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Agassiz Out.

Junior Annual Makes Its Appearance.

The Junior Annual, the 1908 Agassiz, has just left the press and after binding is completed. 500 copies will be on sale to the subscribers next Thursday. On account of a serious accident, in which the pressman broke his arm, the Annual has been delayed a few days beyond the time set for its appearance, but the strenuous work of the editor and managers has prevented it from lagging any more than could be helped.

The book is a beautiful souvenir of the College year, bound in limp leather, with the title burned on the cover. It contains 250 pages of the finest paper money could buy, and is illustrated with 150 cuts of the College and its people. The contents have been divided into seven departments covering



W. O. Whitcomb, Editor.

every phase of College life and College activities.

The first department is that of the classes which includes both the College and the academic classes and contains separate photogravures of the Seniors and Juniors besides group pictures of the other classes. A list of the members of each class is appended, with the officers, etc., and each cut is accompanied by a short biographical and historical writeup.

The second division includes the College societies and organizations with original photogravures of each one. Descriptive matter accompanies each cut and a list of members and officers is also given.

The third division is a distinctive feature, and is entitled "Public Programs." It contains a resume of the year's activities in debates, declamation, and a writeup of the Cyclone Circus. Individual cuts of the students who took part in these contests appear in this department.

The athletic division which comes next, is a full description of the A. C.'s championship season, and here, as elsewhere, the subject matter is embellished with cuts and photogravures.

The faculty department contains thirty individual cuts of prominent faculty members with short historical and biographical sketches accompanying them.

The space devoted to the College department contains some of



M. A. Baernstein,



Leo P. Nemzek,

Managers.

the finest views of the buildings, and grounds that have ever been printed. Short descriptions of the work and equipment of each department is given.

The part of the book which will, of course, be of most interest to the students is entitled "The Flickertail Magazine," and it is here that the local color abounds. The editor of the magazine has certainly succeeded, with the aid of cuts and cartoons, in creating an atmosphere which savors so strongly of the College that it could not be mistaken by anyone who has ever been a student here.

Some of the poetry is exceptionally timely and fits to the dot.

Unlike the usual book of this nature, the 1908 Agassiz has not been dedicated to any person, but instead is consecrated to the emblems of the class, the College and the country, typified in the College song, "The Green and Yellow."

Editor Whitcomb and his staff certainly deserve the highest praise for their successful accomplishment of what has been a Herculean labor and, if we may judge by the results, appreciation of this work will not be lacking.

Shake Up In Chemistry

The board at their annual meeting, took action on an entire rearrangement of the Chemical Department. The changes were made in order to systematize the work in chemistry and pharmacy. The improvement is opportune as the work of the department combined with that of the food commissioner has thrown an unusually heavy burden on Prof. Ladd.

Under the new arrangement Prof. Ladd will be Dean of Chemistry and it will be the plan to divide the department in the course of time into seven parts or divisions. The Department of Pharmacy was established at that meeting and Prof. Brown was elected full professor.

Other changes were as follows: Homer A. Wood, assistant professor, will be assistant professor of organic chemistry; Prof. H. L. White will succeed Dr. Bassett as assistant professor of Physiological Chemistry and Toxicology; J. W. Ince will succeed Prof. Thompson as instructor in Agricultural Chemistry. The official titles of the other men of the department will be: Roe E. Remington, instructor in food chemistry; Dr. C. S. Putnam, acting professor of materia medica and therapeutics; W. T. Sudro, instructor in pharmacy and pharmaceutical problems.

DIATETICS DINNER.

Last Wednesday the class in dietetics served another of its 10-cent lunches. There was a great demand for the ten tickets and all the seats were filled. The lunch was declared equal to many 25-cent outlays. The class is to be congratulated on its success.

NO MORE SCRAPS.

The students took so much interest in the Prep-Freshman class scrap last Friday that the faculty took the matter up in their weekly pow-wow and decided that they would tolerate no more class fights or tearing down of banners. The following notice has been placed on all bulletin boards to take effect immediately:

"Hereafter, any class may fly its flag unmolested on its class day, providing that on a preceding day they shall have challenged and defeated some rival class in some form of athletics or other contests. Such challenge to be posted on the bulletin board at least one week in advance of such class day and such contest to be held outside of class hours."

College Spirit

The address of Prof. McArdle to the students will long be remembered. Prof. McArdle has been with the College almost from its beginning and has gained the respect and honor of all who have been in his class room, and it was with special interest that the students listened to the address on "College Spirit." This is a subject which he is ably fitted to discuss from his familiarity with our student life.

"College spirit," he said, "does not imply an element or condition widely removed from every day life, but rather it is an element of success." College life to some means a four-years' loaf, to others it is a period of training, fitting one for his life's work.

The object of a college curriculum is not merely to cram the student with certain facts of history, literature and science, but to train

and develop the powers of observation and fit him to distinguish between the great and the trivial.

The student cannot obtain this by absorption. It must be gained by hard, constant, conscientious work, backed by ambition and determination. One form of college spirit that should be cultivated more among our students is the desire to excel in the class room. There is, among many of our students, a tendency to waste valuable time or at least to devote it to interests other than their class room work. They seem to have lost sight of the object of their attendance at College. One need not attend a college to become an expert ball player, nor even for social advantages.

"Let no one to whom hard study is repulsive hope for anything from us," is the motto which should be accepted by our colleges. With the Alma Mater and its atmosphere rests the training of the students, and the responsibility lies with her. The loyal student will do all in his power to build up the good name of his institution.

Students are educated by each other as much as by themselves. Strong class organization goes hand in hand with strong college spirit. The closer the organization the better. Let each member feel that on his actions and on the actions of his fellows rests the disgrace or the honor of his class. Let him make his class the best in the college.

Above all, perseverance is necessary, perseverance, even against the greatest odds. The greatest men of the country are self-made men—men who from their youth battled against almost insurmountable difficulties until they won. In history John Paul Jones stands a typical example of a man who never surrendered to disappointment. Cyrus W. Field persevered and the result was that the first Atlantic cable was laid. "To every man there comes a time when he, like Balboa, stands upon the mountaintop of opportunity and looks out over the peaceful ocean of success. To us this opportunity comes while at college."

ELECTION RETURNS.

Philos and Athenians Elect for Next Term.

Last Friday evening being the date for the election of officers for next term, both of the prominent literary societies held their elections with results as follows:

Athenian

President—W. O. Whitcomb...
Vice President—A. Ross Babcock.

Secretary—Fern Dynes.
Treasurer (for the year)—W. R. Lanxon.

Director of Music—Esther Evans.

Sergeant-at-Arms—William Mercer.

Critic—Matilda Thompson.

Philomathian.

President—Agnes Halland.
Vice President—Clarence Plath.
Secretary—Wood Anderson.

Treasurer—Edwal Moore.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Henry Berg.

The next meeting of the societies will be the last of the year

with the exception of the joint banquet which will be held June 6, and the officers will be regularly installed at this meeting. These officers will serve for the fall term of 1908.

Preps. Made Good

Class of '12 Has Talent in Its Ranks.

A small but appreciative crowd of students and faculty gathered in the College Chapel last Saturday evening to enjoy the program which marked the official debut of the class of 1912.

With three young ladies in the official chairs—Miss Esther Evans, president; Miss Mary Thompson, secretary, and Miss Lillian Locke, treasurer—the class made its first public appearance Saturday evening. It contains 26 members, among whose ranks there appears to be an abundance of talent, scientific, literary and musical.

The class colors are purple and gold; its motto, "Service is the Law of Life." The graduating exercises of Saturday evening marked the putting away of childish things and the entrance of the class into the College life as one having its future before it. Certain it is that if all the class activities are as well managed and as successful as the recent class program, the class of 1912 has no cause to fear the comments of the generations gone before.

The program opened with a piano duet which was exceptionally well rendered by the Misses Mary Thompson and Lucy Cockburn. The president, in her address, called attention to the fact that although the class has no past history as a class, it has a future before it and would aim to make that future an honor to the College.

Mr. Stapleton's story was distinctly original. Miss Pynes' declamation showed a deep appreciation of her subject, and was well given. For the vocal duet announced on the program a piano solo by Miss Agnes Peterson was very acceptably substituted. Miss Locke's essay was a happy inspiration as she chose for her subject, "The Value of a Women's Building at the A. C.," and showed the advantage to be derived from such a building on the campus.

Perhaps the most striking and interesting feature of the whole program was Mr. John Halland's burlesque rendering of the "Burial of Sir John Moore," in which he was assisted by three other white-robed members of the class. To heighten the effect, all but one or two of the lights were turned out, and in the semi-dusk the pantomime of the accompaniment was execrably funny. The class history, given by Mr. Clarence Waldron, showed a keen sense of humor and an appreciation of the fitness of things.

In all, the program, while very short, was of an exceptionally interesting character and showed genius and talent in abundance. The audience, it is safe to say, did not experience a single dull moment during the evening.

Track Meet, Saturday May 23, 1908

SOCIETY

SENIORS FEASTED.

The class of '08 was most royally entertained by Prof. and Mrs. Bolley last Thursday evening at their residence on Seventh street. This was the occasion of a five course dinner served at 6:30 p. m. The table was decorated with eight candles in Green and Yellow which symbolized both the College and the Class.

Following the repast a basket with green and yellow ribbons attached was placed over the table. On one end of the ribbon was a short piece of poetry and on the other a prize. Miss Rice drew the diamond and the accompanying poetry was significant. President Clark thanked the host and hostess in a few well chosen remarks for the elegant spread.

After the repast the guests repaired to the parlor where an enjoyable hour was spent in various contests. The evening was declared to be the most enjoyable of any that the class has spent together and the members wish to express their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Bolley.

FACULTY TO BANQUET.

On Thursday evening of this week the Junior Faculty will banquet at Pirie's Hall. The occasion is a good fellowship feast for themselves and their friends.

SENIORS MET.

At the close of the evening at Prof. Bolley's Thursday the Seniors

formally accepted the invitation of the Class of 1910 to banquet on May 29. The report of the committee on arrangements for the Senior Ball was presented. The class will make a small assessment on its members to cover commencement expenses.

JUNIOR CLASS.

The Juniors held a class meeting Friday noon and elected Mr. William Lanxon as class representative to receive the hatchet from the Seniors. A protest was made against the action of the faculty in failing to reserve a class day for the Juniors and a committee appointed to draw up resolutions. Routine business occupied the remainder of the session.

ATHENIAN PROGRAM.

The Athenian society met in the society room last Friday evening and a very creditable program was rendered. With the exception of one musical number it was given entirely by the boys of the society.

The first number was a violin solo by Mr. Hendrickson played in his usual efficient manner. The principal literary number was the debate on the subject, "Resolved that the passage of the initiative and referendum bill would be for the best interests of the people of North Dakota." Those who upheld the affirmative were Rex Willard and Howard Darling; the negative, Wm. Whitecomb and Levi Thomas.

As the question is a real live one in the politics of today it proved an interesting one to the audience. The judges were

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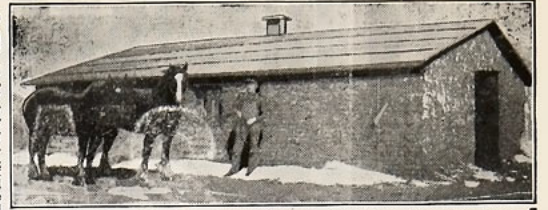
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unanimous in their decision favoring the affirmative.

The piano duet "Flower Song", by Misses Welo and Grest with violin accompaniment by Ray Babcock was well received.

Two talks followed on "Political platforms and possibilities of the day". The first was by John Pease in which he presented the question from the democratic view point. The second by John Thysell was given from the standpoint of the Republican. Both proved the speakers knowledge of the subject.

The locals given by Victor Parker were of a somewhat different nature from the usual. Some very humorous and exciting news items concerning different members of the society, were read from the pages of the "Chicago Record Herald", "Minneapolis Tribune" and other well known papers.

The critic, Peter Olson, in criticizing the program gave some valuable suggestions.

The last number was a vocal solo by Ross Babcock well rendered.

Short business meeting was held.

Y. W. C. A.

The Wednesday evening meeting last week was led by Emily May. The subject was one which has a more or less direct bearing on the lives of all, namely: "The Sins of Tongue." The leader divided these sins into four classes—gossip, slang, sarcasm, and falsehood and each was discussed freely by the girls present. After enumerating these many habits, suggestions were made as to how they may be remembered and by constant effort overcome.

A short business session followed. The report from the nominating committee appointed to nominate delegates for the Geneva Conference was given by Miss Childs. The following girls have been nominated, two of whom will be chosen: Ella Hydner, '12, Agnes Halland '11, Ruby Gibbons '11, Cecilia Eyolfson '10 and Kathryn Grest '10.

The election will take place Wednesday evening May 20, and all active members of the Association are requested to be present.

TEACHERS' CLUB.

The following program will be rendered Friday evening May 22, in the Music Hall.

Solo.....Mabell Piers
Reading.....Marion Askew
Violin Solo....Olaf Hendrickson.
Original Story.....Mr. Narl
Instrumental Solo....Ruth Hull.
Critic.....Mabelle Piers.

PHILOMATHIAN PROGRAM.

The Philomathian society held its last meeting of the year in the society room last Friday evening, May 15.

The program was opened by a piano solo by Mr. Ben Lenhart. The original story, "The Tribulations of a Rooster," was unusually fine, showing a well defined spirit of humor combined with literary ability. The vocal solo by Miss

Grasse was very well rendered, and was received with merited applause.

The feature of the evening was the debate on the question, "Resolved, That the Editor of The Spectrum should receive at least 25 per cent of the profits of the paper." The affirmative was upheld by S. T. Rogers and Lloyd Worst, and the negative by S. V. Anderson and Lynn Miller. The judges, Miss Childs, Messrs. Gunness and Dolve, decided in favor of the negative. The locals by Miss May were bright and newsy. Miss Mabel Piers closed the evening's program with a few well chosen words of criticism.

LOST.

A blue, mosaic button-pin was lost on Eleventh avenue between Seventh street and Broadway last Thursday evening. Finder please notify The Spectrum.

MRS. SHEPPERD BEREAVED.

Dean J. H. Shepperd received a telegram from his wife Tuesday evening conveying to him the intelligence that her father, Mr. Grosvenor Taylor, died at his home in Charlton, Ia., on that day. Mrs. Shepperd and other members of the family had been at his bedside for over three weeks so that his demise was not unexpected. He was seventy-one years of age.

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SPORTING

A. C. TRACK MEET.

Saturday, May 2:30 p. m.

The events are scheduled as follows and will probably come off in this order:

1. 50-yard dash.
2. 100-yard dash.
3. Pole vault.
4. Throwing 12-pound hammer.
5. Putting 12-pound shot.
7. 220-yard hurdles.
8. Running high jump.
9. One mile run.
10. Throwing discs.
11. Running broad jump.
12. Inter-department one-mile relay race.

For the first eleven of these events the members of the regular track team are eligible. For the inter-department relay race every department of the College is cordially invited to place a team of four men in the field.

To the athlete winning the greatest number of points "The Best Athlete", a special medal, will be awarded. One gold and one silver medal will be given for each event.

There will be no admission charged for ladies or persons under fifteen years old. All others are expected to pay twenty-five cents to the official ticket sellers.

Every student at the College is urged to be present and is also requested to advertise the track meet among his friends and the people of the city.

The track team has been doing some excellent work and if the weather conditions are favorable there is no doubt but that an exhibition of first class athletic sports will be given.

The Cadet Band will furnish music. The general public are cordially invited to attend.

SHOW COLLEGE SPIRIT.

The track meet should serve to stimulate a very high standard of athletics. A lapse of eleven years has passed since the A. C. student body has seen or has taken part in a local meet. Many of the contestants in the track meets held in the four years previous to 1897 have appeared in prominent athletic positions in various parts of the country since that time. The track meets of the early days of the College were thoroughly appreciated by all

who attended. Our meet next Saturday is expected to be a high water mark in A. C. athletics and an excellent demonstration of athletics is promised. The appreciation of the local meet ought to be very strong from the fact that all the contestants are members of our own student body and our class-mates.

NORMAL vs. A. C. SCIENCE.

Last Tuesday a very interesting baseball game was played between the Moorhead Normal and the A. C. Science boys. The game was called in the Athletic Park at 4:30. The large audience consisted chiefly of ladies from the two institutions.

Eakins and Haskins were the battery for the Science team. The score resulted in an easy victory for our team.

The latest feature introduced into our athletic stunts is climbing the greased pole. Harrington and Heidner hold first honors.

Remember the fifth A. C. track meet take place next Saturday. Bring your friends.

Leo Nemzek, the fast ball twirler, had an accident last week. A batted ball struck his right thumb causing serious injury.

"Who will be our next coach?" is the question of our athletes. Don't worry, fellows, he will have to be good to be chosen by our Board.

NOTICE.

We have a letter from a chemical company asking for the names of young men who are desirous of spending the summer selling electro arsenate of lead, a new substance which is said to be especially suitable as a substitute for Paris green in the destruction of potato bugs and other insects. The letter seems to indicate that they want men to go into the country and make sales direct to the farmers as well as to merchants in the towns and cities. If there are any students who would like to undertake such a canvas, I will give them the address of the firm, if they will come to my office.

H. L. Bolley.

Prof. McArdle will continue as conductor of the summer training school for teachers to be held this year at the College during the month of August.

GOAT TAKES FINAL BUTT.

Phelps and Moore are now full fledged Alpha Mus, having passed satisfactorily all the test required for entrance into that mysterious order. After being put through humiliating examinations for the past ten days as to their fidelity and business ability, they were on Saturday night admitted to the "real doings" and after crossing "Hell's Half Acre," were given the password and the mighty secrets of the order.

To show their business ability they were required to pass the most severe tests ever imposed on candidates, owing, no doubt, to their extreme youth and childish habits. This test was given on Friday afternoon at which time they were labelled and given a bushel basket and five pennies with instructions to purchase one cent's worth of ribbon at deLendrecie's, one cent's worth of gum at Pirie's, one cent's worth of tooth powder at the 10-cent store, one-cent's worth of shoe strings at Holmes', and one cent's worth of safety pins at Moody's; to carry their basket with them to the counters, have their articles deposited in them, and receive a receipt from the head of the firm or some other responsible member, and at all times conduct themselves in a business-like manner.

They fulfilled all requirements to the dot with the exception of the purchase of the tooth powder. The manager of the 10-cent store refused to dicker with them.

TREES WINTER-KILLED.

The damage sustained by the trees about the campus and on the College farm during the past winter, has been found to be immense. The young trees, especially conifers below the age of three years, succumbed most readily, vast numbers of them having shown no growth as yet. A plantation of several acres, set out last year and the year previous across the slough, has been killed almost without exception. The hedge back of the Main Building has been killed completely, and several trees in the various clumps, especially conifers, and several thin backed trees have suffered more or less.

All trees which have been planted here are sufficiently hardy to withstand any degree of cold, but the fatal period last winter was the unusual warm spell, which lasted long enough to cause the

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young trees, particularly the conifers, on account of their foliage, to respond, with the result that the extreme cold caused their death.

The work of replacing has begun, and it is hoped that a sufficient start can be made so that by the time a repetition of last year's temperatures is encountered, they will be strong enough to be tided over.

ON THE SIDE LINES.

What some of the sightseers say about the Cadets:
Urchin (doubtfully) — Mama, are they going to real war?
Second Urchin—That little fellow behind smokes a pipe.
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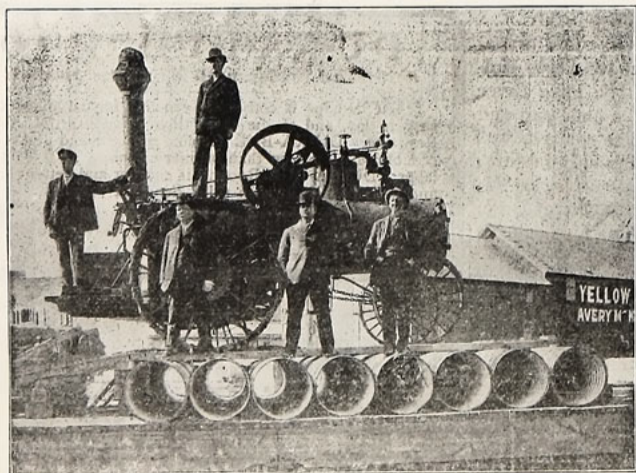
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Messrs. R. Sayre & Co., of Chicago, are sending out a large number of circulars to the various states advocating the protection of land fertility by the adoption of laws prohibiting the improper use of land, and defining a plan of rotation. The spirit in which the measure is advocated is as shown by the statement of Mr. Sayre here appended:

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CLASS SCRAPS.

It seems strange that it should be necessary to mention in a criticizing way, anything in connection with class spirit and class scraps. It is scarcely possible to have too much class spirit in an organization of this nature. But the depredations of the past week cannot pass without censure, and the action of the faculty in regard to the same is not without justification.

However the results of the faculty's action will appear in the future, the reckless destruction of property is entirely out of order. The class that indulges in such action cannot be said to hold true class spirit. It is safe to say that any disorderly acts of the past week were entirely unpremeditated.

The various classes should not be too hasty in criticising the action of the faculty for they must remember that it is the result of their own over-zealous action.

The faculty is as favorable to friendly rivalry among the classes as the students are themselves, but such rivalry should not be carried to extremes.

THE NEXT ISSUE.

The issue of The Weekly Spectrum for May 26, 1908, will be placed in the hands of the young ladies of the Domestic Science class. All the news of the issue will be collected by them and all special articles written by them. The editorial columns will also be filled from the pens of the fair coeds. We wish the girls the best of success in their plucky undertaking.

From a joke in the last issue of The Spectrum it might appear that Mr. H. B. Darling was instrumental in circulating the petition in regard to Norwegian Day. As a matter of fact he had nothing to do with the petition.

CADETS PARADED.

Saturday was Norwegian Day and Fargo was in its gala attire in honor of the declaration of Norwegian independence. The feature of the day was the grand parade which wended its way through the streets of Fargo for twenty blocks under the efficient direction of Lieutenant Harold Sorenson, First Regiment, N. D. N. G., who acted as grand marshal.

The first division was entirely military and was without doubt the most striking and orderly array of this nature Fargo has seen for some time. The division was under the command of Col. E. C. Geary, Jr., First Regiment N. D. N. G., and was headed by the First Regiment Band of Lisbon, followed by Co. "B," N. D. N. G., of Fargo.

Next in order was the Cadet Band and Company "A," First Battalion, N. D. A. C. Cadet Corps. Altogether it was an inspiring military display and the part played by our Cadets was by no means behind that of the National Guard.

The second division of the parade consisted of the school children armed with Norwegian flags. Following were the Sons of Norway and the Norwegian Singing societies, and last of all, several imposing floats. The streets were thronged with interested observers throughout the entire line of march.

The Cadets returned to the College after a strenuous march of 56 blocks, well tired out, but with the satisfaction of having played their part with credit to the themselves and their College.

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PARK RIVER FIRST.

As the result of the annual track meet held at the State University last Saturday, Park River high school gets the handicap and relay banners. The contest was very close, the final rating being: Park River, 31; Grand Forks, 26; Devils Lake, 18; Lidgerwood, 17; Jamestown, 15. Nine high schools were represented.

Darling took in the D. S. lunch and ate so much that he had—the painful feeling all the afternoon.

The Sons of Norway were frequent visitors on the campus last week, especially on Saturday.

Prof. McArdle has figures that show that the college man has 250 times greater chance for success than the uneducated man.

Mr. Amidon of Binford, N. D., visited Mr. and Mrs. Barrett over Sunday.

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Mr. Joseph W. Ince who has been elected instructor in Agricultural Chemistry, is a graduate of Brown University, where he also took his master's degree. He is at present instructor in Magill University in Montreal. He will begin his duties here Aug. 1.

These new men are highly recommended and no doubt will prove highly efficient assistants in the department.

Drum Major Wheeler's big hat gained several tons in weight during the progress of the march last Saturday.

Miller (nominated for treasurer in Philos)—I don't expect to be here next year. If you don't believe me, ask Miss Childs.

Class scraps are common at the Dormitory. The Preps. borrowed the coats of the Freshmen and then there was an argument. The girls seem to be fully as pugilistic as the male members of their classes.

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BOARD MEETING.

The Trustees Had a Very Busy Session.

The board of trustees had a busy session on last Tuesday. After opening and acting on the bids for the construction of the seed barn and root cellar and authorizing the secretary to advertise for bids on fuel for the coming year. they took up the matter of the proposed faculty changes.

The changes in the chemical department were made as recommended by Prof. Ladd and tabulated elsewhere in this issue, and the resignation of Dr. Bassett was accepted to take effect on August first.

Mr. W. B. Richards was elected to the position of Professor of Animal Husbandry and Dr. Brown to the position of Professor of Pharmacy. Major Ulio was requested to continue his connection with the College as commandant as per his appointment from Washington.

SCHOOL OF ALCOHOL.

Congress recently appropriated \$10,000 to the bureau of Chemistry, Washington, D. C., for the investigation of the methods of manufacture of denatured alcohol. A plant is being installed at Washington, and during the month of July each agricultural college in the country is invited to send there to participate in the investigation of methods. The object of this is primarily to aid the various experiment stations that are planning to undertake investigations of this nature. Commonly there is little known about the making of alcohol but the bare principles of the operation, and this action of congress is to be commended.

COMMITTEE OF SEVEN.

Prof. Willard spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Grand Forks attending a meeting of the Committee of Seven of the North Dakota Educational Association which has been appointed to consider the revision of the course of study in the public schools of North Dakota.

The greater part of the all-day session Friday was spent in consideration of the report of the subcommittee consisting of Prof. Willard and Supt. Wallace, which had to do with the revision of the studies in the grammar school grades.

The report of this committee favored an entire reorganization of the course from the foundation, and was distinctly opposed to a mere revision or patching of the existing courses. The rest of the committee concurred with this recommendation and the consideration of what is fundamental to the education of the child was taken up, with the idea in mind that the child is to be educated in accord with its environment. What should be made the cornerstone on which to work was the question which they first undertook to answer.

Physical, cultural, moral and religious training, combined with the fitting of the child for a place in the work-a-day world was considered to cover the essentials and it is from this basis that the committee will aim to devise a model course for the primary grades.

A partial report of the high school subcommittee was heard. This report undertook to present a plan for the adopting of the high schools to the new situation, keeping in mind the idea that the high school must take the pupil where the graded school leaves him and the college at the place where the high school stops.

After a most profitable day's work, the committee adjourned, setting the date for the next meeting in September, at Fargo, at which time they will formulate a report of progress for publication.

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| Bonds and stocks, market value Dec 31, '07 | 260,026,493.51 |
| Cash..... | 6,487,545.88 |
| Premiums in course of collection..... | 4,685,477.79 |
| Interest and rentals, due and accrued..... | 3,999,487.10 |
| Admitted assets..... | \$494,177,021.03 |
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| Net policy reserves..... | \$420,094,742.00 |
| Other liabilities on policies..... | 5,532,870.66 |
| Premiums and interest paid in advance..... | 1,828,360.34 |
| Dividends payable in 1908..... | 8,311,002.02 |
| Miscellaneous liabilities..... | 879,267.56 |
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The German Poets' Memorial Foundation to which I refer, is a purley uncommercial enterprise, having the avowed purpose of familiarizing readers of German literature, especially fiction, with the best books at nominal prices. Members, who pay their annual dues of fifty cents (50c) receive gratis one of the thirty or more volumes well printed and neatly bound, which the Society has already published. These volumes include not only the more popular works of the classic writers, Schiller, Goethe, Heine, Kleist etc., but also the novels and short stories by such living writers as Spielhagen, Liliencron, Clara Viebig and many others, too numerous to mention.

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The work of this society is, therefore, highly commendable, and should receive the moral and financial support of all high minded citizens.

In a recent communication, we are informed by the Secretary of the German Poets' Memorial Foundation that our own public library can benefit by this distribution of books, provided a local branch of the society is established. Therefore, all who are willing to contribute to this worthy cause should leave their names and membership fee (50c) with the librarian at the Fargo Public Library, or communicate with Dr. Max Batt before the first of June.

PREPS. AND FRESHMEN SCRAP.

Preps. Raise Their Flag Only to Have it Captured.

The Domestic Science banner which began to wave defiantly from the iron flag-staff Saturday, May 9, fell a prey to the grasping Freshies between 5 and 6 o'clock Thursday evening. The pole was nicely coated with lard and the task of climbing it was no easy one, but a pair of iron ratchet climbers designed by Max Harrington, overcame the difficulty.

This ascension doubtless scoured off much of the lard, for later in the evening, when the Preps. came to float their banner in order to celebrate their class day, Heidner managed to scale the pole without either spurs or baloon. He succeeded in wiring the banner firmly to the top and then spread a large amount of good axle grease on it as he came down. It is surprising that the Freshies should be so careless and scratch the pole all up while the Preps. are so careful to keep it greased and in good preservation.

The real fun commenced at 10 o'clock Friday morning. The Preps. fortified themselves in the Armory. The Freshies, with the exception of Harrington, laid siege. It was a hard fort to take, but at last an entrance was gained through an upper window. The doors were opened and the horde rushed in. The Preps. retreated to the locker rooms and made a last stand.

Amid a deluge of water and a hail of hurdles, vaulting poles and other paraphernalia, the Freshies gained admission and proceeded to tie the Preps., who were greatly inferior in numbers.

The Preps. were soon locked in the store room. The girls used knives to liberate the Preps., but it was of no avail.

The Freshies proceeded to bind three long ladders to the pole, thus getting three-fifths of the distance to the top. At this point Max Harrington appeared with the climbers, attached them to the pole and went up easily, loosened the banner and slid down the pole amid the cheers of a large number of spectators.

There will doubtless be further developments next week when the Freshies attempt to float their banner.

AT THE GRAND.

The appearance of the Noetzel family which is the first number on the bill will be looked forward to with unusual interest. The Noetzels have performed in the greatest vaudeville houses of Europe and America and have always been headline features.

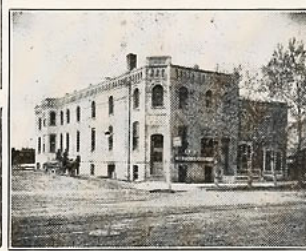
A specialty that will touch the juvenile heart will be given by Laughlin's dogs, a troupe of trained canines and ariel artists whose intelligence has endeared them to audiences all over the world. They walk the tight rope, roll the ball, and slide down hill and enjoy more sport than the average American school boy.

Australians have a soft spot in their hearts for America and Richard Burton a comedian just from Australia will tell how things are done and let loose some of the latest jokes.

LeRoy Benson and company are the musical specialists for the week and promise something out of the ordinary in the line of musical instruments and the way they are played.

Earl and Emma McGrath will be here with a singing and dancing and talking comedy turn that has made good on the bigger circuits and will surely not be out of place in the big feature bill offered for the week.

Prof. Rudd's Union orchestra has some very fine selections and along with Elbie Hanen's catchy song and the cameragraph, this bill is sure to please the old as well as the young and will make one of the strongest bills that has ever been played at this popular house.



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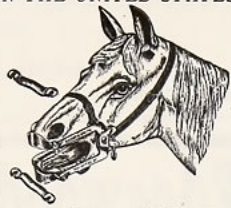


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PERSONAL

President Worst was the principal speaker at the Norwegian celebration last Saturday evening. Prof. J. C. McDowell has been on the campus for the past few days.

Mr. Rufus Lee, a former student, is a pleasant visitor at the College.

Miss Maud Morrow spent Saturday with relatives in Casselton.

Mr. Beals spent Sunday at home. He returned to Buffalo in the evening to superintend the willow-setting for the N. P. railway.

Prof. Halland addressed the students of the high school of Fargo last Thursday on the subject of Sociology.

Mrs. W. E. Lockerby has been visiting her daughter at the Dormitory during the past week.

Mr. Burke Critchfield visited his parents at Hunter, N. D., last week.

Mr. F. F. Leavitt, state Y. M. C. A. secretary, arrived at College Thursday. He has been spending some time at the University.

Sec. C. E. Nugent went to East Grand Forks last Wednesday, where he purchased a splendid pair of driving horses for the A. C.

Mr. Wm. Brooks, representing Armour & Co., was a visitor at the Chemistry Laboratory on Friday consulting in regard to the labelling of dairy products.

Prof. Waldron went to Langdon last Saturday to lay out the site for the buildings at the experimental farm that has been established there. Work will be begun on the farm immediately.

Prof. Waldron's classes are rejoicing that he is again able to meet them.

It is just officially announced that Dr. Bassett will sever his connection with the College at the close of the school year.

Mr. N. D. Nelson of the College Board, spent Wednesday in inspecting the College farm.

Prof. D. E. Willard attended a meeting of the committee of seven of the N. D. E. A. last Thursday and Friday, at Grand Forks.

Mrs. Ruth Ash Hill is visiting her mother for a short time.

Mr. L. P. Nemzek pitched for the Cathedrals in their game with Casselton last Sunday.

Mr. George Axvig, a former student, was a visitor at Chapel on Monday.

Dr. Van Es suffered from a slight illness the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Hicks was visiting her daughter, Miss Ruby, last Saturday.

Mr. Leslie Wheeler left for Bonner, Mont., this morning, where he will be employed on the N. P. survey.

SOIL FERTILITY.

Prof. Willard has in progress at the present time a number of very interesting pot experiments with soil.

The aim is, from the standpoint of the soil as a mere medium of plant growth, to determine what elements are essential or detrimental. With this in mind he has several series of paraffin pots, containing ground granite, glass, tile, limestone and soil. In these he has planted wheat and is obtaining a remarkable growth even in the most unpromising medium. He also has a series of pots containing flax-sick soil and is trying to determine whether or not there is present any toxic principle detrimental to other plants.

AN EXODUS.

The "aristocrats" of the Junior faculty were turned out of house and home last week, and are now forced to make tri-daily migrations down town for their meals. Such is life in the boarding house. Their excellent landlady has decided to close up her boarding house for the summer.

BIG GAIN IN COEDS.

The total number of women students has increased from 129 last year to 173 this year, making a gain of about 30 per cent. According to Miss Locke this is due mainly to the maintenance of a ladies' dormitory at the College and should be a big argument in favor of a Women's building in the near future.

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DOC. ON CRUTCHES.

Dr. Basset is with us again. The doctor has so far recovered from the effects of the accident at the track meet as to leave the hospital Thursday. He will be obliged to lean upon crutches for a few days but will soon be as well as ever and will no doubt be ready for the local track meet on the 23rd.

OIL INSPECTOR HERE.

Mr. Frank A. Wilson, State Oil Inspector, was a visitor at the Chemical Laboratory on Friday, bringing with him a number of samples for the purchase of checking up methods and tests of the state departments.

See the Hub ad.

FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

The class in Veterinary will become suddenly adicted to early rising and trips to the cow barn the later part of next week. Dr. Van Es has accorded them the privilege of applying the tuberculin test to the College bovines. The test necessitates the taking of temperatures at regular periods of three days.

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The pole climbing propensities of the ingenious president of the Freshman class should entitle him to a medal.

Arbor Day at Fargo College was observed by cleaning up the campus, picnicing, and a general good time.

M. B. Erickson was seen Friday chasing Prof. Bolley's sulphate sprayer over the campus with an Eastman Kodak. Wonder what he was after?

McDOWELL VISITS COLLEGE.

Prof. J. C. McDowell is making a short visit at the College. He is very well pleased with his new occupation as traveling expert on farm management, and reports it very pleasant work. Since leaving here April 1, the professor has covered South Dakota and studied conditions there.

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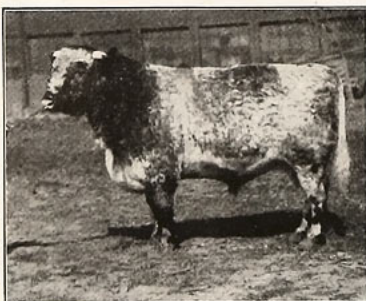
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