities that be, and remind them of the fact that unless we get busy we will have no base ball park for next spring, as the old athletic park is to be torn down during the coming summer.
 The University has completed the work on their new athletic park that they purchased last spring, and will play their ball games and hold their track-meets on their new field during the present season.
 Due to the fact that we meet the Minnesota U. this spring it may be of interest to readers of the Spectrum, to learn that Minnesota has opened her season very auspiciously, by defeating St. Thomas in their opening game by a score of 16 to 7, and by defeating Northwestern U. on the Minnesota field by a score of 6 to 4.
 As the opening of the season approaches we note that Fargo College will have a strong team in the field, and we can scarcely expect the easy victories we had last year. In Gardner and Slingsby, they have an excellent battery, there is no question but that their infield will be very strong, and as they always hit the ball they will be a worthy opponent.
 About 25 men have shown up for track work thus far, this season.
 We need more track men all the time, not only for their own good physically but also because in every student body there are always a number of latent possibilities who really do not realize their own ability.
 At present there are 6 or 7 men trying out with the weights, and thus far they have been making a very good showing. Others will be out this week to try the hurdles.
 Some of the track men are recruits from the base ball team. Baker, Nolet and Gorman are trying out for the two-twenties.
 So far the track work has been mostly preliminary rounding out the men for endurance. From now on these will be regular tryouts every night.

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