

Ladd Back From The Capitol City

Three Busy Sessions in Washington for the Consumer's Champion.

Professor Ladd returned from Washington last Wednesday and reports a busy but successful sojourn in the Capital city.

While there he delivered a report on cereals before the meeting of the Agricultural Chemist's Association of which he is a member. At this meeting he was elected a member of the executive committee and also Referee on Cereals.

He next presided at a meeting of the Board of State and National Food and Dairy Departments of which he is Chairman. The purpose of this meeting was to formulate a model "Pure Food Law" for the various states. An outline was prepared and it is expected to be ready for publication this week. The drawing up of this bill was of great importance in the Pure Food Crusade in which Professor Ladd has been so instrumental in bringing about. Now that such a pure food law has been formulated many states will undoubtedly adopt it or harmonize theirs to agree with it in the near future.

Before Secretary.

Professor Ladd also appeared in a hearing on the bleached flour case before the Secretary of Agriculture and the food and drug inspection board. The hearing lasted five days and all of the important evidence on the local flour trial was gone over. More than sixty Millers and experts, with attorneys appeared in support of the milling interests, while but nine testified against them. The millers made every effort to obtain the privilege of bleaching flour unhindered, but Professor Ladd does not believe that they were able to present a strong enough case to give them the decision.

The Secretary will probably announce his decision some time this week. Professor Ladd is quite confident that it will sound the death knell to the bleaching practice.

This hearing concluded Professor Ladd's business in the Capital City, and while he was delayed several days longer than was anticipated, he arrived in time to partake of the Thanksgiving turkey at his family board.

VACANCY IN CHEM. DEPARTMENT FILLED

During his recent trip in the East Professor Ladd offered the position of assistant of Organic and Industrial Chemistry left vacant by the decease of Professor Heman A. Wood to Dr. George A. Abbott. Dr. Abbott holds the degree doctor of Philosophy from the famous Massachusetts Institute of Technology and comes highly recommended and with considerable experience in Educational work. Dr. Abbott received his Bachelor degree from the Depauw University. He will be here and ready to take up his duties by the beginning of next term.

Dry Farming.

The D. and B. Johnson Land Co., of St. Paul has sent Professor Willard a sample of soil from the two half sections in the vicinity of Marion, North Dakota. They wish him to pass judgment upon whether or not the sample would be suitable for experiments with the Cambell's system of dry farming is of importance to North Dakota and must some day be worked out in the Cambell system or some other system.

FILTRATION PROBLEM OF INTEREST TO BE DISCUSSED WED.

Wednesday evening Professor Slocum will address the Polytechnic Society on "Some Engineering Problems in Connection with Water Filtration." The lecture will be illustrated by a number of diagrams and charts and will deal particularly with the problems which would be involved in installing a filter plant in the city of Fargo. This should make it of special interest to the people of Fargo. Students are invited to attend these sessions of the Society. A few of those who have been in regular attendance at these lectures will as a man testify of the value of these lectures. They are upon practical subjects by men who are thoroughly acquainted with the work, which greatly enhances their value.

Hoverstad Back From Washington

Tells of Doings of the Institute Workers—Worst Heads New Association.

Supt. T. A. Hoverstad returned Tuesday morning from Washington, where he had been attending the meetings of the Farmers' Institute Workers Association. He reports the meeting to have been an exceedingly interesting one. The attendance was the largest in the history of the society, and the program was well planned and every person on the program was present and delivered his paper. Besides the discussing of institute work in general, the main subject was the consideration of the relation of the farmers' institute to other educational associations.

A feature of the convention was an address by Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture. The commission appointed by President Roosevelt to consider country life in America were there and listened to the suggestion of the institute workers.

While at Washington the institute men of the northwestern states organized a Northwestern Farmers' Institute Workers' association, of which President Worst was made president. The object of the organization is to bring the institute corps of the northwestern states together once a year that they may discuss the work, and thus be able to conduct a farmers' institute in a more effective manner.

ATHLETICS!!!

This afternoon at 4:30 in the Armory will be held a meeting of the Athletic Association for the consideration of important business. Every member of the association and all those interested in athletics should be present. It will be a good time to pay your dues. Haskins will be there with the money bag.

Willard at Stutsman.

Professor Willard returned last Sunday from a trip to Stutsman county, where he was looking up a prospective coal mine. H. N. Tucker, a prominent business man of that region, had found a coal mine and he wished expert opinion as to whether its operation would pay.

Oregon debaters have formed a debating squad, secured a coach and are going after debate in much the same manner as is done in football.

William J. Bryan Jr., of the University of Nebraska is candidate for the presidency of the freshmen class. It is said that he is depending upon the coed vote to pull him through.

Agric. Colleges and Their Purpose

Are Coming to Be Looked Upon as the Champion of the Man of Toil.

The "Farm Press," an excellent agricultural paper of Chicago, contains in its November issue an article that should be of great interest to the students of agriculture and especially of this institution, as it is written by our Professor of Education.

Professor Weeks outlines the history and the general purposes of the agricultural college as outlined in the Morrill act, and tells of its special mission of research, instruction of students, and dissemination of knowledge to the working people.

The agricultural college is coming to be looked upon as a champion of the man of toil and it is therefore looked to for the solution of the problems of country life. The agricultural colleges must teach not only how to produce more, but how to dispose of the produce with profit. Therefore, a subject like the distribution of wealth, economics, civics, and public questions rightly belong to the curriculum of study.

The subject of the study of the consumption of wealth leads to a study of home sanitation, ways of living, arts and all intellectual interests. Right here the agricultural college has an important mission for it will raise the standard of living among all classes.

In short, the agricultural college is to raise the standard of country life so it no more can be said that the country is the market for inferior fabrics and seconds.

Soil Museum.

The Geological Department has installed a valuable collection of soils into its museum. There are in all two hundred samples taken from one hundred different localities in North Dakota. At each locality the samples that are taken are of the surface soil, the first eighteen inches, the sub-soil from eighty to thirty inches. Each jar containing the sample has a label indicating the soil area, name of the soil, depth at which it was taken, and the particular section of land from which it was taken. Each sample has been carefully analyzed and the data is available in the reports of the Agricultural College Survey. Professor Willard is also gathering a collection of North Dakota minerals.

Prof. "skeeterscoot" is very useful to disperse certain insects that often inhabit the community of hotels.

Staples—"Say, where could I get some of that stuff?"

Bennie B.—"Who brought them there, Staples, you or I?"

Oregon and Washington Universities complement each other very highly upon the gentlemanly conduct of football players and rooters of their respective institutions at the Oregon-Washington game.

Before the big California-Stanford game a monster smoke rally was held in the California Gymnasium. On this occasion a certain party donated 750 corn cob pipes and a tobacco company furnished fifteen pounds of tobacco.

A Senior medical student at Michigan recently kissed one of the nurses in the general hospital. She lost her position as the result and he has been expelled from the University. The students are objecting to these measures and a petition is being circulated to have the man reinstated.

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A number of our readers may be interested to know that Katherine McMurchy formerly of Harwood

has entered the Washington State College as a Junior in the Latin Course.

The Sophomores of the Missouri College of Agriculture recently arranged a dance for the Freshmen. They collected sixty-five cents from the new men and provided them with companions, but the barn was not open on the night of the dance. Twelve couples assembled outside the locked door, heard some supposed giggling from the adjacent shrubbery and wended their homeward way.

A calvary troop may be added to the Iowa Cadet regiment.

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Changes.

This week you will notice many changes in the Spectrum staff. The number of reporters has been increased from five to ten, and Mr. Gifford has assured direct charge of the entire business of news gathering. These changes have been under consideration for some time the idea foremost in mind being, to throw as far as possible all of the news gathering upon the reporters that the editors may devote more of their time to the editing of the copy. Further, the larger the staff the more thoroughly will the College be canvassed for news.

Plans Ahead.

The furnishing of the news, and all of the news is the primary object of a news paper. A secondary object of a college news paper is the opportunity it offers for training in practical journalistic composition. There is plenty of work to do on the Spectrum for fifteen. If every one did an equal amount then he would be doing as much as would be required in many courses in journalism or composition.

As far as possible everything that goes into the Spectrum is the work of student hands. We have upon our exchange list a large number of college papers. Many of you do not have time to read them all. We will endeavor to select from them subjects of general interest and present them to you in condensed form. But our main object will be to inform our readers of everything that is "doing" at the N. D. A. C.

An Opportunity Ungrasped.

Our attention has been called to the meetings of the Polytechnic Society. This society has for its active membership men engaged in active scientific work at the A. C. and within the cities of Fargo and Moorhead. Open sessions of this society are held every other Wednesday evening for the purpose of the reading of scientific papers upon new and interesting topics of varied nature. The value to the student of any branch

of science can not be overrated. In this day no specialist can become proficient in more than one line but this only gives more force to the fact that every one should avail himself of every opportunity to inform himself in a general way of the advancement in other lines than his own. The student of science, particularly, should cultivate the habit of being alive to the most recent discoveries, and advancements.

The student attendance at the meetings of this organization has shown a steady increase. This is an indication of what those who attend the meeting of the society think about it. Take an hour off Wednesday evening and listen to Professor Slocums lecture.

Worth While (?)

Who has said, skating rink? The Engineers have demonstrated that one is possible but it yet remains to make the College authorities see that it is worth while the expense before it can be actually realized. The expense, the Engineers say would be little. If it could be put into operation it would mean that the students would have upon the campus the facilities for that out door exercise that the College student needs after hours in the class room and laboratory. Our gymnasium is inadequate to accommodate all students at indoor athletics although without any incouragement from any of the faculty or any organization whatever outside of the Military Department about twenty per cent of our students find time to get in our gymnasium once or twice a week. Consider then! Is a skating rink worth while. The old fogey may try to pass the off on the score that the rink would not be patronized. Wake up! Try it and see. It's worth while. Students get down and boost, for those that help themselves will be helped.

Debate Once More.

We are soon to witness a forensic clash of the two literary societies of the College. The revival of the annual intersociety debate is a step in the right direction. One thing that we must do before entering into intercollegiate debates is to build up a strong debating system within the College. The intersociety debate will go a long way to do this and much depends upon the success of the first affair. Everybody interested in this most practical and most usable form of public speech should get to work and try to stimulate interest in the event.

Where and What?

Without wishing to antagonize or criticize the athletic authorities we would like to repeat the query that has come to our ears, "Why is it possible for the students of the College to find but two hours any day in the week when the gymnasium is available to the students. The hours between 4:30 and 5:30 are divided up between the all College teams. The hour from 6:45 to 7:45 in the evening between a half a dozen department teams. Surely something is wrong with our curriculum that can be fixed.

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Once more has come that long period of the year when it is very easy to shut ourselves up indoors and stay there. Remember that fresh air and exercise are necessary for health. Hake long walks and make use of the gymnasium and your efficiency in the class room will be kept at its maximum.

The increase in the Spectrum staff offers no criticism of the staff assistants. Almost without exception they have known the loyal interest in the work on the paper that is essential to its success.

JOYOUS WINTER.

Snow covers our College Campus green once more, and once more the sky is overcast with those gray clouds peculiar to the northern winter. Students are more prompt at their classes now, probably in a measure because of the proximity of the term end exams but also because of the cold chill that the wind has acquired as it has blown over

the wintry wastes of the north-land. All of this goes to tell us that winter is really at hand. To the unfortunate, and we hope that they are few in our midst, this means long months of suffering, a struggle for existance until the quickening breath of spring comes again. But to most North Dakotans it is the festive season. It is the time when the farmer recuperates from the strenuous work of the summer and indulges in those social activities in which the normal man delights. When the dweller of the city finds in the long evening leisure for many a social gathering when our Colleges are crowded with students, busy of course, though not always with their regular work, and many an hour is stolen for pleasure.

Thanksgiving, just past, marks the opening of this period. Christmas is coming and is not so very far away even now. Christmas marks the height of the years festivities. It is the home coming time when the family board be-

comes normal once more. Students leave the College gaieties and carry their cheerfulness to their home communities where it mingles with the fresh vigor of the country instills new life into it. Then comes the New Year, and January, when the mercury freezes, February, colder yet, but the shortest month in the year, and then March with its promise of the spring. This is the North Dakota winter and it isn't such a bad time either.

"Shylock was a bald-headed Jew," said Willie.
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PERSONAL

Miss McCarty entertained informally Wednesday evening, Nov. 25, a few of her friends at a chafing-dish party.

Helen Stowers spent the Thanksgiving recess at Wheatland, N. D. She returned Sunday evening.

Inez Herron was the guest of Grace Shelton at her home in Mayville, N. D., during the Thanksgiving vacation. They returned Sunday evening.

President Worst was the speaker at the Grand last Sunday evening. His lecture was upon "Efficient vs. Sham Patriotism;" his theme was the conservation of our national resources.

From Texas we hear from Rex E. Willard, '08. He says it is very farm at Brownsville. On the occasion of his writing it was about eighty-five in the shade.

Urban Ebner enjoyed a visit from his brother during the holidays.

Leslie Haskins was visiting Cousin Bert during vacation.

Mr. G. W. Tibert returned Sunday with Trustees Hartmann and Radford from an extended tour upon which they visited the Minnesota A. C., the Wisconsin University, and Ames, with the view of gathering information in regard to the establishment of the proposed department of dairying at the A. C.

Among Themselves.
 Last Thursday evening at the Dormitory was held a very sociable evening. The girls danced and played cards among themselves all the evening. The masculine was the only missing element.

Science Will Have a Team.
 The faculty men of Science Hall have gotten together and organized a nine for indoor baseball. They expect to meet and defeat any like organization in the College.

Before Men's Club.
 The Men's Club of the Presbyterian church had their regular monthly meeting tonight. Professor Willard will deliver the principal address and the College Glee Club will sing.

Somethin' Doin'.
 Something big in the social way is promised for the twelfth, but whether it will be the "mechanical hop" that we announced last week or a big football dance and "hurrah," we are unable to say.

From the large number of absentees it would seem that a large number of the students began vacation ahead of time last Wednesday.

There was activity in the Y. M. C. A. last Wednesday. Some of the amateur carpenters built a splendid window seat.

Don't nail your friends to the wall; get some netting at the bookstore.

About ninety-three copies of the 1908 Agassiz have been distributed among the high school libraries of the state.

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A novelty in the athletic line worthy of the fertile brain of an A. C. professor has been conceived. A turkey has been obtained as a prize for the winner of the one hundred yard dash to take place at noon in front of the Administration Building some time this month. The holder of the second place will be presented with a superb specimen of the domesticated fowl.

Reversing the usual custom in regard to the giving of prizes the holder of third place will receive as a reward for his self sacrifice and generosity a prize of inestimable value. Earnest labor has been expended in securing the suitable trophy.

While the date for this great athletic event has not been definitely settled it will undoubtedly take place on the fifteenth or eighteenth of December.

Four hundred Scandinavians at the Washington University demand that their language be taught in the University.

Flour Bulletin Being Distributed

Detail of Work on Qualities of N. D. Wheats and Commercial Tests.

Professor Ladd's bulletin No. 82, which deals with milling and baking tests of the different wheats and tests of the flours sold in North Dakota is now completed and ready for distribution. The work which is reported in this bulletin was undertaken in accordance with the provisions contemplated under the "Adam's Act" and as approved by the Office of Experiment Stations at Washington. Provisions were made by the State Legislature for the necessary equipment for the Chemical Department to make chemical, milling, and baking tests of the various wheats of the state.

In this work the relative milling and bread making qualities of Fife and Blue Stem wheat have been compared with the Durum wheats. In these tests it is shown that the durum wheat gave a larger per cent of flour than the fife and blue stem and the average weight per bushel for clean wheat was greater, yet the amount of high grade flours were in favor of the fife and blue stem. It requires slightly less durum wheat to produce a barrel of flour than of fife or blue stem. The per cent of bran is less in durum than in fife or blue stem but the proportion of shorts is higher. These tests were made upon fifteen different samples of each of the three kinds of wheat mentioned and the wheat was obtained from the various parts of the state.

Comparisons are also made between the commercial flours and the flours milled at the College, and it is shown that it requires a greater amount of the commercial flour to produce a dough of a given consistency and that they made a less number of loaves of bread per barrel than any flour produced at the College, including the first patent and clears.

FIRST WEEK OF THE INSTITUTE SCHEDULE

Supt. T. A. Hoverstad of the Farmers' Institute Corps announces the schedule for the first week of the fall institutes as follows:

- Sanborn Dec. 7.
- Beach Dec. 9.
- Dickinson Dec. 10 and 11.
- Washburn Dec. 12.

Professor Thomas Shaw will this year be one of the leading speakers on the Farmers' Institute platform.

PHILOS ACCEPT THE DEBATE CHALLENGE

Below is a copy of the formal acceptance of the debate challenge of the Athenian Society:

"The challenge published in the last number of The Spectrum by the Athenian Society, asking the Philomathian to meet them in debate, is hereby accepted in behalf of the Philomathian Literary Society.

"Agnes Halland, Pres."

PRESIDENT WORST RETURNED FRIDAY

President Worst returned from his sojourn in the East Friday morning. He reports a busy, but enjoyable visit at Boston, Washington, and other points which he visited. A detailed account of his trip will be given in next week's issue.

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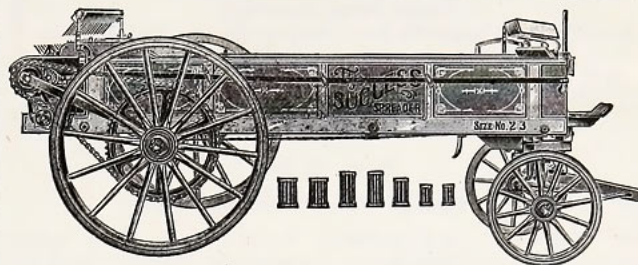
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The "Glee Club" made quite a hit at their first appearance, if the hearty applause counts for anything. Very few students have as yet had the opportunity of hearing them, and their neat appearance will be awaited with interest.

A male quartet from the College will sing tonight at the entertainment at the Broadway M. E. church.

The Minnesota Daily celebrated the victory over Carlisle by coming out printed in red ink. When something exciting happens at the A. C. the Spectrum is going to get some yellow paper and green ink and come out in gala colors, too.

The Daily News states that every member of the Fargo College football team will be back next year. We are glad of that. We want to show that same team a defeat, and this will give us an opportunity.