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## Boys Quint Lose Again To Midway Team

Game a Good One Though A. C. Plays a Losing Game Throughout.

### THE AGGIES DEFEAT CO. B.

Lack of Team Work is a Striking Characteristic of The A. C. Play.

Again our boys lost to St. Thomas but with a less one sided score of 32 to 10. The game was hard fought on both sides but the A. C. players were outclassed by their larger and speedier opponents. During the first few minutes of play it seemed as though the game was to be a close one but as the Irishmen got their blood up and became accustomed to the floor they slowly gained on the home team and at the end of the first half the score was 13 to 3 in their favor. In the second half the visitors got together and did some good work that easily won the battle.

The lack of team work caused by the loss of Clark and several changes in the other positions was again a noticeable feature in our team. The "Saints" however, were excellent in this part of the work and showed their experience by the team work which they put up. The individual work on both teams was about equal.

Captain Darrow was the star for the Aggies and did some wry and witty playing against his larger and stronger opponent. Hall in the first half did some fussy guarding and "Walt" Haskins showed "Chick" "where to get off at." Dolve and Wheeler put up a hard game throughout and Frank Darrow, who took Hall's place in the second half was there all the time. Drummond made his debut in the last few minutes and though outclassed in jumping, he showed great skill in juggling the ball and at striking it to his man.

For St. Thomas Coonan and Chicken were the stars.

Lineup:—

A. C.	St. Thomas
Darrow (Capt)	r.f. Chicken
Dolve	lf. Coonan
Wheeler and Drummond	c. Ross
Haskins	rg. Clemens
Hall and Darrow	lg. Doyle (Capt.)

Goals from field: A. C., K. Darrow, 3; Wheeler, 1. St. Thomas, Coonan, 5; Chicken, 5; Ross, 3; Doyle, 2.

Goals from fouls: K. Darrow, 2 out of 9. Chicken, 2 out of 6.

Officials: Tierney.

Halves: 20 minutes.

Attendance: 1,200.

### Aggie Game

The "curtain raise" played by the Four Year Aggies and Company B., was rather onesided, the score being 40 to 18 in favor of the Farmers. Lack of team work characterized the game but individual work was very good.

For the Aggies, B. Haskins, was undoubtedly the star; his playing alone was enough to draw and hold the attention of the crowd. The other members of the team all

## HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY WILL BE OBSERVED

Exercises Will Be Held in College Armory at the Hour of Ten, Friday.

Friday, the hundredth anniversary of our martyred president, Abraham Lincoln, will be observed at the College by the omission of all classes and by a special convocation in the Armory. A very elaborate program has been arranged: The address of the morning will be given by Miss Simons of the English department and her subject will be the all appropriate one, "Abraham Lincoln."

Special music has been arranged for this program. The Cadet Band, the Orchestra and the Choir will render numbers on this occasion.

### CONVOCATION.

Dr. Van Es Gives Interesting Outline of New Course.

At yesterday's convocation Dr. Van Es opened his talk on the new course in Veterinary Medicine, which has recently been established at the College, by giving a short history of the veterinary profession. He told how veterinary was first brought into practice because of necessity in the army; how it afterward became merely a profession for some few men, and now at the present time is a science in which many people are engaged and which has a great deal to do with the health of the people in regard to food.

The course outlined by Dr. Van Es for the College will fit young men to enter any of the lines in which men of this profession are engaged.

### After the Game.

After the basket ball Saturday evening the Alpha men Fraternity invites you to attend their social dance at Piries Hall. A good time is assured.

### Short Course in Engineering.

The Engineers have got the wheels a-turning and that bright spot on life's merry-go-round will soon appear. If you jump this cog there will be a bad bump in your schedule of happy times.

Crank up your courage, turn on some sand, and ask her for the "right of way" for the evening of Feb. 20th.—That's the date—Keep your head-light on it.

You can't miss this, the Mechanical Hop.

played well but owing to the lack of coaching and practice they were somewhat handicapped. For Company B. Ecker was the leading man and was followed closely by Hauzen.

Lineup:—

A. C.	Co. B.
Haskins	r.f. Ecker
Lanxon & Gusman	lf. Hauzen
Miehels	c. Johnson
Ewen	rg. Still
Evingson	lg. Jinks

Goals from field for A. C.: Haskins, 12; Miechels, 3; Lanxon, 3; Gusman, 3, and Ewingson, 1.

Officials: Nemzek and Anderson.

## NORMALS.

Mayville Boys and Girls Meet the A. C. Teams Next Saturday.

Upon Saturday night of this week in the College Armory the boys' and girls' teams from the Mayville Normal will meet our teams at basket ball. This game with the northern Normal teams has always been an interesting one and a large crowd is expected.

### HONOR CREDIT SYSTEM MAY BE ABOLISHED

Consensus of Opinion That It Has Not Been a Success.

Honor and credits may go. Such is the rumor that is prevalent about the College. The general consensus of opinion among the faculty and students is that the system has not yet been a success, that it has fallen short of the purpose which it was thought it would accomplish.

The matter is at present in the hands of a special faculty committee and the report that they make will probably go far to determine the fate of the system.

The charge that is made against the system is that the only students who are in a position to take advantage of the credits are the students in General Science. That the students in agriculture and especially those in engineering, where practically all of the work is required, the student must spend the full four years before he can complete his course anyway. In other words, though a student may at the end of his third year have enough credits to graduate, as a number of the present senior class did, they must still spend another year in order to complete the required work. The only advantage, in other words that was incurred by these students in obtaining these honor credits, was that of having a larger number after his name in the catalogue and the opportunity of neglecting elective subjects. Will the honor credits go unwept for? The Spectrum invites expression from any and all of the students on the subject.

### ENGINEERS TAKE THE H. S. QUINT TO CAMP

Last Friday night at the Fargo College gym the Engineer's department met and defeated the Fargo High School team by a score of 22 to 24. The game was close throughout and both teams worked hard. The High School team had a lead of five points in the forepart of the game but the mechanics sprinkled up toward the last and the score was a tie when the time was called. The game was continued six minutes to play off the tie in which the engineers made a basket that decided the fate of the High School team.

Lineup:—

F. H. S.	Engineers
Simpson	rt. f. Baufour
Callender	lt. f. Thien
Cruik	e. Lough
Haggart	rt. g. Lembecke
Preckel	lt. g. Worst

## AGGIE CLUB FARMERS' INSTITUTE PROGRAM

Novel Program is Promised For Next Thursday Night Be There.

Thursday evening in the College Chapel under the auspices of the Agricultural Club will be held a program which will be unique in every respect. An old fashioned farmers' institute will be held and it is promised that no feature will be left out. Mr. Lanxon, '09, who has no mean name as an institute speaker will preside during the evening, acting the role of conductor of the institute.

Mr. Lanxon has picked out an efficient corps of famous agriculturalists as speakers for the evening and a program is promised that will be worth hearing. One feature that deserves special mention and which is an essential feature of an institute program is the women side of the question. In order to complete the program the director has invited two of the girls of the Domestic Science course to speak. The subject of "Cooking" and "The Farm Home" will be ably discussed by Misses Merritt and Barrett.

The program will be an open one and all students of the college are welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to the girls. No agricultural student can afford to miss it. Remember Thursday evening at 8:00 p. m., sharp.

### FACULTY MODIFY RULING AS TO CLASSIFICATION

At the faculty meeting last Friday the matter of the classification of students in the new catalogue was again brought up for discussion. The resolution calling for the enforcement of the classification according to the rules propounded upon the report cards, was modified to a certain extent and it was left for the faculty advisors and the registrar to determine the classification. Owing to the fact that so large a number of our students, previous to taking the college course, have completed some of the shorter academic courses, their classification remains irregular throughout their course. For this reason the ruling would work an injustice to the college as well as of most of the students.

### Production of "Lucy White" Postponed Indefinitely.

The play "Lucy White", which was to have been staged by the Edwin Booth Dramatic Club of the College Feb. 12, has been postponed indefinitely because of changes that it has been necessary to make in the cast.

### BRIGHT.

The new band at Gardner which Dr. Putman is directing starts with a bright future before it. Eighteen pupils greeted the doctor at the first practice.

Don't forget that the Maxam and Sight's Comedians are at the Fargo Opera House for the entire week. Prices 50, 35, 25 cents gallery 10 cents.

## Crimson Wearers Win In Annual Declam

Allan Clark, '11, Philomathian Captures the Worst Gold Medal.

### MISS LOCKHART WINS SILVER

The Contest Was a Good One. The Eleven Participants Do Well.

The annual declamation contest has gone into history and this time it was in the camp of the Philomathians that the joy of victory reigned. When the judges had considered the merit of each of the eleven presentations, Mr. Sweet with an entertaining fifteen minute extempore announced the decision of the jury consisting of himself, Mr. Hoover and Mr. Watkins, it was to Allan Clark, Philomathian, that the gold medal was awarded and to Miss Lottie Lockhart, Philomathian, that the silver medal was awarded.

Miss Kathryn Grest presided over the contest and announced the numbers. Musical numbers, first and last on the program, were highly enjoyed. The first was a song by the College Choir and the latter a selection by the College Quartette which received a hearty encore.

Blaine, the Plumed Knight, a selection from the nomination speech of James G. Blaine in the republican national convention, a most stirring eulogy upon the sterling qualities of this statesman, was presented by Ole Narall of the Teachers' Club in a fervid striking manner.

The story of retribution brought about the trysting of College Days, "College Oil Cans" was next presented by John Brander, Philomathian. The pathetic story was told in a way that arrested the attention of the hearers.

The personification of "Mice at Play" by Miss Ruby Gibbens, '11, Athenian, came in for its share of the applause. The story of the ventures "Mice" was told in a way that vivid memories of childhood days were brought to the minds of the listeners.

Rip Van Winkle was made to awaken once more from his sleep and drink the sorrows and joys of a henpecked man. Mr. Hendrickson, Athenian, presented an act of this old, but ever new tragedy of the Hudson. He made a very good Rip Van Winkle and the audience felt the sorrow of the old man as he wandered banished from his door.

The next number brought forth a tumult of applause. The proposal of bashful Peter Sorghum and his consequent jubilee was told vividly with naturalness and ease of presentation and there was not one in the audience that did not feel and enjoy the picturing of the attempt and success of the pastoral youth.

Following the winner of the silver medal came the winner of the gold. "Happiness and Liber-

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### THE GRAIN MEN, GIVE THEM ROOM

**Fine Collection of Graded Samples Received by the Agronomy Department.**

Professor Churchill has secured from Minneapolis and Chicago a collection of the samples of the different grades of wheat, oats, and barley as graded by the state inspection boards at the above markets. This collection is being set up and labeled and will constitute part of the equipment in grain judging work used by the agricultural students.

There is great need at this time of a suitable laboratory for the classes in grain judging. With the present facilities this work must be done in the soil physics laboratory which is entirely too small for the class to do good work in, and also causes considerable inconvenience to the classes in soil physics. However, if we get a veterinary building this year, the difficulty will be relieved. In that case the rooms now occupied by the Veterinary Department will be turned into a grain judging laboratory.

### FAVORABLE REPORTS FROM 959 WINTER RYE

Professor Churchill has been receiving during the past week reports from the farmers in the various parts of the state to whom he had sent for trial some number 959 winter rye which was grown at this station. It is interesting to note that there has not been one adverse report received. The reports show that this strain yielded from ten to twenty bushels per acre more than other varieties.

### MORE CURIOUS FOR PROFESSOR WILLARD

Among the interesting curiosities lately received by Professor Willard is a collection of Indian relics from Ohio and some beaver gnawed logs from Lake Itasca, Minnesota. The Indian relics were presented by Mr. H. F. Chidester and comprise a stone celt, two fine spear heads and a number of arrowheads. The logs are rather large sticks and show the work of the beaver's teeth which is nearly as smooth as that of a skilled axman's work would be.

### SCHOOL HYGIENE.

The department of education has arranged with Dr. Putman to give special attention to school house location and construction hygiene and the relation of school to the well being of the pupils in the class room in the hygiene course which the Doctor has charge of during the spring term.

### INTERESTED IN DAIRYING

The "Jamestown Capital" has arranged matter so that it may publish some of the articles and cuts appearing in the Extension. The dairy industry is becoming a prominent feature in the vicinity of Jamestown and therefore the recent articles on dairying attracted wide attention.

### VISITORS.

Last Tuesday the Implement men of the state who were in session in the city visited the college in a body and spent the afternoon in looking over the buildings. Many of the dealers express surprise at the nature of the work and the way it was carried on at the college.

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### ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HELD SESSION TUESDAY.

Last Tuesday the executive committee of the North Dakota Academy of Sciences were in session here, Professor M. A. Brennan of the University acted as chairman. The other members of the committee were Professor L. F. Muemullen of the Valley City Normal and Professors Waldron and Willard of the A. C. The meeting was called to arrange for a meeting of the Academy which will be held in Grand Forks next May. A program was decided upon which should present the aims of the Academy with regard to Biology, Geology, and Physics. Professor Brennan will deliver a paper on Biology, Professor Willard on Geology, and Professor G. W. Stuart of the University on Physics.

### PROF. WILLARD PLANS TO MAP WELL AREAS

**Will Make a Color Map Indicating Areas of the Various Water Supplies.**

Next Summer Professor Willard expects to commence work upon a map of the state which will show exactly where the water is to be obtained and what kind will be obtained.

The sources of water supply for the state are divided into four classes;—

- The North Dakota Artesian Basin.
- Bored wells not included in the basin.
- Bored tubular wells of a depth of a hundred and fifty to two hundred feet from which water can be obtained only by pumping.
- Water which can be obtained by any kind of a shallow digging or excavation.

The different regions will be shown by a color pattern and all available springs will be located.

For the work Professor Willard will need the aid of four students next summer. This work in the Geological survey is a fine preparation for this work a student capable of doing the work. In preparation for this work a student should know general chemistry, physics, general geology, and have a thorough knowledge of the physical geography of the state.

### FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

The schedule of Farmers Institutes as arranged by Supt. T. A. Hoverstad for the month of Feb. is as follows:

Medina	Feb. 8
Neeche	" 10
Hamilton	" 11
Cavalier	" 12-13
Minto	" 15
Tankin	" 16
Cando	" 18
Bisbee	" 19
Churchs Ferry	" 20
Calvin	" 23
Munich	" 24
Edmore	" 25
Lakota	" 26
Mayville	" 27

The American School Board Journal is one of the latest magazines to be added to the list in the Library. It is a high grade educational journal and should be of interest to those taking educational work.

"The world was not made in a day but some pretty good things have been made in less time than that."

### GIANT TACKLE FALLS BEFORE GRIM REAPER

**Former Student and Star Tackle of two Seasons at the A. C. is Dead.**

Word comes from Washington D. C. of the death on Jan. 22nd of Walter Jacobson, better known as "Big Jake" or "Moose" who was a tower of strength at left tackle on the champion A. C. team for two seasons and since having been in College has been in the service of the government at Washington.

While here he made many friends not only because of his football ability but his big hand clasp and happy face, backed by a heart as big in proportion as his giant frame, gathered friends from among the faculty and fellow students.

Never was "Big Jake" known to lose his temper in a football game and his good natured roughness brought a goodly share of his opponents rough tactics into the play. "Jake's" smiling face was always in sight as his huge shoulders tore through the line for gain on gain for the A. C.

But before the grim reaper the mighty oak is no more than the tender sapling, and he has been gathered, before his aims of life have become steady, leaving behind only the firmly rooted stump of our fond recollections.

### FARGO AND MOORHEAD LIBRARY MAGAZINE FILE

Mrs. McVeety has just completed a list of the magazine files in all the libraries of Fargo and Moorhead. By this means if a student wishes to find some magazine not in the A. C. Library he has merely to consult the list and he will know just where to go.

### DEBATES.

Through the past week the class in English has given five debates. The questions were all of great issue and some very good arguments were given. This class will hold a debate in chapel the middle of March the six best debaters in the class will be the participants.

### DEAN LADD IS IN WASHINGTON ONCE MORE.

**The Decision of the Referee Board Reason for Call to Conference.**

Dean Ladd was called to a conference of food men in the city of Washington last week by the President. The subject which will be the all engrossing one in this conference will be the recent decision of the referee board of eminent chemists which had been appointed to decide upon the question of benzoate of soda and its harmfulness as a preservative. The government decision was against the use of the chemical but at the appeal of dissatisfied manufacturers the referee board was appointed to carry on further investigation. After a series of experiments at least three of these chemists have come forward independently with reports declaring benzoate of soda harmless as a preservative thus reversing the decision of the government chemists. It is probable that it is the purpose of this conference to thresh over the report of the referee board that a final decision may be reached.

Prof., talking on the conductivity of electricity. Short course stu-

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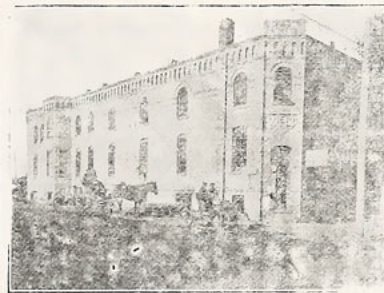
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### DARWINISM.

**Prof. Waldron will Discuss Theorists in Light of Modern Science**

Darwinism in the Light of Modern Investigation is the subject which Professor Waldron has chosen for discussion at the regular meeting of the Polytechnic Society next Wednesday evening at 7:30. The talk will undoubtedly be a most interesting one and is most appropriate at this time as we approach the hundredth anniversary of this the first and greatest exponent of these doctrines which lay at the foundation of modern science.

C stands for cartoon and camera and look out for the Juniors.

### CALL FOR MEN OF MILITARY TALENT

Major Ulio is in receipt of a letter from the war department at Washington which states that there is a demand for college graduates in the Phillipine Island. Men graduating from the reputable college are given the rank of 3rd lieutenant as soon as they report for duty. There are no examinations given as it is taken for granted that a college graduate is a man of the proper standing. The salary is eleven hundred dollars per annum for third lieutenants. Men interested in this should see Major Ulio at once.

### Y. M. C. A. WILL CON- VENE HERE THIS MONTH.

The state Y. M. C. A. will be held in Fargo this year on the twenty sixth, twenty seventh, and twenty eighth of this month. The exact program has not been arranged but a number of noted speakers have been secured and already the convention promises to be a success.

**LITERARY**

**A RARE ADVENTURE.**

A friend of mine once had a little adventure which might be worth relating. He was working for the flying "V" ranch that summer and had some leisure time which he spent by riding over the surrounding country and hunting along the creeks for prairie chickens and occasionally digging out a couple of cyotes for the sake of the bounty.

One day while riding up the creek, he discovered a lynx, commonly known as a bob-cat, crossing a level stretch toward the water. The lynx was a few yards away and my friend had a forty five caliber colt revolver in his belt but a sudden fit of recklessness seized him, and instead of shooting the beast from a safe distance, he put the spurs to his horse and as he dashed by the lynx, roped the brute, catching it around the breast just back of the foreleg. The lynx is a dangerous animal when attacked and this particular one whirled suddenly and with a snarl bit at the rope, which suddenly tightened about his head and shoulders.

My friend spurred his horse into a gallop and as the rope drew taut it threw the lynx violently on its side and then dragged it along over the uneven ground after the galloping horse. After dragging the cat about a mile he came to where a herder was herding sheep. He rode in a circle about the herder and threw him his quirt. Then the cow boy dragged the lynx and the herder beat out the little remaining life.

This is only the only instance known of a man roping a full grown lynx and dragging it any distance. — L. C. Herron.

**IN THE CITY**

To one who has traveled extensively, a town of twelve to fifteen hundred would seem to be a mere hamlet; he would observe and criticise the narrowness of the streets and infrequency of the street cars; would perhaps miss the rumble of the elevated trains,

the crowds going two and from the ferry and Italian students if it were in the Latin Quarter of Paris or Vienna.

But to the unsophisticated one this panorama of every day life holds a charm — to be one atom in the swiftly moving indifferent throng. Even the newsboys calling "Extras!" and the "Last Returns from the Elections"! rouse your curiosity.

You wonder where all of the crowd could possibly have come from, as you watch the furniture vans, automobiles and street cars skillfully evade each other threading in and out. Trains rush by a roar; the heavy mountain engines pant like some tired monster and the click of the wheels seems to say business, business, business.

At the corner of the block there is the usually substantial looking personage in a dark blue official looking suit ornamented with brass buttons, swinging a club. You pass quickly by. In the distance can be heard the strains of you soon come upon a blind old man grinding out the tune upon a hand organ with a patient entreating look.

Now the Oriental Limited is steaming slowly in; you watch the hurrying trainmen, the pleasure seekers and a crowd of enthusiastic Collegians (for the depot is usually a rendezvous --). Lost in thought you wonder if there is any one you know on board—and turn suddenly to find some one pumping your hand up and down and a hearty voice exclaiming "By the powers, Harry, you here!"

**FROM THE ARCHIVES**

History as Chronicled by the Spectrum Feb. 1897.

A bill was introduced in the legislature by a representative a short time ago making the playing of football or the taking any part whatever in a game a criminal offence. His bill was not as popular as the game, and was downed as soon as it was put into play. He proved to light for a center rush and the friends of the game made a good tackle around the ends. Sprinting was not a feature of the contest but a touch

down was scored much to the delight of the football enthusiasts.

This issue of the Spectrum says that the annual "declaration" contest which was held last year in May will be held this year in March. (It is evident that "errors" were with the Spectrum from the beginning.)

Mechanical Department — Our scientific friends in the local department seem to think that the mechanics are bashful. Well what if they are? Bashfulness is better than unlimited gall.

Some of the students are planning a skating rink. If all would aid in this work a rink could be made in a short time (by the first of May any way). There are a number of places near the College where such a rink could be made (History repeats it self. Yea verily.)

It would be a good plan for the athletes of the College to begin to prepare for field day. Get yourselves in shape.

The Athletic Association proposes to present a drama about March first for the purpose of raising funds to liquidate its indebtedness. The game we didn't have with the U. left us short in our accounts.

**AIN'T THIS AWFUL, MABLE?**

I had a little pony  
Of Caesar, old and grey;  
I lent it to a lady  
Examination day.

Professor Plunkem found it  
Indentured with my name;  
O Mabel! pretty Mabel!  
Now wasn't that a shame.

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**Calls for Extension.**

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How is this? Biology, Botany and Bacteriology, Bolley, Baby Boy, Bell, Beckwith, Bergman, Billings, and two more Bills; a busy bunch.

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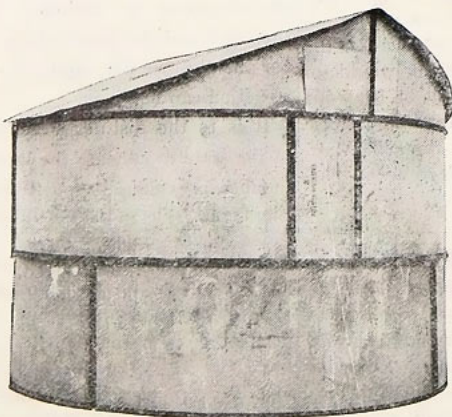
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**SCHOLARSHIP.**

A college man is judged by what he has done. The possibilities that lie with in him are gleaned from the record that the student has written upon the minds of those who have watched him as they have come in contact with him from day to day as he went from class to class or mingled in the activities of the student body. When a college man is wanted that man is sought who by his attainments has demonstrated that he can fill the bill.

When a speaker is wanted the orator is chosen; when a position requires, that the man who fills it possess physical endurance, the athlete is sought; when a man is wanted to work upon a problem in science that man is chosen who demonstrated by his patience and taste for such work that he is adapted to it. Not always is the man chosen who can show the highest average in his studies for it often still remains for this individual to show what he can do when he once has departed from the guidance of his instructor.

What then constitutes scholarship in the highest sense? That man is not always in demand who can do nothing but study. This would presage the value of the association of the student with the various activities of college life. And yet it must be recognized, that, as to all things there must be a limit, so the student must limit his outside work that he may retain the qualities of a scholar. Only a certain amount of work can be done satisfactorily by each individual. Some have a larger capacity for work than others have and each student should learn to recognise the extent of his capacity for work. Occasionally we have witnessed the failure of a student, not because he lacked intellectual qualities but because he has, in his interest in other things, forgotten that main purpose which brought him to college, namely to study.

Opportunity for study and intellectual development is the advantage that the college holds out to all. Social advantages may be found elsewhere; athletics flourish in the club and Y. M. C. A.; forensic training, literary and reportorial work are advantages which, though essential parts of every college are not peculiar to the college and the student who attends college for participation in these things alone is out of place.

And so it is that occasionally in the midst of busy preparation with our hopes set for greater attainments in that which to us for the moment is all important, we feel the restraining hand of the faculty and — we are students once more. Of late (this is common talk so we need not hedge) several individuals have been restrained for reasons deemed sufficient by the faculty from appearing or representing the college in certain activities, the success of which every true student would do all he could to promote. The action of the faculty was heard in silence by some; with protest by others; and with regret by all.

The faculty have done what they could not avoid doing and at the same time do their duty in the upholding of scholarship. In order to protect the honor of the college certain minimum requirements in scholarship have been laid down as a standard to which all must measure up to if they are to appear as representatives of the College in contest or public program. These rules are just. They are required in justice to the student who is failing as a student; in justice to the student who is maintaining a high standard of scholarship; in justice to the college which is judged, firstly by its representative students, secondly by its alumni and all those struggling in the outer world, who have at sometimes found shelter under the college roof.

None who have the best interest of the college at heart can feel other than pleasure when he notes the plans which are slowly being molded and when put into operation will further raise the standard of scholarship of the College. Bitter as are the effects of change let us still remember that is all for the honor of the old A. C.

**"GALLERY GODS"**

It is quite noticeable at the public programs at the College that there are always a few "gentlemen," we hope that word fits their position in life, who persist in showing their appreciation by stamping their feet and whistling. Now, this is entirely unbecoming to students and none who are worthy of the name of students will applaud in this manner. Furthermore it shows lack of good taste for that is the way horses show their appreciation of the oats which are given them, they whinny and stamp their feet. It is very good at times to have a

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little "good horse sense", as the term is used, but it is not advisable to use horse manners while at college and attending college functions.

The term is nearly half over. Have you accomplished half of the work you had planned to do this term or are you letting it accumulate to overwork you at the end of the term.

In some institutions the short courses are called the roundup. This name is suggestive and appropriate. Why not adopt it as a designation of our scheduled courses.

Soon the winter term will half be gone. Now is the time to begin cramming for the term finals.

It has been whispered about that we should have this term some all college function in which every

student might participate. Last year the "Cyclone" served this purpose. This year an all college dinner or barbecue or something of this nature has been suggested. It could be made an occasion the remembrance of which would go with every student as he finds his way back to the farm and cause him to remember the old A. C. with a fond recollections in his heart.

**PUBLIC OPINION**  
(Economy.)

The entire student body is awaiting anxiously to know the action of the legislative assembly on appropriations. It would require about five hundred thousand dollars to place this College on a proper footing with its present attendance and there is no good reason why we should not have three or four thousand students since North Dakota is purely an agricul-

tural state, if there is any advantage in training one thousand students, there would be five times the advantage in training five thousand and the larger the number the cheaper per capita the instruction can be given.

It is to the distinct advantage of the state to educate the largest number of young people toward the farm. The government provides all the money for special instruction that has any bearing on agriculture and other industrial pursuits and in view of the tremendous influence it will exert upon our future productive powers, the state can well afford to erect all necessary buildings and laboratories with the least possible delay, in fact it will be the poorest kind of economy for the state not to make ample appropriations to carry on this work during this session of the legislative assembly. — A Student.

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## Societies

### AGRICULTURAL CLUB.

Last Thursday evening in the College chapel the Agricultural Club held what undoubtedly proved to be the most successful meeting of the year. The principal feature of the evening was a debate on the question, "Resolved, that dairying is more profitable under North Dakota conditions than sheep-raising". The affirmative was argued by Adolph Weisbaech and Frank Whitecomb and the negative by McLean Cooper and Amos Ewen. That the subject under discussion was a live one and one with which the spectators were familiar was shown by the manner in which the different debaters entered into the spirit of the debate. The decision of the judges was in favor of the affirmative.

Following the debate Mr. Hines gave a description of his home locality in which he pointed out some of the typical features of that part of the state.

Mr. Staples' talk on the farm garden was of a practical nature and gave some of the methods of cultivating and caring for the various garden vegetables.

The subject which was debated was then thrown open for discussion and many helpful suggestions were given by the various members present.

### Y. M. C. A.

Field Secretary Fenno of the Y. M. C. A. addressed the regular meeting Wednesday. Mr. Fenno was remembered by many who heard him last year and a large number attended the meeting. The subject of the address was "The Scraphheap" and from it he built a very striking analogy between a human being and a piece of machinery which from the time it is first used is constantly approaching the scraphheap. This however only applies to the physical being and on this ground he urged the importance of the spiritual as the only part of a man that will not wear out with the body. Special music was furnished by the College Quartette. On Friday Mr. Fenno spoke again, this time on the subject of "Running the Gauntlet". He showed how every one is constantly running the gauntlet of temptation and that only strength and determination can succeed.

### Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. Mission Study class met at the dormitory Wednesday evening, Feb. 3. A continuation of the study of the religion of China was the subject. Emily May lead. Interest in the study increases at each meeting and many new and interesting things are learned. About twenty-five girls were present.

"The Inventor" will be the Saturday matinee bill at the Fargo Opera House. Prices adults 25, children, 10 cents.

### Seniors Entertained.

The members of the Senior class were delightfully entertained at dinner Feb. 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Plath, 216, 9th St. N., the occasion being the birthday of their son Clarence, who is a member of the class of '09. The affair was novel on account of its being a complete surprise. The tables were beautifully decorated with red carnations and at six o'clock a sumptuous course dinner was served. After the spread all retired to the parlors where Mr. Lanxon, president of the class, with appropriate remarks, presented Mr. Plath with a beautiful watch fob as a token of remembrance from the class. A very pleasant evening was spent and all departed voting Mr. and Mrs. Plath royal entertainers.

A number of pleasing specialties will be introduced each evening between the acts, during the engagement of the Maxam and Sight's comedians at the Fargo Opera House this week. Prices, 50, 35, 25 cents. Gallery 10 cts.

### BIOLOGY NOTES.

Professor Bergeman is preparing a key to the grasses. He hopes to arrive at a system which will make it much easier to identify the species of this family of the plant world.

Six very fine laboratory tables have been added to those in the botanical laboratory. They were made according to Professor Bolley's approved design and cost about twelve dollars each.

A summary of the results of several hundred seed tests of various samples has been tabulated and will be used by Professor Bolley to convince the legislature that the proposed weed and seed bill should be passed.

Numerous clover and alfalfa samples are being received by the department for analysis and tests. It is possible in many cases to determine where the sample was grown by the kind of foreign weed seed that is present.

Professor Bolley has not yet returned from Alberta where he went to act as judge of the seed exhibit at the mid-winter fair.

Maxam and Sight's comedians play a weeks engagement at the Fargo Opera House commencing Monday, Feb. 8. The company plays at prices which ought to prove attractive, 50, 35, 25. Gallery 10 cents. An entire new play is presented each evening. Specialties between the acts which alone are worth more than the price of admission.

### CHEMISTRY NOTES.

Professor Remington is fast getting the upper hand with the catsups and is now preparing for the formaldehyde season which will soon open. Samples are already coming in and the drug stores throughout the state will soon be laying in their spring supply.

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Dr. Abbott was recently notified that the results of an extended research which he has made upon Phosphoric acid will appear in the next issue of the Journal of the American Chemical Society. The research is some what extended and is meritorious in all respects. A very interesting series of samples of the soil forming minerals is being prepared by Professor Ince for the soil laboratory.

The Maxam and Sight's comedians will present "The Devil" at the Fargo Opera House one night this week.

### INNOVATION IN METHODS OF INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH

Schedule Classes are Doing a Higher Grade of Work This Year.

Professor Minard reports that the schedule classes in English are progressing nicely and expresses surprise that the quality of work that these students are able to do is much higher than it has been in the past.

An attempt is made to make the work in these classes of as practical nature as possible and to carry this out use is being made of the bulletins of the College, the institute annual and some of the farm papers for reading and example in these classes. The primary purpose, of course, is instruction in English but it is also aimed to cultivate in the student a taste for an appreciation of this form of literature.

The class in English V., is carrying out the same plan though with a different purpose. Special attention is paid to the current periodicals and most of the class have subscribed for the Literary Digest. One day in the week is set aside for the reading, reporting, and discussion of the articles of this paper. The benefit to be



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Ice hauling was completed at the College last week. A goodly supply is now stored in the refrigerator of the dairy building.

See Clarence Wanwright that funny Comedian, with Maxam and Sight's Comedians at the Fargo Opera House this week.

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## Public Opinion.

### SHALL WE DO IT?

The question of intercollegiate debating discussed in the last number of the Spectrum seems worthy of the attention of the entire student body and while we have only made a beginning in this line it is by carrying on the work that any advance can be made. At the present time no effort in public speaking reaches farther than our own institution but the traditional college form—the oration. The debate is entirely ignored and the question has arisen. Is this as it should be?

At the institutions corresponding to ours in Montana and South Dakota, with whom, the article stated, it is possible to arrange a debate; conditions are not as with us. In the South Dakota State College the Oratorical Association was this year changed to the Board of Control of Oratory and Debate, thus indicating by the name the place given to the debate. They held an intersociety contest ten days before we held ours and that week the question for the debate with Yankton College was given out. The preliminary contest for representatives in this debate will be held next Saturday. The competition for places on the intersociety and intercollegiate contests seems to be remarkably keen and debating is on a firm ground. This is their method of carrying on debating and we ask why could not we, who made the same beginning have followed it up as they did. True, it was only our initial move and they, being an older college by nearly ten years, had their system worked out but shall we ever attain the best in this by merely waiting for it to come about? It

will not spring Athena-like fully developed, into existence but must be worked out from small beginnings.

The Montana A. C. has also a place for intercollegiate debating and it is not so old in years as we are, being founded in 1893. In numbers of college students neither of the above mentioned colleges are very much in advance of our own. Montana had last year one hundred sixtyfour students of college grade and the South Dakota A. C. one hundred seventy-nine. The preponderance of freshmen in both is even a more noticeable fact than with us. The class of '09 in the Montana A. C. numbered sixty-two in its freshman year and last year it had dwindled to nineteen; in South Dakota the senior class numbered twenty-nine and the freshman class seventy-two. We have in our collegiate department more than a hundred students, enough to make a beginning surely, and neither institution has made the gains that we have made in numbers in the past few years.

When other institutions of learning have no more favorable conditions than ours is it not time that we consider making a determined effort to do likewise? Subjects for debate usually deal with political questions and in our time, when farmers and artisans are taking an active part in the affairs of the commonwealth, the preparation for a more effective citizenship as given in an agricultural college ought to afford the broadening effect of closely studying the question of the day as a student must in getting arguments for an intercollegiate contest on a topic of public interest.

The excellence of debating as a form of public speaking is generally admitted, it is possible for us to carry on intercollegiate debating, the question is—Shall we do it? M. M. '09.

## MORE ON DEBATE.

Do we want other debates here at the college like the one we had before Christmas? Yes; most emphatically we do. Did it help only those that took part in the argument? No; we saw and felt more college spirit there that night than I have ever witnessed before at the college save at our large football and basket ball games. The time has come when our students can stand before an audience and more than hold the audience with their strong and convincing argument. Only a few years ago only the football players could hold and sway the emotions of the students in this way by the exhibition of wonderful strength and quickness of mind.

Are we going to stop with inter-society debating or are we going into intercollegiate debating? To what heights would college spirit fly if we could debate with other colleges and schools? It would tend to build up that friendly rivalry that all success depends upon, whether in business, farming, or public speaking. It would mean ten times the work, ten times the amount of good to the debaters, and ten times the college spirit we now have. It would mean work from every loyal student and support from every organization.

## PUBLIC OPINION.

An intercollegiate debate is one of the greatest factor in the maintainance of a high level of College spirit. For that reason if no other the suggested debate is a good thing—push it a long. H. J. H.

## TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The cultural uplift of the farming population is the problem which is more being brought to the attention of the educator, the philanthropist and the legislator. The appointment of the country life commission by President Roosevelt was an epoch making in this movement.

A movement educational in its nature is already on foot and promises to be far reaching in its effect. This is the establishment of library commissions by the various states, the purpose of which is to gather the best books into sets and send them out over the state for the benefit of such as desire them. Many states have already accomplished much in this line. Maryland has gone the farthest of any. In this state the libraries are on wheels, and the librarian drives about from house to house delivering the books at the very door of the farmer.

North Dakota has so far done no more than make a start in this movement, but it is the fond dream of the promoters of this movement that an increase of funds will be appropriated this year that a real start may be made.

## ARGUMENT FOR A DRAINAGE SERVICE

At the present time many of the states have many thousands of acres of land that are, in their present condition, worthless on account of an excess of water. There is scarcely a state in the union but what has land that would be more or less benefited by drainage. In all those localities there are those that are in favor and those that are not in favor of drainage.

Some few years back the government created the Reclamation

Service in connection with the Geological Survey. The government, through the Reclamation Service, installed irrigation systems on arid lands and the reclaimed land is sold to the people at so much an acre, according to the cost of installing the plant. The buyers are allowed ten years in which to pay for the land. The irrigated land usually costs from twenty to fifty dollars an acre. By this method the money that goes to build up a project begins to return to the treasury as soon as the land is sold, thus forming a perpetual fund. Except for the first outlay, when the service was originated, there is practically no expense to the government.

Up to the present time the government has made several surveys of swamps and other lands that could be benefited by drainage. From those surveys plans have been made for the drainage of the area concerned. The location of the drains, the cost of installing, etc., have been figured, but so far nothing has been done toward installing any of the systems.

Probably the largest project of this kind taken up so far is the survey of the ceded Indian lands in Northern Minnesota, which has just been completed. This area comprises nearly four thousand square miles. It took most of three seasons to complete the preliminary work and plans. In this territory there is land that would be more or less benefited and much that would be totally reclaimed by the installation of a drainage system. Besides draining the land the spoil banks would make roads that would be hard to duplicate. Much of this area is covered with timber and when a homesteader clears a patch of land he either leaves the timber to rot or else sets fire to it, as it is almost impossible to get it to a market. If a drainage system were installed, railroads would soon follow, and timber now wasted would become a source of income to the land holder. Through most of the country the roads are impassable for horses during the summer months, so it is easily seen that the roads formed by the spoil banks would be of great value.

The average cost of all the land reclaimed and benefited by drainage, in this area, will be about two dollars an acre. In no instance will the cost be over four dollars an acre. In other words the swamp lands of Northern Minnesota can be reclaimed at one-tenth the cost of the reclamation of the average arid land.

This is only one example of many that could be cited where swamp lands may be made habitable by drainage at a low cost. The increase in the value of the land alone will more than cover the expense of the drainage. Now if the government were to institute a drainage service similar to the Reclamation Service and run on the same plan, they could reclaim thousands of square miles of valuable land that is now worthless. Besides they would reclaim ten acres where they now reclaim one by irrigation with the same outlay.

Therefore, if congress were to create a service for the reclamation of swamp lands, they would make habitable much land now worthless, help thousands of people now living a hand to mouth existence to make homes for themselves, keep thousands of others from being discouraged, and stop the land from going into

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the hands of big land companies who want the land for speculation. Therefore would it not be wise for the government to institute a drainage service?

—Paul Funderhide.

Visitor in Zoology Lab. "Who is that noisy Prep?"  
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**PERSONAL**

Leo Nemzek was very busy all last week.

For a first class outlay of postal go to John Magill.

H. J. Hughes made a trip to the Shepperd farm Thursday.

Peter Nordby was indisposed the first part of last week.

Miss Cora Ramsden will speak at the Grand next Sunday evening.

Mr. Fitz is in Kansas City gathering wheat samples.

Charles Murphy is back at school once more.

Kent Darrow went on a "love jaunt" while he was on the basket ball trip.

The declaimers spent some strenuous afternoons with Professor Arvold last week.

Carl and Earl Yerrington chaperoned a sleigh riding party Thursday night.

Emma Bolmier of last year's teachers' course was a visitor at the Declamation contest Friday evening.

President Worst will give an address on "Lincoln" Feb. 12 at the state legislature.

New girl at Dormitory:— "Is Charles Clark the father of that Clark boy that plays basket ball?"

Mr. Christian Westergard, a former student, was among the attendants at the game Saturday evening.

Allan Clark was missed at the game last Saturday night. He went to Mayville it was said to referee a game up there and—

Professor Arvold is in demand as a lecturer these days. He delivered several addresses the past week. Upon Lincoln's birthday he will speak at Cavalier, N. Dak.

P. J. Olson enjoyed a visit with his aunt who was visiting in Fargo a week ago last Sunday.

William Lanxon judged the potatoes at the Barnes County Students' exhibition at Valley City last Tuesday.

Professor Randlett judged the corn exhibit at the students' exhibit at Valley City last Thursday.

Professor A. (in public speaking class) "Now Miss G., you have heard three of the young men speak, which of the three is your choice?"

Professor Waldron has several boxes of seeds started in the green house for early planting in the spring.

Five lively debates were given in the Freshmen English Class last week and some interesting times are reported.

Hauling up clams from the bottom of the Red River with a garden rake is becoming a regular passtime for Scott Stanbaugh of late.

Mr. Magill has some excellent views of the students at work in the engineering laboratories on exhibition in the Engineering Building.

Edwin Pearson, who is assisting in the machine shop, had the misfortune to have his eye injured by a piece of flying steel and has not been able to attend classes since.

Last Tuesday Percy Gusman

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was at Valley City interviewing Mr. Hilborn of the North West Nursery company. Mr. Gusman has accepted a position with this firm, his work to begin April 1st.

Chas Kreger, a prominent breeder of Hereford cattle at Watertown, South Dakota, visited Professor Richards Friday and looked of over livestock department of the college.

Mr. Mill Fairchild, who is lecturing under the auspices of the "Moral Education Board", will speak on "Ethics of Sport," at the College Chapel Feb. 22. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides.

Dean Shepperd and Dr. Van Es attended the annual meeting of the North Dakota Dairyman's Association which was held at Bismark last Friday. The dean addressed the meeting on "The dairy Department at the Agricultural College" while the subject of Dr. Van Es' address was "Tuberculosis and its Control."

**SENIORS' THESES.**  
Burke Critchfield, Clarence Plath, and Evan W. Hall who are the seniors in the agricultural course and who are specializing in animal husbandry are busy upon their theses  
Mr. Critchfield is determining the cost of maintaining breeding ewes during the winter. He is keeping record of all feed they consume and records of their weights. He will also make observations upon the condition of the lamb crop in the spring which will serve as a check as to whether the winter feed has been sufficiently liberal and of the proper kind.  
Mr. Plath is carrying on an experiment to determine the dif-

ference in feeding value between ground and unground barley for the fattening of swine. The results obtained in the experiments will be of considerable interest to the farmers of the state. The question is often raised whether it is profitable to grind barley for swine, considering the labor involved.

Mr Hall is investigating the possibility of the profitable production of high grade feeding cattle in western North Dakota. Conditions in that part of the state seem to indicate that it would be profitable to produce high grade feeders to supply the demand of the corn belt. The feasibility of the plan is what Mr Hall proposes to study into.

Miss Simmons delivered the Sunday evening lecture at the Grand Theater this week. Her subject was "Lincoln, The Grand, Great Man."

The public speaking class will give a Chautauqua program on Feb. 19th in Chapel. Watch the next Spectrum for particulars.

**A TOSSUP.**  
Last Wednesday was probably the best battalion parade of the season. Both of the companies were there with full squads and all were dressed in full uniform. The officers could not decide which was the most deserving and the result was that it was decided to toss up a quarter. Co. A. was lucky and holds the colors for the present.



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Samuel Hiedner entered the college this last fall as a freshman having completed the preparatory course at the college. The appointment to West Point, conditioned on the passing of the examinations, was received only a little over a month before the examinations were taken while ordinarily all candidates are given a year in which to prepare for the tests. This left but little time for study in special subjects and the fact that the examinations were passed is certainly not only a credit to Mr. Hiedner but also to the College.

Captain Hiedner in spite of the fact that he is a freshman holds the position of a commander of the first company of the College battalion. As an officer he is efficient and popular. He also belongs to the National guard having joined the local company a little over a year ago. Here he was promoted to corporal only a few months later. Mr. Hiedner in spite of the fact that his inclination naturally turned toward things military has a good record as a student and is a good all scholar as his passing the examination under such adverse circumstances would indicate.

The best of wishes for success are extended to our college mate who is soon to leave us but it is not without regret that we say "good bye." Mr. Hiedner expects to leave in a very few days.

### ANNUAL AG. CLUB ESSAY CONTEST

Attention is Called to Rules and Regulation Governing the Same.

Attention of all Agricultural students is called to the fourth annual essay contest of the Agricultural Club which occurs this year during the first week in March. This is a contest which has grown each year in popularity until now it is one of the leading events of the college during the winter term. Last year there were twenty contestants who competed for the six prizes offered. The list of prizes this year has not yet been completed but will be published in the next issue of The Spectrum. It is the plan of the club to make the contest this year surpass all previous records.

Following we append the rules of the contest for the benefit of those who wish to participate.

"The essay shall deal with some agricultural subject; it must consist of at least one thousand

words and shall not exceed fifteen hundred words and must be original.

"Only members of the Agricultural Club in good standing shall be allowed to enter the contest.

"No student who has won a prize in a previous contest shall be eligible to compete in future annual contest.

"The first prize shall consist of a silver cup on which an appropriate inscription shall be placed. The nature of the second prize shall be determined by the president and secretary of the club.

"There shall be at least six contestants for the above prizes.

"Those wishing to compete for prizes must hand in their names to the manager of the contest not later than February 20th.

"All essays must be in the hands of the manager not later than Feb. 28. The essays shall be typewritten and for copies of each essay shall be handed into the manager not later than the above date.

"No distinguishing mark by which the authorship of the paper may be inferred will be allowed to appear on the paper.

"The President and Vice-President and Secretary of the club shall constitute an executive committee who shall appoint the judges."

Every agricultural student should avail himself to write on this contest as the training received from an undertaking of this kind is invaluable.

For further particulars relative to the contest all interested should see Edwin Traynor who has been appointed manager of the contest. Hand in your name as soon as possible.

### CRIMSON WEARERS WIN IN ANNUAL DECLAM.

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ty" was the happy selection for Allan Clark, Philomathian, it being suited to the speaker as were none of the others. Mr. Clark's appearance upon the stage was faultless, his voice was full and clear, and his words fell with telling effect upon the arrested attention of the audience.

The story of Bethoven and the episode when he received the inspiration which produced the famous "Moonlight Sonata" by Annie O'Keefe was told quietly and by no means badly.

Edwin Traynor, Athenian, presented the tragic scene of a tragic childhood "The Polish Boy." Mr. Traynor's address was among the best and the tale of tyranny was told not without its effect on the audience.

The next two numbers aired the adventures of Peggy at College. Her conquest of the gruff but susceptible janitor, Peters was told by Miss Ruth Heath. "In Pursuit of Old English", another chapter of Peggy's life was told pleasingly by Miss Fern Dynes, Athenian.

"Cut off from the People" by Will, tSapleton, Philomathian was the last declamation of the evening and the tale of the terrible sentence of banishment from human society was well told.

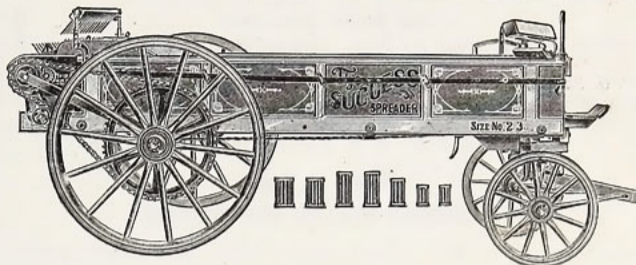
That the program was a success and was among the best of our annual declamation contests was the universal testimony of those present. The gold and silver medals of which President Worst is the donor go to the winners, Mr. Allan Clark and Miss Lottie Lockhart to be held until the next annual contest at which time if they are successful in winning the placing for a second time they will be held permanently.



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