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## All College Banquet Planned For March 4th

Will be Feature of the College  
Should it Be Pulled off

### PREXY SAYS TO GO AHEAD.

Long List of Students have  
Joined the Boosters  
Club.

Will we or, will we not have an all College Dinner? The affirmative answering of this question now depends on the way the students respond, take up and push the proposition and indicate that in this they will not be found wanting.

For some time it has been the talk among the students that some all college event should feature this college year, not unlike the Cycloilone Circus featured last year. That which has been hit upon is the All College Banquet that has been tried with such success in many of the college and universities of the country.

This would be an affair that every one of our 1,000 students could take part in. The armory is big enough to seat all, and a banquet is promised that will fill every body to the brim. Prominent speakers could be obtained to respond to the toasts. The affair would not, however, be a formal one but an occasion for the outpouring of college spirit in the form of an organized demonstration by the students that such as never before has been witnessed in the State of North Dakota.

### Faculty Favorable.

Every member of the faculty that has been interviewed has given his hearty approval of the plan. When President Worst was interviewed he said "Go a head" and immediately gave assurance that the faculty would be behind the proposition and do all they could for its success. Registrar Parrott immediately fell in with the plan and stated that it would be one of the greatest things for the college that ever happened.

### Mar. 4th.

The time which has been chosen for the banquet is 6:00 P. M. upon March 4th, the inauguration day of President Taft. If the plan is carried out there is no doubt that ours will rival the feasts in the Capital City.

### 300. Tickets.

Three hundred tickets must be sold to make the banquet a success. With a guarantee of that many plates a certain caterer of the city has agreed to put on a banquet that will fill every man to the brim and for the small price of fifty cents per plate.

To reinforce his statement here is what the caterer proposes to grace the menu with: roast beef, pork and beans, oyster paddies, spaghetti, cold meats, potatoes au gratin pickles and olives, peanuts, cake, coffee, ice cream, and all of the other necessities for the satisfaction of the appetite.

### Toasts.

Following the Banquet it is proposed that we have toasts that will be responded to by some of

the most prominent speakers of the state. A committee is already at work in conference with a long list of the best speakers among the prominent men of the state. Some of the men that they are going to try to get are Governor Burke, Bishop Shanly, President Worst, Congressman Hanna, Col Hildreth, Judge Amidon, Judge Pollock, Assemblyman Price, Senators Talcott and Davis, and Mayor Elliot.

### No Formality.

It is planned to have every student who attends the banquet in some organization. Every Club and Society in the College will be grouped and all the students not organized much in the same manner as they were for the Circus last year, but this does not matter how just so that there is an organization and this organization gets up some yells and comes prepared to let loose. There should be no formality and every body should plan to have a good time.

### It All Depends

As said before the success of the affair will depend wholly upon the way each individual student takes hold of the proposition. Already an enthusiastic bunch of representative students have become enthusiastic supporters of the Movement, a partial list of whom are given below: Messers Moore, Lanxon, Olson, Humphrey, Anderson, Critchfield, Hill, Traynor, Yerrington, Ruzicka, Mercier, Wentz, Brander, Heath, Darrow, Bailey, Hennis, Russel, Hokesvig, Mills, Maxwell, Johnson, Parker, Nemzek, Knutson, and Lundy. Among the girls are Misses Barrett, Kose, Gibbens, Merritt, Thompson, and Lamb. These have gone on record as promoters of the scheme but it will take the cooperation of every student. We not only want three hundred students there but there ought to be a thousand.

## REVISED PREPARATORY COURSES ARE PRAISED

Officers of Carnegie Foundation  
Says Courses are  
Excellent

A letter under date of Feb. 11th, 1909, received by Registrar Parrott from the Secretary of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, New York, compliments the Agricultural College highly upon the excellence of the courses appearing in the preparatory department as recently revised and enlarged by a committee of the college faculty. Secretary Bowman of the Carnegie Foundation adds: "I do not know that I have seen outlines of preparatory courses which are more definitely adapted to the college work which they are intended to introduce". As the officers of the Carnegie Foundation are the most expert body in the United States on preparatory courses. The Agricultural College has reason to be highly pleased with its new preparatory course.

Yale held its famous Junior promenade last week in its Armory. The cost totalled over 10,000 dollars. The fee for admittance was the lowest it has been for years being only fifteen dollars per person.

## Oratorical Contest Comes Friday Night

Six Men Will Contest For Honor  
of Representing the  
A. C.

Friday evening in the College Chapel the annual oratorical contest will take place. Messers. Lanxon and Magill, of last year's contest will be in the list of orators besides several new men so that an interesting and exciting time is expected. It is the result of this contest that decides who will represent us in the Intercollegiate Contest which is to be held under the auspices of the A. C. the ninth of April. All the contestants have been working hard and it is only right and just that every loyal student in the College should turn out and show their appreciation of the efforts the orators are making to make our college the winner of the state contest.

Besides the honor of representing the A. C. in the intercollegiate contest there are two prizes offered for the first and second places. The winner of the first place receives a beautiful prize which will be announced later and the winner of the second place receives a gold ring given by the Oratorical Association.

The program arranged for the evening is as follows:

Musie ..... Selected  
Voice of the People.....  
..... John Magill  
True Citizenship .. Floyd Becker  
True Education. Kenneth Staples  
Regeneration of the Races ..  
..... Peter Nordly  
Commerce and the Flag .....  
..... William Lanxon  
A New National Crisis .....  
..... William Mercer

## MILTON FAIRCHILD ON ETHICS OF SPORT.

Illustrated Lecture In Armory On  
Washington's Birth-  
day

In memory of the birth of George Washington Monday was a holding and the students assembled in the armory to listen to an illustrated-lecture on the "Ethics of Sport" by Milton Fairchild. The speaker brought out very clearly the difference between amateur and professional Athletes and showed by illustration what resulted in certain individuals trying to be both.

The eight great laws of sport as laid down by Mr. Fairchild were as follows:

1. Sport for sports' sake.
2. Play the game within the rules whether you win or lose.
3. Bring courtesy and friendliness into sport.
4. A sportsman must have courage, a coward is not worthy of the name.
5. The umpire should decide the play.
6. Honor for the victors, but no derision for the vanquished.
7. True sportsman is a good loser in the game.
8. A sportsman may have pride in his achievements, but not conceit.

The pictures that were shown

## TWO MORE VICTORIES TO THE A. C.'S CREDIT

V. C. Normals and Soldier Boys  
Were Taken Into Camp  
Last Week.

Valley City went down to defeat once more against our fast quint in a one-sided game last Friday upon the Normal floor. The resulting score was 19 to 6. The odds seemed to be against our fellows when they left home as only two of the regulars were on the team, but it seems that the subs can play ball some also. Wheeler at center and Frank Darrow at forward were the only old men. Hall, as guard, Dolve as forward and Drummond at right guard comprised the rest of the team. "Pewee" was the allaround star of the evening and did the shooting for the fouts. A noticeable feature of the game was that our fellows only allowed the pedagogues one field basket. Few fouls were called on either side and the game was a clean one through out.

### Fort Lincoln.

Saturday evening the A. C. team cleaned up the Fort Lincoln soldier boys by a score of 56 to 9. This was truly easy picking for our boys and for once we are forced to admit that the boys in blue were defeated though it was only a game of basket ball. Bert Haskins was in the lineup, there, adding nine field baskets to his credit.

Last night they played Co. A. of Bismarek. An account of the game will undoubtedly be found in the morning papers.

## ANOTHER SIN CHARGED TO POWER HOUSE SMOKE.

Engineers Breathe Flue Gasses—  
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Town Experienced.

The ventilating system of the engineering building drew several deep breaths of the smoke from the power house last Thursday morning while the wind was in the west and proceeded to pump it through the building all forenoon.

This adds another grievance that is stacked up against the smoke from the Power House. First we here a complaint from all the housewives in the neighborhood that their laundry hung upon the line out of doors is invariably begrimed by soot, then we notice that the beautiful snow, the only thing about our winters that appeals to the aesthetic sense, immediately takes on a like dirty hue and the walls of our buildings are becoming as dusky and grimy as those of a factory town. Now we find that the engineers are forced to breathe flue gasses for one whole morning. One of our short course engineers was careful to inform the writer the other day that there was no such a thing as a smoke consumer but there was such a thing as a smoke preventer. Evidently that is what the College is lacking.

were very good and the lecture was concise and clear. The College Orchestra favored the audience with three selections which were well received.

## Y. M. C. A. Convention Comes This Week

Associations of the State Will  
Have Three Day Session  
..In Fargo.

### LARGE DELEGATIONS COMING

Many Speakers of National Rep-  
utation Will be  
Present

Upon the days of Feb. 27 and 28 in the City will occur the annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the State. A good program has been prepared and many speakers of national reputation will speak. In this convention the College and city associations join and large delegation are expected from over the state.

The meetings of the Convention are open to men and the evening session to all. College men are especially invited.

The evening session will be held in the First Presbyterian Church and the day sessions at the Association Building.

### PROGRAM

#### Friday

- 2:00—Song service.
- 2:15—Temporary organization.
- 2:30—Quiet hour—"Purpose of Convention"
- Phillip Beevis, Gen Sec., Duluth.
- 3:30—"The Young Man and the State"

R. A. Nestos, Minot.

- 4:30—Social hour.
- 7:30—Song service.
- 7:45—Report of State Executive Committee.
- Pres. Merrifield Grand Forks.
- 8:00—Some student problems
- F. A. Nagley, State College Secretary.
- 8:30—"The End of Life—the Will of God"
- Cambell Coyle, D. D., Duluth.

#### Saturday

- 9:00—Bible Study hour.
- Dr. W. N. Stearns, Wesley College, Grand Forks.
- 10:00—Christian Stewardship
- E. P. Rorapough, Grand Forks.
- 11:00—"The Future for Men's Work in North Dakota"
- W. H. Day, R. R. Sec. of International Committee.
- 2:00—Devotional—Rev. C. R. Adams, Fargo.
- 2:15—Bible Study—Dr. Stearns, Forks.
- 3:15—"The College Y. M. C. A. Man at Home"
- Prof. A. P. Hollis, State Normal, Valley City.
- 4:00—"The Smaller Cities—Can the Association Touch the Problem?"

- W. M. Parsons Sec. of International Committee for Northwest.
- 7:30—Song Service.
- 7:45—"The association and the Industrial Classes"
- 8:15—"Our Opportunity in Other Lands"
- Bruno Hobbs, Sec. of International Committee for Southwest.

#### Sunday

- 9:15—"Quiet hour—Looking forward."
- 10:15—Church services.
- 3:00—Meeting for Men.
- Address—Dr. Lyman B. Sperry, Oberlin.
- 7:30—Church services.
- 9:00—Closing rally.

## Chautauqua Program Proves Novel Feature

"Public Speakers" Draw Interested Crowd Through Three Day Session

### THE LAST DAY IS TOMORROW

Famous Jubilees and Several Noted lectures Billed For Last Day.

The Chautauqua programs given by the Public Speaking class were highly successful. These programs were given at the regular class period from 3:30 to 4:30 P. M., beginning Wednesday. They were planned by Professor Arvold but conducted entirely by the students.

At the opening session on Wednesday Hon. H. B. Darling acted as platform manager, and delivered the address of welcome in which he outlined briefly the purpose and history of the Chautauquas and extended a hearty welcome to all in attendance at the first chautauqua given at the College.

The world renowned tenor, Ross Babecock, was then introduced and rendered a selection which was heartily applauded. "Golden grapes and how to preserve them" was the subject of the next speaker, Senator Mercer. As a native of the state of Washington and as a man who had for many years given such matter careful attention Senator Mercer was well fitted to handle this difficult question and gave several infallible methods of pressing the delicate fruit.

The next number was a monologue. "Where will We All Be" by Floyd Becker, who was introduced as Editor of Humor in Science. Mr. Becker gave a very interesting humorous of the probabilities of the future which was well received.

At the same hour the following day the second program was given. This time Professor Burke Critchfield was Platform manager. After the roll call which was answered with quotations, the Chautauqua Salute was given.

The first number was music by the Dacotah Trio, Misses Eyolfson, Grest, and Thompson. They proved quite worthy of the flattering introduction given by the platform manager and received a hearty encore.

The noted traveler and lecturer Miss Fowler then gave a talk on Indian Games and showed that the origin of many of the modern amusements from these primitive games.

Major Staples then gave a lecture on dried apples. This subject he interpreted to mean old and rather worn out customs and spoke especially of capital punishment as a relic of barbarism.

Herr Wiesbach, the noted German scientist who is introducing the agricultural methods of this country, was asked to make the closing remarks and responded with a few humorous, well chosen words.

The last Program of the week was given on Friday with Hon. H. B. Darling once more as platform manager. After the roll call the Hungarian orchestra. Messrs Plath, Olson, Faust, and Lough, rendered an overture which was enthusiastically received.

The famous magician, Joseffy Darrow, next delighted the audience with his unsurpassed slight of hand performance, accompanying his feats with a short lecture on magics. Exaggerations by S. V.

Anderson Ph. D. well deserved its name. It was captivatingly humorous and well delivered.

Hon. H. McKinstry then delivered an address of a more serious nature on trusts and monsters in which he gave briefly and clearly the methods and development of trusts and the danger arising there from.

A lecture on the Pilgrims was given by Senator Gifford who traced with his usual clearness the history, characteristics and influence of the Pilgrims. The program was closed by the noted European pianist, Professor D. Moore.

Wednesday.

The fourth and last program which was to have been held on Saturday was postponed until Wednesday afternoon of this week. The program for that day will be as follows:

Platform manager.....Professor Burke Critchfield.  
3:30 Roll Call  
3:40 Music...."The Jubilees"  
3:50 Monologue—"Fun and Mirth in the Hereafter"—E. J. Moore, Esq.  
4:00 Physical Culture....Director Hall.  
4:15 Lecture "Wild Apples" Col. Larson.  
4:20 Speech—The Soil, did God Make it Fertile." Rev. Ford.

### PROF. BOLLEY JUDGES AT CANADIAN FAIR

Also Delivers Address at Calgary Making Great Strides in Wheat Raising.

During the week ending February 6th Professor Bolley was in attendance at the Third Annual Alberta Provincial Seed Fair at Calgary. He was asked by the Canadian Department of Agriculture to attend this fair as a judge on grasses and cereals and to address the joint meeting of the Alberta Farmers and the Grain Transportation Association which met in Calgary at the same time. He delivered two addresses while there. One upon "Weeds and Plant Diseases", and one upon "The Call of the Land and Our Duty to it".

"The people of the province of Alberta are seeking a western route for the shipment of their grains. The province is now not only raising a high class of grain, but much of it, and they find that the freight rates to Liverpool via Pacific is six cents cheaper than by the Atlantic. This brought the Board of Trade of Vancouver and Calgary together for the purpose of making arrangements for this Pacific coast shipment if possible."

Professor Bolley has attended several of these fairs, one at Brandon last year, and he states that each year it is evident that the farmers of these provinces are making great strides in the development of pure bred high class wheats.

### BULLETIN CONTAINS DRAWINGS BY DR. BELL

Professor Bell recently received a U. S. National Museum bulletin on the Aleyonaria, or hard corals of the Hawaiian Islands collected by the bureau of Fisheries steamer Albatross in 1902. The text is by Professor C. C. Nutting of Iowa University and the drawings, 174 in number, are by Professor Bell. The drawing are very difficult and complicated and are drawn in such a manner to resemble photographs a white object on a black background.

### ORGANIZATION OF NEW SOCIETY COMPLETED

Collegiate Agricultural Students Complete Organization of New Society.

### FACULTY COMMITTEE IS FAVORABLE.

To Promote Study of Agriculture and Create Stronger Bond of Fellowship.

The permanent organization of an "Agricultural Scientific Society," that has been evolving in the minds of a representative group of advanced agricultural students during the past few months is now practically assured. The ordeal of getting the approval of the faculty committee upon student organizations has been safely past and the formal recognition of the society now only awaits the formal acceptance of the report of this committee by the faculty.

Every detail of the organization of the society has been perfected. This work has not been done hastily as that which is permanent is not treated in a day.

The state purpose of the society is the Study of Scientific Agricultural Literature, the promotion of a stronger bond of fellowship among the students of Agriculture; to promote the general study of agriculture, or in other words to act as a boosters organization for that department of the College. This will be ultimately extended beyond the College as the membership in the organization is permanent, and within a few years it is to be expected that a long list of our agricultural alumni will be upon the roll of the society.

The membership of the society will be confined to the upper class men of the four year course in Agriculture. Among the requirements for membership will be scholarship and interest in the study of agricultural sciences.

The officers of the society as recently elected are as follows:

President . . . William R. Lanxon  
Vice-President . . . C. A. Michels  
Secretary . . . . . Chas. Ruzicka  
Treasurer . . . . . William Mereer  
Guard . . . . . Burke Critchfield  
Directors:—Levi M. Thomas, Peter J. Olson and Clarence Path.

The society takes its place among our student organizations with a field for work that is distinctly its own. The charter members are enthusiastic believers in its mission and its success.

### BRIQUETTING MEN VISIT ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Experts and Promoters Talk With A. C. Men and Agree to Furnish Machines.

Messrs F. W. and H. E. Soule of Minneapolis and A. B. Williams of Enderlin were callers on Dean Keene on Thursday. These gentlemen are interested in the experiments upon the briquetting of lignite carried on in the department by Mr. Parker and their purpose in coming here was to get a line on what was being done and to be of assistance in the work. They use what is called the Abbott tube-machine similar to the one constructed here for the experiments. They agreed to furnish a couple of machines with which to carry on the work.

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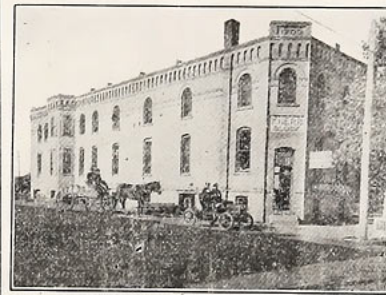
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"The best student program that I ever attended", as termed by one of the leading men of the faculty, was the first Annual Farmers' Institute held under the auspices of the Agricultural Club in the College Chapel last Friday evening. With Mr. Lanxon as conductor and a corps efficient speakers chosen from the young ladies of the Domestic Science Department and the members of the Agricultural Club the institute program proved very interesting to the large audience that gathered to witness this novel entertainment. One of the noticeable features of the program and one that added variety and spice to the meeting were the addresses delivered by Misses Merritt and Barrett of the Domestic Science Department.

The opening number of the program was a selection by the male quartet which was composed of Messers Olson, Babcock, and Yerringtons.

**Lanxon Conductor.**

Following the musical selection, Mr. Critchfield, the president of the Club, in a few well chosen remarks introduced Mr. Lanxon as conductor of the institute. Mr. Lanxon in a few well chosen words gave the general scope of the Farmers' Institutes and what they meant to the agricultural industry of North Dakota, after which he introduced the speakers in their turns in his usual fluent manner.

Mr. Whitcomb gave a practical talk on "Soils Suitable for Alfalfa and Clover Growing" in which he pointed out the necessity of having a fertile soil that is free from weeds and well drained.

**Agriculture.**

Miss Pierce's paper on "Agriculture in the Rural Schools" was a timely discussion of the necessity of educating the boys and girls

of the country along the lines which will be of the most practical value to them.

In the line with the discussion of the soils for alfalfa and clover was a well delivered address by Mr. Hennis on "The Cutting and Storing of Clover and Alfalfa" in which he pointed out in his usual fluent and humorous manner the necessity of cutting when the plants are all in bloom and the proper amount of curing before storing.

Miss Merritt's address on the Domestic Science Department and its "Relation to the Welfare of the States" was very interesting and showed the necessity of the proper training in the matter of purchasing things for the household as well as many other things.

**Harmony.**

In Mr. Lanxon's words the institute "Howelled for Harmony" and it came in the form of a selection by the male quartet which showed by the encore that was called for that it was appreciated by the audience.

Mr. Critchfield's talk on "Weeds and their Control" was interesting and showed the need of more intensive farming.

"The Marketing of Grain in the Terminals" was treated by Mr. Traynor. He spoke largely from experience and gave the details for shipping grain to Duluth or Minneapolis, including the procuring and loading of cars and the handling of the grain by the commission men.

Mr. Michel's talk on "The Selection and Storing of Seed Corn" was in the form of practical suggestions taken from experience.

**The Farm Home.**

When the conductor introduced Miss Barrett, he made the remark that he had saved the best thing till the last, and so it proved for her address on "The Betterment of the Farm Home" was well prepared and showed how a home in the country could be made as attractive as the city home.

The closing number of the program was a vocal solo by Miss Grest which was much appreciated.

That this, the first Farmers' Institute, was a success, was testified to by the large crowd that attended and the words of commendation from the faculty members present. Much credit is due

Mr. Lanxon who planned the program and made it possible to carry it out so successfully. It is hoped that this will be only the first of such institutes and that they may be made better each year.

**PROF. BOLLY BEFORE STATE LEGISLATURE IN INTEREST OF SEED LAW.**

On February 10th by invitation of the joint Committee on Agriculture, Professor Bolley went to Bismarek and met with the committee on agriculture with a view of passing a Seed Law which might tend to improve the condition of Agricultural and garden seeds now found on the markets in the state. The committee was evidently very much in earnest in its desire to arrive at some conclusions which would allow them to establish some weed and seed legislation which would tend to protect the new lands of the state from becoming over-run with weeds through the same methods of seeding that have resulted in befonding the older lands of the state.

On the 11th Professor Bolley was asked to address the Senate upon the same subject. The Senate adjourned for fifteen minutes and gave an informal discussion of the subject of seed legislation, and Professor Bolley made every effort to answer the many questions which were asked.

It is to be hoped that some legislation will be enacted which will make it possible for farmers and gardeners to have some guarantee that the seed which is sold them is reasonably true to kind and free from the seeds of the various pests which have always made farming a burden.

Later information tells us that this seed bill has passed both the Senate and House and awaits the Governor's signature to become a law.

**NO APPLE TREES**

Professor Waldron has been trying all over the United States to get seedling apple-trees for use in his spring classes in Horticulture. The season was exceedingly unfavorable and the different nurseries report shortages of from 100,000 to 200,000 trees. The nurseries are trying to buy from each other and

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**A LEMON OR NOT?**

Professor Waldron received a vegetable monstrosity last week. It was a lemon but with a typical orange skin; the color and oilpits being like those of an orange. There are no seeds. Query: was the Professor handed a lemon or not?

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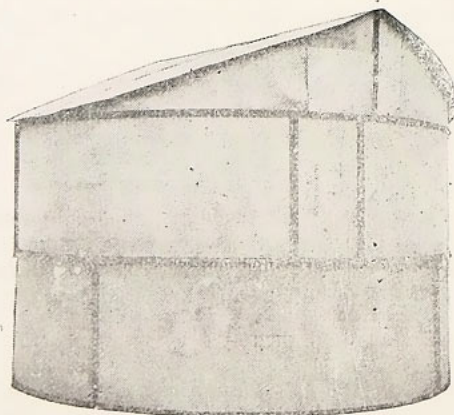
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**The Banquet.**

The All College Banquet. Shall we have one or shall we not? That is the question that we must answer within the next few days. The affirmative answer depends upon the way it is viewed by each individual student. Certainly the experience, pleasure and excitement that should be obtained from attending a function of the nature outlined in another place in this paper would be worth the time and the miserly expenditure that will be necessary.

The college banquet has been tried at other institutions with like success. Recently one was held at Iowa at which six hundred students were in attendance. We could go this at least three hundred better. Michigan and Wisconsin have tried it with like success. The universal testimony is that they are one of the greatest factors in making for a true college spirit. What others have done we can do at the A. C. Get out and boost.

The Agricultural Club is living up to its reputation of being alive.

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**INDICATION'S OF GROWING INTEREST IN LIVE STOCK**

An indication that many farmers of the state are awakening to a realization of the necessity of keeping more live stock on their farms is the fact an unusual amount of interest is being manifested this winter on the part of the Short Course students who are taking work in animal husbandry. During his spare time Professor Richard has been kept busy answering their queries along this line.

The questions most generally asked are in regard to the breeds of live stock best adapted to conditions in the various parts of the state, special question being asked in reference to adaptability of cattle for dairying.

**JOURNALISM**

**Mr. Hughes Reports Progress of the Work—Its Scope and Its Needs**

Mr. Hughes reports the work in Journalism to be progressing favorably. There is a strong demand for the matter sent out, as is evidenced by the fact that the mailing list has nearly trebled since the beginning of the college year. The material is divided into news for the local papers, short articles of interest to the agricultural press and longer articles to special papers and the North Dakota Newspaper Union. Mr. Hughes estimates that at the present time two thirds of the homes of the state are being served through the College News Bureau.

A number of the time and material that is very hard, with the present output and facilities, to meet.

Asked what he considers the scope of the work in Journalism to be, Mr. Hughes replied, "Suggestions to the writer having a fair knowledge of English and a full command of the facts, how to put these together into effective form — this constitutes the instruction. Hints, suggestions, advice, and explanation adapted to the pressing needs of the farmer reader in the state — this constitutes the output.

From this it is evident that the Journalism service is reaching out in lines parallel to those of the Farmers' Institute work, and is making an effort to bring the College and the man on the farm into direct and constant touch by giving to the latter something of present usable value.

**IN GRAIN JUDGING**

Professor Churchill who has charge of the class in grain judging has instituted a novel feature in the work by having each student procure samples of the different grain on their farms and these are used in the judging laboratory. This makes the work much more interesting and instructive to the students as they will naturally take more interest in judging grain that was grown on their own farms than they would that in which they have no particular interest.

Twentyeight students flunked out at the University of Oregon last term. These twenty-eight did not make required credits in the nine semester hours and will not be allowed to continue work during the second semester. Of these one was a Senior, sixteen Freshmen, and eleven others all of who made less than nine credits.

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The University of Minnesota is up in arms against the proposed location of the Amour Packing Plant within two and one half miles of the University and two miles of the College of Agriculture.

Four co-eds and twelve men have been suspended from Butler for dancing without faculty permission and without a chaperon. last week.

Norcross, a famous football coach of the Pacific coast, has refused an offer of 4,000 dollars per year to act as coach at the Alabama University.

It was cold.  
Her hands were cold, too,  
And I — well, wouldn't you  
If it was cold.  
And her hands were cold, too?  
—Ex.

First College Girl — "What is to be the title of your graduation essay?"

Second College Girl — "Beyond the Alps lies Italy". What is to be the title of yours?"

First College Girl — "Beyond the Altar Lies the Wash-tub."

The classes in dairy studied the "Eu — rope — can markets"

Governor Denen of Illinois enrolled as a member of the Agricultural Short Course at the University of that state.

Bluffing will carry you far in most cases leave you there.

A bright boy in English history was asked to name eight English Kings. He replied "Henry I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII." — Drake Delphic.

The editor of the I. S. C. Student Kirk( has resigned to take up a position as Assistant Professor of Horticulture at Washington State.

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**Societies**

**Y. M. C. A.**  
 Dean Burleson gave a most interesting address at the Y. M. C. A. meeting Wednesday. It was in the form of the name of the organization, "Young Men's Christian Association". He showed how many things these four words stood for and what the Association should mean to every young man. Many helpful suggestions were embodied in the address.

**ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION**  
 The Oratorical Association held a meeting Thursday noon to consider a change in the date of the Oratorical Contest. It was decided however, that no change should be made and the contest will be held as scheduled upon Feb. 26th.

**PHILOMATHIAN.**  
 Last Friday evening the Philomathian Lit. Society held their regular semi monthly meeting. The program was opened with the reading of an original poem by Vincent Anderson entitled "Stung" which met with hearty applause. The next number was a reading by Grace Ware. The closing number of the program was a vocal solo by Mr. Harold.

**TEACHERS' CLUB.**  
 The following is the program for the meeting which is to be held Friday evening, Feb. 26, at eight o'clock:  
 Reading.....John Erickson  
 Agriculture in the Schools of North Dakota....Maud Barnes  
 Reading.....Edna Barker  
 Vocal Duet.....Emily Veisting and Anna Henrikson  
 Agriculture as a Vocation..Peter Olson.  
 Reading.....Edna Flem  
 Piano Duet.....Misses McKee and Tweeten.  
 Criticism.....Mr. Henriksen.

**Y. W. C. A.**  
 The Mission Study Class of the Y. W. C. A. met Wed. Feb 17 at the Dormitory. The lives of some of the most noted early missionaries to China were studied and the methods which were used to induce the people to take up the Christian religion.

**A. C. P. C.**  
 The Pharmacy Club met Friday evening for a short business session.

**ENGINEERS' DANCE**  
 One of the most enjoyable social functions of the college year was the Engineers dance, given in the Armory, Saturday evening, Feb 26. The armory was beautifully decorated with the college colors, green and yellow, and along the gallery was draped red and black, making an effective contrast. The lights under the balcony were red, shedding a soft light on all. The programs were unique in every way being blue prints with the engineering building on the cover. It required considerable thinking and contriving to know just which kind of a machinical pun was to be made next, but all derived much enjoyment from it. Another feature to make the machinery run smoothly was the D -- E lubricating oil which was served to all and proved very refreshing. The engineers are to be congratulated upon the success of the affair.

**LADD AT HOME**  
 Prof. and Mrs. Ladd entertained at their beautiful home, on 15th St. Friday evening, Feb. 19, at five hundred. Mrs. Ince was successful in winning the ladies prize. — A box of candy in the shape of a cherry tree and hatchet. Mr. Ince won the gentleman's prize, a gold stickpin. Dainty refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**AGRI. CLUB CONTEST**  
 The Agricultural Club essay contest this year promises to surpass all previous records. About twenty members of the club are writing for the contest. The topics selected, which according to the rules of the contest must be along agricultural lines, are varied and interesting. Livestock is being especially discussed, while the culture of grasses and various cultivated crops also come in for their share of the discussion.  
 The contest will be held in the College chapel Friday evening March 12th. Because of the large number of contestants it will be necessary to hold a preliminary contest. The six successful ones in this well compete for the various prizes on the night of the contest.

Mrs Remington gave a reading, illustrated by songs, at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.  
 Samuel Heidner leaves for West Point today.  
 Professor Ladd received a telegram late Saturday evening asking him to come to England. The Professor is waiting further word before deciding whether to go.  
 Professor Minard received a telegram from Boston Monday morning announcing the death of his mother. He will be gone all this week.

**STUNG.**  
 The evening stars were dim above,  
 The earth was white below;  
 He cooed and wooed his turtle dove  
 In the softly falling snow.  
 He stood against the door sill  
 In a careless sort of way;  
 Didn't know he was against that bell  
 Till he heard the old man say:

"Say, John, you can call and see Mary  
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And get off of that bell."  
 John tumbled to the fact that he Had made an awful blunder. He turned away and softly said, "I'll take the gate, by thunder"

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 Following is the way the A. C. appropriation bill now stands with the house committee: 35,000 dollars for a dairy building; 30,000 for a veterinary building; 3,000 for side walks, 12,000 for equipping the Engineering Building; 10,000 for an electric light plant and 75,000 for a Domestic Science Building and Girls Dormitory.

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We all have our homes and I dare say that nine tenths of you here to night are from the farm homes of the state or have at some time lived on a farm. From my own experience of farm home life, and I lived there from sixteen to eighteen years, there seemed to be something missing. To be sure it was not work for we always had plenty of that to do; we had a good farm home, a beautiful grove about the buildings and nice lawn, and yet perhaps it was just because we were farmers. I believe that this disquietude and restlessness on the farm is caused by seeing what town and city people can do and the good times that they can take a part in.

When you recall how our ancestors lived then the lives and homes of the tillers of the soil were so very different from the lives and homes of those who lived in the city and the village. The farms and the farm homes have taken wonderful strides forward and yet they haven't kept pace with the city homes. The farmers are often made to feel that they are different from other people, they are more like machinery, or an in-between by which the others may make their living. But wait the time is coming when the farmers will be the leading politicians and counselors of the nation and the farmers' wives will be the leading ladies of the land.

It is the mother's duty to build up her house to the very best there is in her but what have the farmer mothers of to-day got to do. Not only does her husband look to her for inspiration, help, and counsel in his efforts in the maintenance of his family but he turns to her for help in the actual performance of that duty itself.

You will say that our grandmothers did far more work than the mothers of today. They didn't have everything prepared for them as our mother have, but did our grandfathers try to farm half

the universe as our father are trying to do. There is so much help required on our large farm to carry on the work that it takes all of the housewife's time to prepare the meals leaving no time for her to plan bigger things for her home. In a case of this kind she ought to have more help but it is getting almost impossible to keep girls on the farm. They prefer to go to the towns and cities where life is more attractive to them and they will have a better chance to educate themselves for something better.

The telephones have brought the farmers more into touch with the outside world than any modern invention. The rural mails have also been a great help, but too often we find that the farmers haven't enough good reading material. It would help a good deal if they would just work the mail carriers a little harder by subscribing for more of our leading papers and magazines.

What of our farmers' institutes. They are doing wonderful work in just waking up and educating our farmers to what they can do. But why not carry these farther and have them nearer home by having neighborhood gatherings every month or so where the farmers and their wives can come together and have a good social time. The farmers can talk about their crops and work and give the women a chance to gossip for you will never break her of this even by exiling her on our large North Dakota farms.

The farm life is so big and broad with all of its work and let us make it big and broad with the very best kind of life. Are there any social or literary societies or reading circles or musical clubs in your community. Give more time to these. I don't mean for you to neglect your work, you can plan that so you will find time for these things.

A great fault with the majority of us is that we do not appreciate the work of those about us, we may appreciate it but we never say a word about it and what good is that appreciation going to do any one.

Often times your mother has worked hard all day. Perhaps she has prepared an extra good dinner just to please the boys after coming in from a hard days work. When the meal is served she sits down to it so tired and worn out that nothing looks good to her. The others enjoy big hearty dinners and leave the table apparently not having noticed but that their dinner had consisted of plain bread and potatoes. She feels discouraged when it would have been only a little matter to compliment her on her dinner it would encourage her and half the drudgery of her work would be lifted.

Isn't it true of a little child

that if you tell him he is doing his work well he will try all the harder to do it better. That trait is never out grown in either man or woman and that is how much better it would be if we show our appreciation for all the little favors and kindnesses that are bestowed upon us every day of our lives.

The farm life is the best and only life to live so let every farmer farmers' wife, son, and daughter strive together in building it up to its greatest realization.

## LITERARY

### HALF A DAY WITH A THRESHING MACHINE

The unusual ringing of an alarm clock suspended over my head brought me out a peaceful sleep. My first day of threshing was to begin.

The bed that had been assigned to me late the night before was in the upper portion of the sleeping car. Hanging my feet out at the side, I proceeded to make my toilet which consisted of putting on my shoes and to view the interior of the car which was illuminated by several lanterns. Two tiers of bunks lined the wall and from these intervals rough clad men were crawling.

We hastily washed our faces and hands with cold water and laundry soap, using tin wash basins placed on a bench near the corner of the car. The air was still and frosty and a low hung moon threw a cold light on the farm building scattered around the yard in which we were located. After jumping around for some time in an endeavor to keep our blood circulating in our veins we were delighted to here a loud bellow from the half open door of the cook car. This we understood to be invitation to breakfast and we all piled in. A smoking hot breakfast of pan cakes and potatoes and bacon was disposed of and we were out in the cold air again. After much whoaing and cussing the teams passed one by one into the field of shadowy shocks. Guided by the noise of the machine which was being put into position, I made my way to it.

The first grain was thrown into the gaping mouth of the machine just as the red glow of the coming day could be seen in the eastern horizon. Soon the sun rose in all its early autumn glory, throwing a strong light upon a scene of great activity. The men worked with a will to the accompaniment of the hum of the separator while the engine puffed softly, now and

then breaking into a hoarse cough.

Looking over the level surrounding country one could see many scenes of a like nature of a column of much smoke rising at one end and a cloud of straw being blown into the air at the other.

My position was that of a handy man, that is I was supposed to be ready to help anyone and also to direct the volume of straw shooting out of the blower in to the wraek drawn around to the staek for that purpose. I soon struck-up an acquaintance with Old Gilbert, the fireman, who used the straw. He had been firing for sixteen years and worked with the regularity of a machine swaying back and forth between the engine and the straw. The engineer sauntered around his engine, keeping a watchful eye on all of the parts.

The sun was now high in the hazy autumn sky and the men frequently cast anxious glances at their time peices. Soon the signal for dinner was given, a deafening screech from the whistle on the engine and every one immediately quit work and made his way to the camp where a large meal awaited him.

After dinner I was taken aside by the boss and told in a simple direct way that my services were no longer needed, adding that he did not care to pay a man for standing around and looking on.

J. M., F. H. '08.

### LECTURES.

Free Lecture Ass'n Announces Course for the Month of March.

The numbers for the Sunday Evening Lecture Course at the Grand as they have been announced for the month of March are as follows:

March 7th Mrs. Abbie F. Howie of the North Dakota Farmers Institute. Corps will speak upon "The Home".

March 14th Dr. James H. Batten the well known lecturer, will speak on the "Battle in Modern Thought."

March 21st Mrs. Menza Rose-erans Burke of Devils Lake, North Dakota, who is a Chautaugua speaker will have for her subject the "The Coming America".

Mar. 28th Professor G. E. Hult of U. N. D. will speak upon "Literary Longevity."

The voice of the orator is now heard in the land especially in the vicinity of Professor Arvold's room.

Charlie: (talking about one of our Seniors.) I bet I will have a wife when I get that old.

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**PERSONAL**  
About the only time Mr. Darling does not carry a camera is after sun down.

Axel Jacobson has left school on account of an operation for nasal trouble.

Misses Bessie Fulkner and Reimer left for home last week because of illness.

C. K. Parker was called home last week by the serious illness of his father.

Mr. Wallen had charge of the band at Gardner last Saturday because of Dr. Putnam's illness.

The Juniors report progress in their work on the Agassiz and say that they have a slam for everybody.

Don't forget to make plans for attending the "All College Banquet" in March. Everybody is going.

The busiest piece of machinery at College is Professor Tibert's dynamo.

The Seniors had the fingers measured Friday afternoon for their class rings which they are having made.

Charley Murphy, who has been ill the greater part of the term, went to Hot Springs for treatment.

Owing to the illness of Dr. Putnam last week Chief Musician Mainwaring and Principal Musician Wallen had charge of the Band.

Paul Funderhide was sick the latter part of last week so that he was deprived of the pleasure of attending the Engineers' hop.

Professor Waldron made a flying trip to Bismarck last week, spending four hours there and returning Friday evening.

Several members of the Faculty were welcome visitors at the Agricultural Club Institute Program Friday evening.

On Monday of last week Dr. Putnam's orchestra went to Casselton to play at a reception given by a local club at that place.

Arthur Murphy was exceedingly busy all last week arranging for the production of the "Merry Minstrels" at the Moorhead Normal last night.

Hall's thesis work is necessitating his putting in long hours. He was noticed hurrying toward the farm building at 12 a. m. the other night.

Scott Stambaugh caught a cold a short time ago while taking a girl home when he did not have his overcoat along. "The way of the transgressor is hard."

Superintendent Hargis of the Lake Park High School, Minn., was at the College last Wednesday looking an instructor in manual training.

Professor Ince recently received a fine set of samples of the German potash products, both raw and finished. This form a valuable addition to the collection of fertilizers which he is making.

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Allen Clark was suffering from inflammation of the eyes during this past week. He was forced to miss basket ball practice and was not in the lineup for the Valley City Normal game Friday night.

Major Ulio is much pleased at the appearance of the Gun Room since its recent renovation.

Ross Farnham of Valley City, a former student, was an attendant at the Enginner's Dance.

Editor May of the News was a guest at the Engineers Hop.

Professor Abbey of the Mayville Normal was visiting at the College last Saturday where he held a consultation with President Worst.

Miss Matie Cook was among those at the dance Sat. night.

Professor Beckwith will speak at Grand Forks in the near future.

Granville Mason of Minneapolis who was with the A. C. land examiners last summer was visiting his acquaintance at the College Sunday.

Sam Ordahl, a cousin of P. J. Olson's who is attending the D. B. C., was a visitor at the College Saturday.

Dean Shepperd left for Winnipeg Wednesday where he addressed the Annual Meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Men's Association. He returned Saturday.

**Dormitory Notes.**  
Miss Matilda Thompson took advantage of the holiday and spent a few days at home.

Misses Slagerman and Dopking of the Normal were guests of Anna Austin's at the Dormitory on Sunday.

Grace Shelton went home Friday to spend the holidays.

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Misses Eyolfson and Isfeld spent Sunday visiting friends at Concordia College.

Fern Dynes went home Friday for a visit.

Miss Rass was a pleasant visitor at the Dormitory Friday.

Helen Stours went home to spend the holidays.

Several young ladies from Concordia College visited at the A. C. and were guests at the Dormitory, on Monday.

**DR. BELL ON BIRDS TO-MORROW NIGHT**

Dr. Bell will speak on "Summer Resident Birds in the Red River Valley at the Polytechnic tomorrow night. The meeting will be held at the usual hour of 7:30 P. M. but will be held in the Biological rooms of Science Hall. Dr. Bell is a close student of birds and an interesting talker and all should make it a point to hear him if possible.



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**The Annual Judging Contest Is Coming**

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Again the attention of the students taking work in stock judging is turned toward the annual judging contest which will be held in the judging pavillion at the end of this term. In previous years the prizes in this contest have been closely contested for and this year proves to be no exception, for the competition is strong among the students, and especially with the second year men, for a place on the judging teams.

John Dinwoodie, F. H. C., '09, who holds the gold medal, and Chas. Ruzicka, who holds the silver cup, are both planning on entering the contest with the intentions of carrying off these prizes for the second time and thereby become the permanent owners of them.

The prizes which are awarded to the winners this year are as follows:

- Gold medal to winner of first place in the second year work.
- Silver cup to the winner of second place in second year work.
- Silver cup to winner of first place in first year work.

Besides the above prizes the College offers one pure bred Yorkshire gilt for the best work in judging beef cattle and one Plymouth Rock Cockre to the student showing the greatest proficiency in judging swine.

The gold medal for the first place in second year work and the silver cup for the first place in the first year work both have to be won twice by the contestant before becoming his permanent property. The other prizes become permanent property of the winners at the time of winning.

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**Freshies Get the Blame.**

There was considerable consternation among several of the Pharmacy students the latter part of last week occasioned by certain sharp, curt missives donated by the Freshies, supposedly, The Freshmen, it seems, are still slightly burning with revenge after the agreeable surprise which they received a short time ago and are on the look out for a good stroke of slap as slap can. Nevertheless the little scheme of summoning certain students to appear before the Discipline Committee was a little transparent and crude and luckily for a great many of us, 1912 was compelled to forcibly restrain the prepared grin.—Contrib.' D.

The class in descriptive geometry are finishing their work and will spend the rest of the term in perspective drawing and mechanical methods.

There are a number of students who are doing work in architectural drawing. They are doing practical work by drawing various styles of houses and cottages.

**MU CANDIDATES CRE-ATE SENSATION.**

The sensation of last week was the attempt to set the fashion for Directoire pants. The two gentlemen who had the audacity to attempt this were the two most recent victims of the Alpha Mu fraternity, Harrington and F. Darrow.

Much amusement was furnished for all by the ridiculous attire which consisted of trousers sheathed up to the knees revealing gaily colored stockings. It is said that some of the members of the faculty immediately discouraged the fashion by driving the gentlemen out of the class room. The Juniors however made haste to perpetuate it by getting them to pose for a photograph.

**STOCK JUDGERS VISIT SOUTHSIDE DAIRY FARM**

Monday afternoon the students of the stock judging class visited the South Side Dairy Farm south of Moorhead. Over a hundred fine dairy cows are kept upon this farm and it was there that the boys went to see and also to get an insight into the actual working of a large dairy farm. Professor Richards was in charge.

**WOMENS CLUB HOLDS SESSION IN SCIENCE**

In Science Hall on Feb. 19th was held the regular meeting of the Women's Club of Fargo an illustrated lecture was given upon German Paintings in which the use of the large projectoscope in the botany lecture room came into play. Mrs. H. L. Bolley was in charge of the meeting and several of the women of the club spoke on the various phases of the subject.

**U. N. D. WINS FROM THE FARGO COLLEGE**

Chief among the rooters at the U. N. D. vs. F. C. game was a bunch of A. C. fans who kept up the excitement by yelling for every body. The game was a fast one but was a rough exhibition of Collegiate game. U. N. D. was winner by a score of 18 totwenty six. The spectacular feature of the game was the throwing of a basket by Netcher of the U. when he was lying prone upon his back.

It was the testimony of the A. C. men present that the U. has a fine team, one that is in the championship class.

Minnesota U. recently entertained about a hundred and fifty legislators and Governor Johnson.

The Platforms in the Literary Society rooms were recently re-varnished.

"Nineteen to Six!" were the words that passed from lip to lip last Saturday morning and suprise and joy reigned.

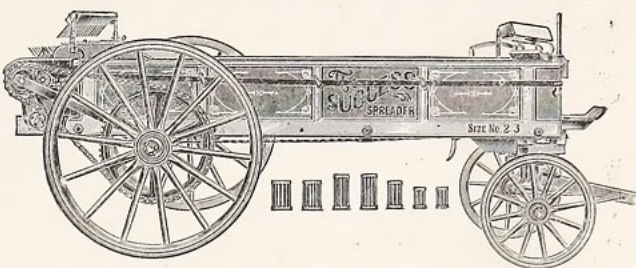
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The I. S. C. Student says we are to have a short course this year and are falling in line with Ames. We are having the short course all right but it is nothing new and we have had no sensation of falling any place lately.

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