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## Thanksgiving Proclamation

By the Governor.

It is a beautiful custom to set apart, each year, a day for Thanksgiving, in which to contemplate the many evidences of divine favor, and render grateful acknowledgements for the blessings vouchsafed to us. The President of the United States, in recognition of this custom, has designated Thursday, November Twenty-Sixth, as a day of General Thanksgiving and Prayer throughout the Nation.

It is especially fitting that this young state should join in this Festival of Thanksgiving. Our people have prospered wonderfully in material things. The earth has given generously of its store. The opportunities for industry and thrift are unsurpassed. There is present a just appreciation of the great responsibilities of citizenship, a high tone of public morality and probity, and a wholesome respect for the majesty of the law; therefore,

In accordance with the proclamation of the President, and in keeping with the spirit of the season.

I, John Burke, Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby proclaim

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER TWENTY-SIXTH.**

as Thanksgiving Day in this state; and I earnestly recommend that it be a day of thanksgiving in spirit as well as in name. Let it be a day of Home Coming for all North Dakotans. Let those who are separated come to gether, and in home and church render thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings with which we have been so graciously favored.

Let it be a season of kindness and good works: of benevolence and broad charity; season of reconciliation and forgiveness and mutual helpfulness, that we may go hence with greater strength and courage to do our work well.

(Done at the Capitol, in the City of Bismarek, the eighteenth day of November, A. D. nineteen hundred and eight.

**JOHN BURKE, Governor.**

By the Governor:

**ALFRED BLAISDELL,**  
Secretary of State.

## Good Showing Made By A. C. Students

Advantage Held by Minnesota—  
But A. C. Men Show Better  
Training

The students who took part in the Stock Judging contest in St. Paul returned Saturday morning and report a very strenuous but pleasant trip. Leaving here late Sunday night of last week, they spent the day at the farm of N. P. Clark, an extensive breeder of pure bred stock.

That night they proceeded to St. Paul where they took part in the students' judging contest the next day. The rings were very mixed, making it difficult to judge. The Minnesota boys, it seems, had made very elaborate preparations to win every prize, for it came out during the contest that in violation of the rules they had gone over every animal before the contest opened. This, of course, gave them an unfair advantage but still our boys showed up well.

Credit must be given to our men for excellent manner in which they handled the animals, outclassing the Minnesota men in this respect and showing that the coaching of Professor Richards was superior to theirs.

John Dinwoodie won fourth place and Critchfield, Plath, and Berthenson were awarded fifth, sixth, and seventh places respectively. It is reported Minnesota's principal emotion was not pride over what they had won but chiding that under the circumstances they did not win every-

Part of the day following the contest was spent at the Minnesota University and on Friday they visited a number of prominent breeders in the vicinity of St. Paul. Friday night all but Critchfield and

Plath took the train for Fargo, arriving here the next morning.

Messrs Critchfield and Plath will visit at the home of Professor Richards in Wisconsin during Thanksgiving and attend the International Live Stock Show in Chicago the following week.

The following is a statement from Professor Richards who was with the A. C. boys at the contest:

"The A. C. men were competing against some very strong men from the Minnesota Agricultural College; men they have been coaching and holding in reserve for several years to make up a team to, compete at the International Live Stock Show at Chicago this year. One of them, I understand, has been at the College since 1901.

### The Exhibit

"Our exhibit at the show attracted much attention, every North Dakota visitor expressed his approval of the showing we made and the management of the show was pleased with our exhibit. We only had entries in two cattle classes. The class for best pure bred, fat calf steer or heifer, and for best pure bred yearling steer or heifer. In the first class we had four entries and we won 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th places. In the other class we had two entries and won 2nd and 3rd places.

"The sheep won 1st in the class of grade fat lambs; 2nd in class of pure bred fat yearlings, and 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the class of pure bred fat lambs.

"The boys seemed not only to be having a good time but getting a great deal out of the trip. I would prefer to have them express themselves of the trip as to its value to them."

### Rating of Prize Winners.

(Possible 800 points)

1. Hohle, O. A., 709, Minn.: \$25.
2. Bush, H. M., 688, Minn.: \$20.
3. West, R. L., 664, Minn.: \$15.

## Intercollege Sport To Be A Feature

Promises Are Rife of Something  
Doing in Basket Ball  
This Winter.

The Armory will be in use both early and late this winter if the early promises keep up. The last week has seen a scramble of the various departments for the evening hours during which their various teams could practice basket ball. Owing to the president's absence no satisfactory adjustment could be made because of the order against student meetings at the College after 8 o'clock.

According to the way matters stand now the Agges have the hours from 6:30 to 7:45 upon Monday and Wednesday nights; the Pharmacists Tuesday and Friday at the same hour, and the Engineers Thursday with the promise of a later hour on one of the other evenings during the week.

For some reason the Preps did not ask for an evening hour probably because their mamas would not allow them to come out any way. They will practice upon Wednesday from 1:30 to 2:30 and Saturdays at 9 a. m.

The faculty being supposedly immune to the harmful effects of late hours, have decided to take two of the evening hours after 8 o'clock in which to limber up their muscles at indoor base ball.

### Regulars.

Some of the candidates for the regular men's All-College team have been seen at desultory practice during the week but regular work has not yet begun. The girls, however, were hard at work during two days in the week, being determined upon having a winning team this year. Misses Hiedner, Doleshy, McKee and Magill of last year's regulars are among the girls that have reported and are defending their places upon the team.

### Engineers.

The Engineers had their first practice last Thursday night. There was a slight misunderstanding as to the dates, so both the Engineers and the Aggies appeared for practice. Their claims being about equal they took turns using the floor.

The Engineers showed up well at the first practice and as several more good men are expected out it is thought that they will have a fast team. Efforts are being made to secure Nemzek as coach.

### Chemists Next.

The Chemists are the last to get into the game, and an order was issued for all Chemists to meet yesterday. They are confident that they can produce a team that will beat them all.

### PREXY TO LECTURE SUNDAY EVENING.

President Worst will speak at 8:00 o'clock Sunday evening at the Grand Theater upon the "Subject True and Sham Patriotism."

4. Dinwoodie, J., 655, N. D. A. C.; \$12.
5. Plath, C., 646, N. D. A. C.; \$10.
6. Donovan, R. L., 607, Minn.; \$8.
7. Berthenson, H. A., 606, N. D. A. C.; \$6.
8. Critchfield, B., 601, N. D. A. C.; \$4.

## THANKSGIVING

(John Magill)

Let's all unite and feast, my dears,  
On portly birds a 'plenty,  
And trust that none may have  
their fears

Of boards set stint or scanty:  
But every house wife in the land  
And all the children,—pray  
May find their turkeys close at  
hand  
This Blessed Thanksgiving Day.

No time is this for gross conceit  
Or Vanity to rule—  
Let Charity with love replete  
Pervade our farmer school  
So each one of our student lads  
And student lasses too  
May brighten up some life that's  
sad  
Or heaven make more blue.

Think not of sorrows past and  
gone  
Nor clouds as yet unseen,  
But do your best,—yes every one  
To keep love's meadows green.  
For tho in luxury you live  
And riches gird you round  
You're poor indeed—have naught  
to give  
If yours is barren ground.

Let's offer thanks to Providence  
For Blessings out of number,—  
We've life and grace, and health  
and sense—

Let's think of those who slumber,  
And as the Pilgrims long ago  
Knelt thankfully to pray  
On bended knee we worship so  
For next Thanksgiving Day.

## Southeastern E. A. Adjourns Saturday

Two Hundred Educators Attend  
Semi-Annual Convention—T.  
Hilyer, Prex.

The third Semi-Annual Session of the South Eastern Educational Association adjourned in the College Chapel last Saturday afternoon after a very successful two day session at the College, during which time 200 educators of the southeastern portion of the state considered many matters of interest to the profession. The counties represented in the association are Cass, Barnes, Trail and Richland.

The convention was called to order by Professor Willard as president of the association, at 10 o'clock Friday at which time he delivered the address of welcome. The other features of this session were the presentation of two papers, one by Supt. Heeter upon "Arithmetic in the Grades," and the other by Dr. Hughe S. Buffum upon the "Efficient Teacher."

The papers of the afternoon session were "The Physiology of the Course of Study," by R. M. Black; a second address upon "Arithmetic of the Grades," by Supt. Heeter; "Movement of Industrial Training in the Schools," by Professor Arland D. Weeks; and "Essentials in Domestic Economy," by Miss Margaret McCarty.

The morning session Saturday was opened by the College Glee Club and was followed by Professor Willard's address upon the "Topography of the South Eastern Educational District." "The Practical in Modern Education" was the title of a paper by Prof. C. D. Clippell of the State Science School, and the final paper of the series by Superintendent Heeter

## Amidon Submits A Labor Question

The Issuing of Injunctions in Labor Disputes Is to be  
Thrashed Out.

Arrangements have been completed for the debate between the two literary societies, and Dec. 15 has been chosen as the date for the contest. The question which has been agreed upon by the two societies for debate, is, "Resolved, That the power of the courts in the United States to issue injunctions in labor disputes has been productive of more harm than good." This question was submitted by Judge Amidon and will doubtless prove a very good subject for debate. The members of the two societies are manifesting considerable interest in the affair, and are doing their best to make it worthy of the name "debate."

The teams have been chosen to represent the two societies and are as follows: Messrs. Traynor, Magill, and Lanxon will represent the Athenians and Miss Rose and Messrs. Moore and Nemzek will represent the Philos.

### The Banner.

The banner which is to go to the winning society is a large silk twenty-four by forty inches and is made with a green background with gold lettering. This trophy will certainly be a valuable addition to the room of the society that has the honor of winning the debate. It will be on exhibition in the main hall of the Administration Building the first of next week.

## ENGINEERS GET DECEMBER DATE

The Engineers were the early birds this time. At a meeting of the entertainment committee last week applications of societies for the December dance were considered. The Lyceum of Engineers were granted the date and are now busy planning to make the occasion the biggest of the year, and there is little doubt that with the inventive genius of some of their number that they will not succeed in making the "mechanical hop" distinctive of the College year. The evening has not yet been decided upon, but will probably be upon the 12th.

### To Get Sweaters.

At a meeting of the management and the football men last Thursday it was decided that the custom of granting sweaters to the first team would be perpetuated this year. There was some hitch over the lack of funds but this it was thought could be eliminated. A football dance was also planned to be given after vacation.

upon the "Arithmetic of Grades" closed the morning session.

The important business of the association was the election of officers. President T. A. Hilyer, of the Mayville Normal, was elected president; President Burch, of the State Science School, vice president; Miss G. Turner of the Valley City Public Schools, secretary; and Supt. Suvian of the Casselton public schools, treasurer.

The afternoon was spent in looking over the campus and seeing the town.

## CAMP LIFE IN THE WEST

Mark Keeney '10

Our camp was situated up the mountain slope overlooking St. Riggs, Mont. There was the shelter tent and the board shanty which was the chief's office and cook tent. There were seven in the party, the chief engineer, we four men, and the Jap cook. Later there came the Kid from Minneapolis, but he didn't stay long. Although our chief was not a college man he was a good fellow with years of experience behind him. The men of the party were from Minneapolis, Missoula and New York, and they proved to be good companions. The Jap cook, a yellow faced, slant eyed coolie with a queue twined around his neck, was master of the pots and pans in the cook tent, and a complete master he proved to be. It was well for us that he was a master cook, for the hard work and the fresh mountain air sent us to the mess table with keen appetites.

Our work consisted of straightening the Northern Pacific railway line from Paradise, Mont., to St. Riggs, Mont. The work was strenuous and regular and tended to build up muscle and brawn and sent us home on the trail at night tired and ready for the spruce boughs which we piled high for our beds. We were aroused at 5 each morning by the cook banging his spoon and pan. After a dip in the icy spring water we sat down to a breakfast of hot cakes and coffee. Sometimes when some of the party had been up the fork fishing we would feast on trout, and mountain trout are quite enough to break the vows of a vegetarian. We usually heard the 6 o'clock whistle of the St. Riggs mills as we packed off up the trail with instruments slung over our shoulders. And thus it was every week day for the five months that we were at work. We spent our Sundays building fresh spruce beds, patching our corduroys and flannel shirts, writing letters, and trout fishing.

One Sunday night we had a huge bon fire. Around a stump which stood in the center of camp we piled up the fuel and when the moon had risen behind the pines on the mountain top we lit the fire and curled up in our blankets to watch. For an hour the fire blazed away brilliantly, lighting up the slope, then the flames died down and the glowing coals blinked and went out. We were all nearly asleep when there came a rush of feet, a cry from the Jap, and a banging of pans. Then across the space there came, with push and scuffling, a flock of wild mountain sheep. Straight over the dying coals and away into the darkness they ran pursued by the yelling Jap and our waving blankets. The next day our court was mashed and trampled and a carefully heaped wood pile was scattered every way. We went to work leaving the Jap scolding about the "awful sheeps."

The sheep were the only transgressors of our peace for we saw few strangers and a new face was always welcome. The New York man had a sister who wrote that she had a friend who was fresh from Vassar and thought seriously of making a visit with her to her brother's camp. The fellow was quite crazy at the thought of having two girls to entertain, but fortunately he thought of a scheme. The next letter which he received from her he read to us and it began and ended with these words: "Roy, dear, be careful and not put yourself in the way of those dreadful Indians. Are they on the war path the entire summer? Mother is so worried." And a postscript added: "We have decided not to go out there."

There was a young chap came

out from St. Paul who spent two weeks with us, and then was passed up the line. He couldn't be fired for his father was one of the "big bugs" of the company, so he was handed along from camp to camp. He had evidently been brought up to think himself "ma-ma's darling boy," but we made a good start at educating him out of the notion. On his first arrival he was so injudicious as to make the remark that he had not been hired to scrub floors, so then followed a long day for him, for scrub floors he must, likewise wash dishes, carry water and chop wood. One morning as we were starting out one of the fellows stopped for a few minutes beside a little creek that ran by the camp and as he stood there he made the remark that he wished he had time to gather the gold that sparkled in the creek bed. The kid stood nearby and I saw him look down into the water, and then get down onto his hands and knees and look closer. The rest of us went on and he soon caught up with us. That night after eating supper we all crawled under our blankets and soon the moon looked down on a quiet camp, for we were all dead tired. It must have been about midnight, for the moon was over the zenith, that I awoke and heard a foot step outside. I hated "like to thunder" to roll out, but I did and stood in the door of the shelter tent and gazed around. No one was there. Then I heard a splash. Thinking the camp visitor must be down by the creek, I went across the court and around the corner of the office. And there on his hands and knees was the kid. I knew him for the silk pajamas showed up in the moonlight, and I remembered that he was the only one that was so "sporty." For a minute I thought he must be a sleep walker. Then I saw a pan beside him and heard the ring of the handfuls of stones which he threw into it. I nearly exploded with joy when it dawned on me that the young innocent was after gold. Back to the tent I went and soon the young gold seeker was surrounded by four gleeful engineers, and out of the cook tent a queue adorned head that enquired, "Who makes the much noise?" I think walking papers was a welcome certificate to the 15-year-old youth.

One night we found ourselves too far up the line to return to camp so we decided to bunk in a coolie near by. One of the satisfactions of working in the mountains is the clear water which is always near at hand. That night we rolled up in our blankets and were lulled to sleep by the singing pines over head and the rush of the mountain stream which ran through the coolie. It was nearly morning that we were suddenly startled up with sleep-lazed faces and in one voice exclaimed: "What's that?" Away off around the bend in the coolie there came again the crash of falling timbers and metal. Then one of us yelled, "It's the dam, fellows," and, looking down we saw the white crest of the waters leaping down the cut. Up the steep banks we scrambled, catching hold of branches and bushes to pull ourselves up. And at last we paused breathless in our flight to look back. The shallow creek was deep engulfed in foam, dashing water and flying timbers could be seen everywhere. And I caught a glimpse of one of our blankets, one of the gray striped ones, waving on the top of a big square timber. Then we heard a gay voice from above crying, "Goodmorning, fellows, have you used Pear's soap?" We looked up and there on top of the cliff in the bending bough of a lone spruce was

the Minneapolis man. He hadn't stopped on the halfway path, but had risen completely to the top. Fortunately we had remembered the instruments so we were only minus the blankets.

Aug. 18 in the early morning I was called out by the Jap's pan and spoon for the last time. I said goodbye to the fellows and watched them swing off up the trail, then shook hands with the Jap, and made off down the slope just in time to swing aboard the east bound flyer for my home on the prairies.

### THE JUNIOR "PREP." (Clarence Waldron.)

Junior Preps are very curious animals, considered by eminent naturalists as forming the connecting link between apes and hyenas. They were formerly quite rare but are rapidly increasing in number. In size they range between three and six feet, and in age from twelve to twenty years. The young specimens are extremely noisy little creatures, and so wild that Professor Hallano is the only one that has been able to control them. About fifty per cent of them are very dirty and unkempt, while the rest are only moderately so. This peculiarity is believed to make the difference between the city bred and the country bred animals. They are extremely voracious eaters and consume vast amounts of candy and apples in class. The cap is a receptacle for most of their belongings, as would be indicated by the recent discovery of one which contained a stand-up collar, one pair of white gloves, two apples, and a large real handkerchief. The collar and gloves are believed to be present in all the caps but this point has not yet been satisfactorily determined. On the whole the Junior Prep is a very interesting species and further research would be valuable indeed.

(Note:—Since the above has been published a pamphlet has been received which states that the Freshman "evolved" from the Junior Prep is a very interesting species and has been rejected with the scorn which it merits.)

### What I Know About Football. B. H. Barrett.

Foot ball is a very exciting and vigorous game that stimulates the growth of young men both physically and mentally. The chief object in this game is to see who can be maimed the greater number of times without being killed.

At first the players line up in two ranks with their heads down, as you often see tired horses stand. After they have stood in this position long enough, one of the players throws the ball to some one behind him and then they all fall on top of each other in a pile which resembles very closely a stack of cordwood. When they are done struggling, some one comes and pulls them apart and shows each man what is himself and which is not. If there are any dead ones in the bunch they are thrown aside as worthless, for a good player never gets killed in a game. In the above manner the game is continued till the time is up, or the players are all dead, and then after seeing which stood the most number of senocks that side is proclaimed victorious. As I said before, this game is very stimulating and it also shows what a man is good for.

The class in Qualitative analysis, which began Friday, is the largest in the history of the institution. Fifty-one students have registered for the work, and Professor Stockham who has charge of the class had some difficulty in getting Laboratory room for them all. This is now arranged and work will begin in earnest this week.

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## The Y. M. C. A.

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Oct. 20th—Bishop Quayle, lectures on "Jean Val Jean."

Nov. 26th—Chicago Glee Club-Male Quartette.

Jan. 5th—Ross Crane Cartoonist and Humorist

March 19th—S. W. Gillilan—Lectures on "Sunshine and Awwardness."

April 1st—Gov. John A. Johnson, Lectures on "The Majesty of the Law."

April 20th—Gov John A. Folk, Lectures on "The Era of Conscience."

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H. C. Heath.

The hobo is a happy man,  
His life is simple, grand and free,  
He spends his life in idleness,  
And gets his food from charity.

His clothes are not the latest cut,  
Why should he care for latest style,  
For all the clothes he ever wele,  
Are gotten from the refuse piars

His boarding house is very plain,  
A country woodshed or back door,  
With eager gulp, he eats the food,  
And has the platted filled for more.

He lives with nature all the time,  
And profits like the feathered game,  
For when the winds of winter come,  
He shyly takes a southern train.

Not like the wealthy man he rides,  
Nor like the honest man who plods,  
But steals his rides on rough box cars.  
Or humble place upon the rods.

But we can profit by his life,  
And not too avaricious be,  
Strive not for mere financial gain,  
And foolish notoriety.

**MEMORIES OF A TRIP TO NORWAY**

Gabriel Lunday

When I was five years old my parents decided to move to Norway. Few memories of the trip have remained with me; the most vivid is from Montreal. My father had bought some canned salmon and fed me with his pocket knife, which, being very sharp, cut the sides of my mouth, and ever after that when I have tasted salmon memory of that incident has come to my mind.

Arriving in Norway, we bought a small farm on the western slope of a small valley through the middle of which flowed a river that had its source in some snow-capped mountains at the northern end of the valley. About a mile north of our home was a rather large mountain torrent which, after turning the wheels of a couple of mills, emptied its turbulent waters into the river in the valley. Due north of us was a fall in the millstream the sound of which we always heard. A little below the fall the river was spanned by a bridge on which we children loved to stand and watch the water glide over the ledge of rock and fall into the boiling waters below, sending up sprays of water and mist that caught the sunbeams and displayed a miniature rainbow. Below the fall were some large, obstinate rocks against which the water struggled for a while and then flowed in a calm, deep green stream under the bridge toward the river.

During the summer we herded cattle, sheep, and goats in the mountains and highlands to the west of our home. The lakes and streams abounded in fish and wild berries grew everywhere so we had everything our young hearts could wish for. In every nook and crevice in the mountains and in the deep shadows of the somber pines our active imaginations placed the monsters our elders had told us about around the fireplace during the long winter evenings.

Our house was so situated that during the months of winter the sun was hidden from us by the mountains which almost surrounded the valley. Because we did not see the sun for those weeks it became dearer to us and there was nothing we children loved more than to be the first one to discover the first ray of light that came through the window after we had been in the shade for so long.

After school one day the last winter we were in Norway a friend, a boy of about fourteen years, who had just gotten a new pair of skees, invited us to follow him to the hills on the west and watch him jump. Skeeing is a sport everybody enjoys, and the snow we passed over was covered criss-cross by skee trails running in every direction. When we arrived at the "take-off" which he was to jump from, he instructed us to lie down on our backs below the "take-off," and he would climb and jump over us. We watched him climb the hill and then start down again on the run. When he had a good start he bent down to offer less resistance to the wind and came sweeping down to us at an ever-increasing speed. Now we had only about a quarter of the distance left and we quickly dropped down on our backs wondering if he could jump over all of us. In the next minute the points of his skees showed over the edge of the "take-off" and immediately skees and skee-runner flew through the air over our bodies and as we turned to watch him he landed gracefully and making a beautiful turn he came up again without coming to a standstill. Words of praise were not wanting and the little sportsman was gratified to learn that he had jumped over forty feet.

After being in Norway four years we made ready to return to America, and took the train to Christiania. There we went aboard a small ship and crossed the North Sea and into the Irish Sea. A stop was made and a few passengers were taken on at an Irish coast city and then we sailed to London, Eng. After about a day's stay in Liverpool we embarked for Quebec on one of the Allen liners. Large schools of whales sometimes followed the ship for hours and flocks of seagulls always hovered about the vessel.

When we were nearing land a swift little steamer met us and "laid alongside" until it had secured the mail on the liner and then it sped off towards land and was lost to sight.

At last after about a week's voyage we landed in Quebec and after some delay began our rail journey towards the west. We

passed through large timber areas and across desolate prairies and at last came to Winnipeg, where we again stopped. From there we passed onward to Grand Forks where we stopped overnight and the next day boarded the train and about noon arrived in Niagara where we were the guests of an old acquaintance of mother's until the second day, when my uncle came in and took us out on his farm, where we were given a hearty welcome.

**A FIRE.**  
(Albert Kingsling.)

It is midnight and everything is still and solemn. The rumbling of vehicles has ceased and the great city is wrapped in slumber for a few brief hours. When all of a sudden the great fire bell begins to clang with energetic vigor. In less time than it takes to tell it the streets are crowded with excited people.

"Where's the fire? Where's the fire?" are the words that pass from lip to lip.

"Look out for the fire engine," are the next words from the crowd of spectators.

"Where's the hose cart?" are the words that follow.

Suddenly some one hollars, "I see it! I see it." And then he points to a red glow covering the sky in the western part of town. It is in a block of tenement houses that burn like tinder. The whole block will go. It cannot be saved. Engines are arriving steadily but with their combined efforts they cannot save the doomed structures, when suddenly from the hottest window of one of the houses a young girl looks down upon the crowd of anxious people. Something like a groan passes through the crowd of spectators. There is a wall of impetrable flame between her and the crowd.

There is no way of reaching the window. A ladder is put up but no one is courageous enough to risk going up. The brave firemen try again and again to ascend the ladders but each time are repelled by the seething masses of the flames. When suddenly there is a movement in the crowd. A young man dashes to the foot of the ladder. He stares up but is pulled down again by the brave firemen. He knocks one down and gives another a black eye, so they let him go unmolested. Up the ladder he goes with the agility of a cat. Up, up, up. Finally he reaches the top and disappears in the smoke and flame. He reappears with a burd-

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Many of the student papers of the small colleges have well written articles championing their own cause and showing where the state institutions fail. We look in vain for defence in the papers of the larger institutions, but none apparently consider it necessary take the trouble to do so.

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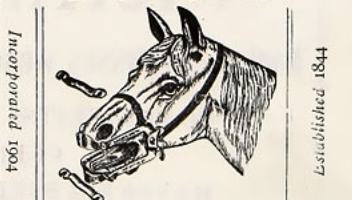
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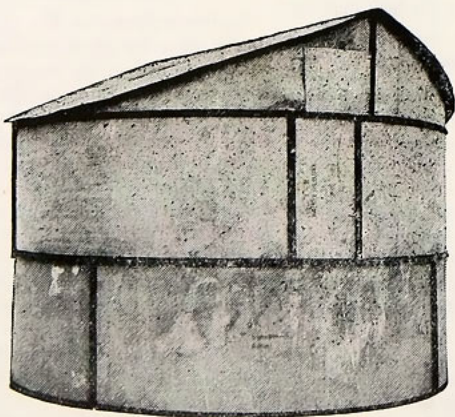
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**Literary Number.**

This week in the face of the criticism of those who are firmly wedded to the newspaper idea, we are trying to make this number distinctively literary. This is a departure for the Weekly Spectrum, and we do not know with what favor it will be received, so we freely invite your criticism of the material that we have given space in our columns.

For the co-operation of all those who have aided us with this issue we extend our heartiest thanks.

Some college humorist is reported as hinting that the exchanges did not appear as they should upon the library exchange table. We would like to say in defense that weekly there is filed upon the exchange table all the exchanges that are received at the Spectrum office. Further, it might be interesting to this gentleman if he would cast about and notice that there are about twice as many colleges represented there, as formally, including three of our larger university dailies that have never been received at the college before.

It is probable that the difficulty arises from the fact that two or three of our nearby institutions fail to remember us regularly

**BUILDING COMMITTEE  
ON INSPECTION TOUR**

Trustees Hartman and Radford, the building committee of the Board of Trustees of the College accompanied by Mr. Tibert, Superintendent of Building Construction, yesterday started upon a trip, during which they will visit the Universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and the Iowa State College. This trip is in the interest of the proposed dairy building and Dormitory that we hope will be erected upon the Campus in the near future. The above institutions have excellent equipment in the dairy lines and the object is to get pointers to aid in the accepting of the design of suitable buildings.

**MRS. REMINGTON'S  
RECITAL THIS EVENING**

This evening in the College chapel Mrs. R. E. Remington will give a complementary recital of her own dramatization of "Captain January," to the students and friends of the College. Mrs. Remington is well known as a teacher of elocution in the east where she has delighted many audiences and as this is the first opportunity that a North Dakota audience will have of hearing her, a large crowd is expected.

Miss Grasse will furnish several musical numbers during the evening.

**RELATION OF COLLEGE  
LIBRARY TO THE STATE**

On November sixth and seventh there occurred in Fargo the third annual session of the North Dakota Library Association. The sessions were held for the most part in the Public Library though two or three were held upon the Campus and at the College Library, the round table session upon the seventh being one of these.

The meeting proved very successful and was attended by delegates from widely distant points in North Dakota. Of the papers discussed, at this meeting one which may prove of special interest to our readers is "The Relation of the College Library to the State," by Dr. Max Batt of the A. C., and which will appear in full in the Spectrum in our next number.

The election of officers took place at this meeting. Prof. O. G. Libby of the State University was honored with the Presidency; Miss M. G. West, was elected Secretary; Miss Kunst of Minot, Vice President; Mr. F. J. Thompson and Dr. Max Batt, both of Fargo, with the above officers will constitute the executive committee for the coming year.

It might be of interest to note that the North Dakota Library Association is now a part of the American Library Association, the national organization.

**EXTEND THANKS TO  
PROFESSOR RICHARDS**

We, the members of the Stock-judging class, who visited the Northwestern Live Stock Show at St. Paul with Professor Richards, extend our heartiest thanks for his kind attention and care of the party in his endeavor to make it a source of profit and pleasure to us.

Signed:

- John Dinwoodie
- H. A. Berthenson
- Clarence Plath
- Burke H. Critchfield
- C. H. Hofstrand
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- S. F. Sampson.
- Charles Ruzicka.

**MANY PROMOTIONS IN  
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**Pharmacy Club.**

The Pharmacy Club met Friday evening and after a short business session the program which was good and greatly enjoyed by all, was rendered. The debate on the subject, "Resolved, That a lady is more adapted to become a pharmacist than a gentleman," was upheld upon the affirmative by two ladies, Misses Moyer and Englehorn, and the negative by two gentlemen, Messrs. Ward and Walker. It was hotly contested and although the negative won it is generally conceded that the ladies proved the better orators.

It is rumored that a matter of great importance to the club will take place in the near future and members should take notice.

The Horticultural Green Houses blossomed out into a luxuriant indoor garden last week.

**SPECIAL RATES TO  
THE CHICAGO SHOW**

Professor Richards has secured special rates for all A. C. students wishing to attend the International Live Stock Show at Chicago this year. The schedule for the trip has been arranged as follows: Leave Fargo Sunday morning, Nov. 29, arrive at Chicago Monday. Leave Chicago Thursday morning, arriving at Fargo Friday morning.

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Professor Tibert's office will be remodeled during his absence this week.

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**PERSONAL**

Mr. Michael Murphy, a prominent stockman of Mapleton, was a visitor at the College last week.

Dr. Putnam met the College Orchestra for the first time last Friday. The Doctor says that it is too early to prophecy the outlook as yet.

We hear that John Riespock of last year's embryo class of '12's, is now attending the St. Thomas College in St. Paul.

Joan Stapleton of the Moorhead Normal, was a visitor at Chapel last week.

Professor Dynes was formally installed as the Aggies' basketball coach last week.

Coach Magoffin went for a pleasant walk along the Red last Saturday. Squirrel shooting and photography were the incidentals, the engrossing feature was, of course, the company.

Professor Weeks attended a meeting of the educators at Grand Forks last Saturday and delivered an address upon "Education as a Means of Social Reform."

We hear that Samuel Heidner, '12, is one of the appointees who will have the opportunity of taking the examination to enter the West Point Military Academy next year. Captain Hiedner has demonstrated his aptness in the military line, and is thoroughly deserving of the appointment. He will be missed at the A. C., but we wish him the best of fortunes in the trial.

Hoyt Russel, formerly of the class of '09, visited the College, while on his way to the Twin Cities last Friday.

Clarence Hull left last Friday for a short visit at his home at Edgeley.

Our former secretary, Mr. Nugent, moved his household furniture from the Farm House this last week. Mr. Nugent has been aiding Secretary Yoder in getting acquainted with his duties this past week.

"Engineering Problems in Water Filtrations" is the subject of a paper by Professor Sloeum to be delivered before the Polytechnic Society at their next meeting. It will be followed at the next meeting by the discussion of "Water Purification from a Bacteriological Standpoint." by Professor Beckwith.

Fred Mansell and William Kaercher are among the Y. M. C. A. students to register this past week.

Secretary Nagley has been busy making plans for the Y. M. C. A. this past week.

The long familiar face of Ben Otten, '08, was seen once more at the College last week. He may come back to school for a while this year to take some work preparatory to entering the Michigan Medical College.

Scott Stambaugh was hunting rats at the city dump last Friday, but whether for chop suey or scientific purposes he would not divulge.

Mr. O. H. Dolve left for his home at Portland last Wednesday after a week's visit with his brother, Prof. R. M. Dolve.

H. J. Hughes has an article entitled "Boys' Day," in a recent number of the Harper's Weekly.

Word comes from Dr. Bassett, who was connected with our Chemical Department last year, that he is now located upon his Kentucky farm lands and that he is there experimenting upon the making of denatured alcohol from sugar cane. He reports good progress.

Upon Dec. 6 Professor A. G. Arvold will deliver a memorial address before the Elk Fraternity at the Opera House.

Irving Phelps took a business trip to Breckenridge last Friday and Saturday.

William Lanxon was back to the College Monday, and reports a successful trip with Mr. Sanford's stock to the St. Paul show. The herd proved to be among the best.

Charles Ruzicka left this morning for Ogema, Minn., to enjoy a short visit with his father.

Misses Matie Cook and Marie Osby, former students, were pleasant visitors at Chapel yesterday.

Kate Hathaway was back to the College yesterday after being confined by illness for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell arrived from Iowa Thursday to spend Thanksgiving with their son, Dr. W. B. Bell of the College.

Clara Gunness has left the Dormitory and is now keeping house with her brother upon Seventh street.

Earl Hunt went to his home at Havana Saturday.

Elizabeth Reimer is the latest arrival at the Dormitory. She began her work at school Wednesday.

Alma Erickson returned Sunday evening after a few days' visit with her brother at the University.

Misses Katherine Jensen, '04, and Minnie Jensen, formerly of '08, were visitors at the College during the convention of the South Eastern Educational Association last week. They are planning a trip to Seattle next summer to meet their brother Tom who has mining interests in Alaska. Tom Jensen is also a former student.

Report comes from Westhope that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jensen, '02 and '05, are the proud parents of a son.

Miss Sophia Thomas, '04, has been bidding her many friends at the A. C. farewell, prior to leaving for Oregon, where she expects to make her home in the future.

Word has come from J. T. Weaver, '07, that the cattle business in Eastern Montana is prospering. They have the satisfaction of living in the best house in the neighborhood. It is a typical five-room house, built of logs, but nicely finished inside.

Professor W. R. Porter has completed his tour of inspection of the demonstration farms and is now busy making moisture determinations of soil samples collected at these farms.

Professors Sloeum, Beckwith, Gunness, and Dolve passed through the solemn rite of the ini-

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tiation of the Masonic Fraternity last Friday evening.

Dr. Batt and Frank Darrow were the two from the A. C. that took part in an entertainment for the benefit of the fitting up of the children's room in the public library. Dr. Batt gave an illustrated lecture upon "A Walk Through Berlin," and Frank Darrow was there with his slight of hand performances of which he is a master.

Professor Richards will leave Thursday evening for his Wisconsin home where he will spend Thanksgiving before going on to the International Live Stock Show at Chicago. The two vagrant '09 men, and Critchfield, will join Professor Richards in Wisconsin.

Fern Dynes and Agnes Peterson are suffering with sore throats



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A large party of the A. C. gentlemen and ladies attended the Senior Recital at the Moorhead Normal last Saturday evening.

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Matilda Thompson '09

William Blake, the poet, painter visionary and mystic, though a contemporary of Wordsworth, is not known to the general public as well as is the great English nature poet. Nevertheless, to those who have read and studied him, his poetry is greatly loved and appreciated and it holds an unique position in the history of English Literature. Critics have said of him that the boy of ten years of age was an artist and at twelve a poet; and what he had learned he had taught himself.

Blake and Coleridge represent the period of romantic mysticism in English Literature; both were highly appreciated and respected by Wordsworth, and from them came many of his ideas and inspirations. The following poems of Wordsworth, "We are Seven," "To my Sister," "The Night Piece," and Lines on Early Spring depend directly or indirectly on thoughts brought out by poems of Blake. Of Blake's "Songs of Innocence," Wordsworth says, "There is something in the madness of this man which interests me more than does the sanity and wisdom of Byron."

Among the 'Songs of Innocence' worthy of special mention are "The Little Black Boy" and the "Chimney Sweeper," in which the author brings out the great sociological problems of even our own day; namely the negro problem, and the great child labor problem of which we hear so much. "The Lamb" is a little poem of but two years stanzas, beautiful in its simplicity of expression, while the "Divine Image" strikes the keynote of freedom and liberty.

Blake's poem, "To the Evening

Star," reminds one of Tennyson, and is found in his collection of "Poetical Sketches." These were begun when the author was but twelve years old and finished at the age of twenty and are among the most extraordinary examples of youthful production. They bring out very plainly his innocence of spirit and the happy child like simplicity which he seemed to retain to the end of his life.

Blake's poetry thruout shows a singular and strongly marked individuality; his literary publications were wholly original.

The qualities of his imagination were too great for us to do him justice. He was mystic in the extreme yet his fantasies did not destroy his faith in the fundamentals of orthodoxy. He never ceased to be a believer in Christianity. While incessant in asserting that he had a solemn message, spiritual to his day and generation, he set aside nothing significant in the message of the Scriptures.

Furthermore, he detaches himself from ordinary currents of practical thoughts and uses a delightful simplicity which has perhaps never been equaled in English poetry. This is plainly illustrated in the poem of "The Lamb," a common theme containing a child-like beauty, unconscious and unstrained. Although Wordsworth possessed simplicity, still it is tinged with a certain didactic element from which Blake is free.

It is, then, his refined and delicate style, his fine poetic melody, and his air of simplicity, with a certain ease and carelessness, and his dealings with the more homely things of life which has made him so loved and admired among his readers, and have given him his place among the English poets.

A reception to Coach Grogan and the Fargo College football team occurred at Stone's Hall last night. Invitations were received by many of the A. C. students.

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## FORESTS AND NATIONAL FOREST RESERVES

Leo Thien '12.

The forests standing at present in the United States aggregate five hundred or seven hundred million acres, twentytwo percent of which is in national forest reserves. Much of this, especially in the national reserves, is so thin as to be more suitable for grazing than for tree growing.

The annual growing of the forests does not exceed sixty cubic feet per acre, whereas the annual consumption of forests are not sufficient for more than a score of years. The national forest reserves, while conserving and increasing our timber supply, are being used now, the revenue for the year nineteen hundred and five—six being one hundred sixty seven thousand two hundred nineteen dollars and ninety six cents.

Aside from the financial value of the timber supply only, the forests are of prime importance to the conservation of our great natural resources, also to the navigation of our rivers, to our city-water-supply, irrigation and drainage, and the prevention of floods and drouth.

Forests are essential to the protection of power, heat and light from the waters of our rivers. They prevent the the erosion of soil from the mountain slopes and act as great natural sponges to hold and conserve the moisture which falls as rain or snow. The water percolates slowly through the soil and humus, and in July, August and September, when the rains fall and rivers and streams run low, it flows from the foot of the slope as springs to replenish the streams, setting mills "a-humming" and "boats a moving." Anything which retards the flow of water in spring and releases it in time of drouth is an aid to navigation, and to production of power. As the transportation of merchandise by water and the and will be the great problems of the future, it can easily be seen that the forests are an absolute essential if we do not wish to revert to the condition of China. Acting in the capacity of sponges, forests furnish a constant supply of pure, healthful water for the use of our municipalities, and instead of being notorious, because of their bad water supply, our cities will be widely and favorably known for the purity of their water supply and their attendant healthfulness.

To the successful irrigation of arid lands great reservoirs are of the utmost importance to furnish water at any time, and especially in seasons of drouth when the ordinary sources of supply are either insufficient or totally exhausted. The forests on the hillside and slopes at the sources of the streams hold in their bosom, as it were, immense quantities of water which is drawn out as the supply is

### A CLAIM SHANTY. Daniel Herron.

It was a little claim shanty, hardly large enough for two people and their scanty furniture. On the outside, it looked like scores of other shanties that are found all over the prairies of North Dakota. Its covering of paper gave it a peculiar appearance and standing alone on the bleak prairie it looked deserted and lonely. Inside everything was neat and arranged in order, for if it were otherwise they could not move about in the shanty. A stove in the corner, a cup board in another, and a bed in a third nearly filled the room; while a table, two chairs and a trunk left a little space for walking about. How different the inside was from the outside; here

needed. Thus it will be seen that forests, reservoirs in themselves, eliminate the necessity for the construction of large costly dams and artificial reservoirs. The clear water which wells up from the bosom of the forest clears, deepens, and straightens the channels of the rivers, offering a deep, clear, straight, and unobstructed path for the passage of boats, sweet, limpid water from the mountain brooks and lakes can be carried to the cities either by the natural means of rivers or thru the agency of artificial canals and aqueducts in this way promoting the health and cleanliness of their inhabitants.

An intimate relation exists between the forests and the development of all our great natural resources. Let the land be denuded of its forests, and floods will prevail, destroying immense amounts of property and causing the loss of many lives. Mill wheels will cease to turn and power plants will be abandoned; navigation will stop, and the country will be in a state of dire necessity for the power of a stream can be utilized only as the minimum of power can be utilized, and navigation is controlled by the smallest amount of water present in the channel at any time.

If our future as a nation depends upon the development and utilization of our streams and resources, and it does depend largely upon the use we make of the possibilities of our streams for power and transportation, irrigation and drainage, we must protect the headwaters of our streams from the evils of denudation. And this can be done only by the establishment of forest reserves. New York fully realized this when she created a forest reserve in the Adirondacks and Catskill mountains to protect the navigation on the Hudson, and the water supply of New York city. Even the United States seemed to realize this to a small extent, when a bill was introduced in congress to establish in the Appalachian mountains in great forest reserve. This bill was "killed" by the House Judiciary Committee on the ground that it was unconstitutional for the Federal government to acquire land of the states concerned, to protect the sources of a score or more valuable streams from the evil effects resultant upon the destruction of the forests.

This is absolutely essential to the future of our country that the sources of our streams be protected, either by state or national forest reserves which not only will help solve the problem of navigation, water-power and city water supply, of fuel and building material, but also afford great pleasure grounds and health resorts for the thousands of cities, and enrich the nation ever more and more for generations to come.

were touches of a woman's hand, pictures on the wall and everything arranged so one would forget that he was in a far off western land. This is the appearance of a claim shanty that may be found anywhere in the western part of North Dakota.

At the Oregon University the Sophomores and Freshmen played off their tie score in football by the light of the moon Friday evening. The owl of victory perched on the standard of the Sophomores, score 4 to 0. Captain Stackpole kicked the goal that won for his class.

The Farm Chemistry Laboratory was thoroughly overhauled last week.

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**BOOK REVIEWS.**

"Doctor Tom," by John Streeter.  
Edwin Evingson.

This very interesting novel, entitled "Doctor Tom," has for its scene the backwoods of the Allegheny mountains. Although it is very imaginative, it brings out clearly the life of the backwoodsman of the lowest type, the moonshiner. The story is modern in most respects but has underlying principles strictly mediaval as the feuds. The purpose of the story is to show how large a transformation one great character can make in a community by leading an ideal life. The story centers around this character, who is Doctor Tom Hendricks just out of college.

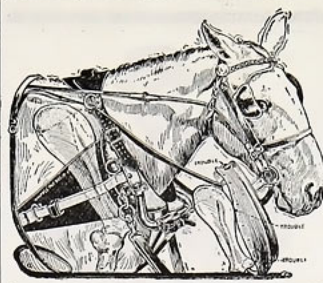
Tom Hendricks, after leaving school comes to Grett county in Virginia where he has relatives. There he is at once an important factor in a feud between his relatives and their neighbors. He finds these people in a state resembling barbarism and from now on his aim is to raise their standard. By the help of his college chum Jack Raymond and his sister Ruth Raymond, he begins to educate his relatives, but finds it a hard job as his cousin, Sis Thompson, has an awful temper when awakened. At first he does not meet with great success in this, but by the help of Ruth Raymond, he at length succeeds. The Raymonds come to the mountains as he is deeply affected by Ruth, who is a very energetic girl. Jack finds minerals of all sorts in abundance and wishes to develop the country by building a railroad into it. As he is a railway promoter, he promises Tom a road if Tom will overcome all obstacles as purchasing land, etc. Tom works in among the people as a doctor and they begin to love him and at length elect him coroner. His influence here is great on account of his methods in dealing with criminals. On the first day a train is run into Brettsville, a great celebration is held. In a drunken brawl, an inhabitant is in the act of shooting another when Tom intercedes, being shot. He lives only a few hours, but in the meantime is married to Ruth Raymond, who afterwards carries on his work.

The character of Tom Hendricks is strong, he being a man who did things in the dark and wanted no praise. Sis Thompson having a fierce temper had a great deal of trouble at first, but education brought out good qualities. Cal Clay, the big sheriff, is an open hearted fellow, and the mayor is a typical southerner—Ruth and Jack Raymond are Americans from head to foot being energetic and ready to give a helping hand in this enterprise.

The breaking up of the feud between the Thompsons and their neighbors is very interesting as love is a great factor. The last hours of Tom's life are peaceful and appeal to everyone as they show us the spirit of being ready to meet death at any moment. The wrestling match between Tom and Cal Clay is also worthy of note, as it gives the handicap that science has over brute strength.

The social standing of the people is low and they are unknowingly reformed by this one man who can do with them as he pleases. Enemies have become friends and the people have broader minds than when first seen. The situation of the story is in the high mountains where the government has no control over the acts of the people and exerts no influence.

My impression of the book in general is, that it shows us how to be useful in life and not to do things for reward only but also to be helpful. It points out the many lines of work open for the average man, or woman, and that we should all fit ourselves to be of aid



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to others. It brings us to feel that heroes were not only in the olden days but that we have them today although they are not always recognized.

Review of "The Sea Wolf."  
B. H. Barrett.

The scene of the story, The Sea Wolf, is on board a sailing ship bound from San Francisco to the seal rookeries northeast of Japan. No particulars are given as to the time of the incident, but, from certain obscure passages I think I am justified in saying it happened not many years ago. As it is a sea story it is naturally rough, but despite its rugged outline it has power that is wholesome to its readers.

The plot is a very curious one. A young American author of considerable fame, is ship-wrecked, picked up by a sailing craft and, against his will, is made cabin boy on board the ship. Later a young lady, an American writer and also an acquaintance of the young man mentioned, is brought aboard. After suffering much ill usage, this couple escapes from the ship to an island from which they are rescued later.

Wolf Larson (The Sea Wolf) is a Scandinavian, who, through years of hard knocks, has become a monster that kills for pleasure, and is feared by all. His power is unlimited, it seems, as the grip of his hand will crush a potato into pulp. Nevertheless, he is well trained in mathematics and has a great taste for classic literature. His ideals, however, are not the best, he believes that he is a powerful ferment, and therefore the smaller shall suffer at his hands. Humphrey Van Waden, a young American writer, is a very weak person physically at first, but later he develops "legs of his own," as Wolf Larson says. Miss Brewster is also an American writer, but as she is a true, noble woman, I think little else may be said of her.

Perhaps the most striking occasion is the one in which Wolf Larson, in order to prove that Christians fear death, strangles Van Waden into insensibility, and gains his end. Others are the struggle between the Wolf and his men, and the death of the former owing to complete paralysis.

As to the background, or the vessel, I think that hell-ship is a very good explanatory term. Life and death gamble here, and cruelty, with its bloody setting, prevails at all times. Human beings dirty, battle scarred and blood-thirsty, make up the crew, and an everlasting hatred for their captain the Sea Wolf is the only thing that binds their hearts together.

Unlike most novels, this book is purely original. In other words, such happenings are seldom put in book form. The description found

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An Appreciation.  
Hon. Mark Twain.

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When you were younger there was a tendency to rank you as a cheap humorist, but public opinion has swung round and now you are regarded as the foremost American man of letters. I think your right to this honor is based on "Huckleberry Finn" more than any other book.

The details of the book show that you must have been a very careful observer, especially with regard to dialect, else you could not have differentiated it as carefully as you did.

The book is unique in that it describes a type of Southerners not at all romantic and therefore seldom mentioned in books—the type that lived in the small towns and seldom owned slaves. Huck's journey up the Mississippi river gives you an excellent opportunity to describe the different types of people, and well have you availed yourself of it. There is some of the bitterest kind of satire in your description of the feudal system and of slavery, but fortunately it is so hidden that it would not spoil a child's pleasure in reading the book. In this book you show yourself capable of writing a fine bit of description, for instance the storm on the Mississippi.

I do think that you could have dispensed with a little of the melodrama, but where there are so many good points, I do not feel called upon to criticize.  
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#### Philomathian.

The Philomathian Literary Soci-  
ety met in the society room Fri-  
day evening, November 20th, at  
eight o'clock. The first number  
on the program was a piano duet  
by Alma Laeby and Ida Billing  
which was well received by all.  
"Eugene Fields and Works" was  
a paper written by Ruth Ware,  
who was unable to be present, so  
it was read by Lillian Pierson.  
The paper was well written, and  
well read. Helen Hoover then  
read a selection from Eugene  
Field's Works. A Vocal Solo by  
Mabel Piers followed. Clarence  
Waldron gave a reading from  
"Eve's Diary" which was exte-  
mely good, and Vincent Anderson  
an original story. Locals were  
given by Isabel Rose. Professor  
A. G. Arvold then gave a speech  
on the Chicago Convention which  
was very much enjoyed by all. The  
program was concluded by a Horn  
Solo by Allen Clark.

#### NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the  
Domestic Science students at the  
Dormitory Wednesday evening at  
7:30. Students interested should  
make it a point to be present.

## Societies

#### Dramatic Club.

At a meeting of the Dramatic  
Club last Thursday evening it was  
decided to use the proceeds of the  
play which is to be presented in  
the winter term to furnish a room  
in some hospital in the city so that  
when a student becomes sick he  
may be taken to this room. This  
is a laudable undertaking of the  
Club and deserves the support of  
all the students of the College.  
The cast of the characters for the  
play will be given next week.

#### Y. M. C. A.

The weekly Y. M. C. A. meeting  
was held in chapel Wednesday,  
Secretary Nagley giving the ad-  
dress.

A short business meeting pre-  
ceded the meeting for the elec-  
tion of a president of the associa-  
tion. Howard Darling, who has  
was unanimously elected president,  
unanimously elected president,  
and to fill the vice presidency  
Clarence Plath was elected.

Mr. Nagley then spoke for a  
short time on the ways of best im-  
proving the association. He urged  
upon each member the neces-  
sity of taking an active part in  
the work, instead of leaving it all  
to cabinet members. He told of  
the excellent work the Y. M. C. A.  
is doing among students and con-  
cluded by reporting briefly the  
progress of the associations in the  
state. The attendance was more  
than double that of the last meet-  
ing, and all showed great interest  
in Mr. Nagley's address.

A short meeting of the cabinet  
followed the speaking and commit-  
tees were briefly discussed and  
outlined.

#### Athenian.

The Athenian Literary Society  
met in the society room Friday  
evening. The meeting was opened  
by the singing of the Alma Mater.  
Following was a debate, Resolved,  
That the students in the Two-Year  
Pharmacy Course be allowed a  
vote in the Students' Organiza-  
tion" was a feature of the pro-  
gram. The affirmative was up-  
held by Margaret Magill and Earl  
Hunt, and the Negative by John  
Magill and Kathryn Grest. Ten  
minutes were allowed for direct  
argument and five minutes for re-  
buttal. The judges, Agnes Peter-  
son, Edwin Traynor and Peter Ol-  
son, were unanimous in their de-  
cision in favor of the negative.  
Miss Edythe Flewel rendered a pi-  
ano solo, which was very much ap-  
preciated. Local happenings were  
given by Ray Towle. A vocal solo  
by Ethel Peterson was the last  
number on the program.

#### Y. W. C. A.

"Ethics of Beauty" was the  
subject of a splendid paper given  
by Miss Simmons before a large  
number of the College girls Thurs-  
day afternoon at Francis Hall.  
She spoke of the beauty in life, in  
work and in nature. The beauty  
of North Dakota and North Da-  
kota sunsets were compared with  
those beauties of the life of Jesus  
Christ of Nazareth and were  
brought out in a way that made  
them plain to every one. She told  
of God's manifestation in nature,  
and especially in the plains of Da-  
vid, where David tended his fath-  
er's flocks, and of the church per-  
haps more beautiful than anything  
that we have today. The Y. W.  
C. A. girls feel very grateful to  
Miss Simmons for her kindness in  
giving this delightful and instructive  
address.

The Mission Study Class of the  
Y. W. C. A. met at the Dormitory  
Wednesday evening, Nov. 18. The  
lesson was upon the history and  
government of China. Many new  
and interesting things were learn-  
ed of the Celestial empire.



## FALL and WINTER CLOTHING

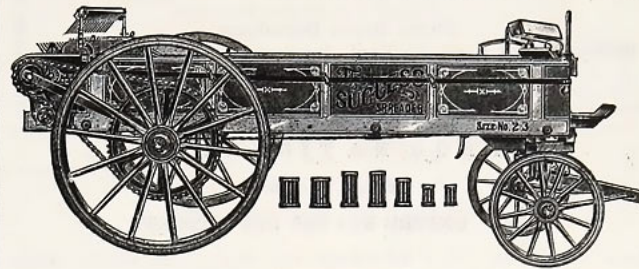
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#### Agricultural Club.

Owing to the absence of Presi-  
dent Traynor the Agricultural  
Club was called to order last Sat-  
urday evening by Vice President  
Sampson. The meeting was open-  
ed by the reading of a paper on  
"Road Improvement," by Theo-  
dore Flaust. This was followed by  
a short but interesting discussion  
of the necessity of road improve-  
ment by Professor Slocum in  
which he emphasized the fact that  
much of the agitation for hard  
paved smooth roads proceeds from  
those who are interested in them  
as a speedway but which do not  
share any of the expense of paying

for the roads. He also stated that  
the argument advanced by these  
interests exaggerates the fact of the  
case. A paper on the "Soil" was  
read by Mr. Russel in the absence  
of Mr. Yerrington. Following  
this the Club was favored by sev-  
eral musical selections by Mr. Hen-  
driekson and his sister after which  
Mr. Dinwoodie gave an interest-  
ing account of a visit to the Swift  
and Co. packing house at Saint  
Paul.

At the business meeting it was  
decided that the next meeting  
would be on December 5th the  
next Saturday after vacation.