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High School Meet

Valley City Carries Off First Honors.

The inter-high school field meet under the auspices of the A. C. Athletic Association, was pulled off successfully at the College track last Saturday afternoon. The high schools of Valley City, Fargo and Wahpeton were represented by teams. It is evident from the interest shown that this form of athletics will do much for the institution in the future. There were a large number of College students and friends of the A. C. and the high schools present at the contest and they showed marked interest in the events.

There were no exceptional records made except in the case of the relay race, which was won by Valley City. However, each event was closely contested, and no event was won with ease.

The first event pulled off was the fifty yard dash, in which there were seven entries from the three schools. Runyon of Valley City won first place (5); Hemp, of Valley City, second (3); and Thayer, Fargo, third (2). Time 5 3/5 sec-24 2/5 seconds.

The next event, the 100-yard dash, was likewise won by Valley City. Runyon won first place (5); Stewart, second (3); and Hemp, third (2); all three representing Valley City. Time, 11 seconds flat.

In the pole vault, Wood of Fargo won first place (5); Whitney, Valley City, second (3); Stewart, Valley City, third (2). Distance, 8 feet 2 1/2 inches.

In the 220-yard run Runyon of Valley City won first place (5); Thayer, Fargo, second (3); and Wood of Fargo, third (2). Time, 24.2 seconds.

In the hammer throwing event, Davidson of Valley City won first (5); Stewart, Valley City, second (3); and Manikowski, Wahpeton, third (2). Distance, 126 feet 5 inches.

The quarter-mile run resulted as follows: Davidson, Valley City, first (5); Wood, Fargo, second (3); Kimball, Fargo, third (2). Time, 59 3/5 seconds.

In the shot put event the result was as follows: Davidson, Valley City, first (5); Runyon, Valley City, second (3); Dorn, Wahpeton, third (2). Distance, 38 feet 3 inches.

The 220-yard low hurdles resulted as follows: Hemp, Valley City, first (5); Runyon, Valley City, second (3); Kimball, Fargo, third (2). Time, 30 seconds flat.

The discus throw resulted as follows: Davidson, Valley City, first (5); Stewart, Valley City, second (3); Manikowski, Wahpeton, third (2). Distance, 94 feet 6 inches.

The 120-yard high hurdles resulted in a victory for Kimball of Fargo (5). There were only two entries. Time, 21 1/5 seconds.

The mile run resulted as follows: Whitney, Valley City, first (5); Preckel, Fargo, second (3); Holenshead, Valley City, third (2). Time, 5 minutes, 11 seconds.

In the high jump the result was: Runyon, Valley City, first (5); Dixon, Fargo, second (3); Stewart, Valley City, third (2). Distance, 4 feet 6 inches.

The broad jump resulted as follows: Thayer, Fargo, first (5); Stewart, Valley City, second (3); Davidson, Valley City, third (2). Distance, 18 feet 5 inches.

Fargo and Valley City competed in the half-mile relay race. Valley City was victorious in 1 minute and 43 seconds.

The winner of first place in each event received five points; of second, three and of third, two points. The final standing resulted as follows: Valley City, 84; Fargo, 35; Wahpeton, 6.

The winner of each event was presented with a beautiful gold medal, having engraved thereon the name of the event and the place won in the event. The base of the medal was made up of the A. C. design. The winner of second place in each event was presented with a silver medal of similar design to the gold. The winner of third place received a bronze medal of like design.

The winning school, Valley City, received a beautiful silk pennant, presented by the College.

The first inter-high school track meet went off very successfully and next year it is expected that there will be much greater interest manifested. Schools of North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota will probably be asked to enter. Many of the contestants expressed the idea that they had a pleasant time while here, and we shall expect to see many of them here, again.

DR. BASSETT INJURED.

Dr. Bassett was the victim of the only accident that occurred at the track meet on Saturday. Standing within range, though to one side during the hammer throw, a stray shot came in his direction and in his attempt to escape he stumbled and at the same time received the hammer on the fleshy part of the hip.

The doctor was taken to his room at once where he was examined by a physician who reported that no bones were broken. The bruise was, however, severe, and he was later taken to St. Luke's hospital. Dr. Bassett is reported as doing as well as could be expected though in much pain and it will be several days before he can be back to his duties in the laboratory.

AGASSIZ DELAYED.

The pressman at the Knight Printing Company was so unfortunate as to accidentally injure his arm last Friday which has delayed operations on the annual for a few days. It is now thought that it will be out the last of the week.

STUDENTS ON THE STAGE.

Messrs. Phelps, Miller and Ed. Moore are considering a tour on the vaudeville circuit as a vacation pastime for this summer and with that end in view they put on a little skit at the Grand theatre last Friday evening. The little play, although of a very light nature largely interspersed with horse play, is a very laughable production, and bids fair to enter one of the circuits as a regular production for the summer.

A large crowd of College people witnessed the first performance at the Grand last Friday evening and enjoyed it immensely.

All bullets missing the target butt will stop before they reach the soap factory, judging from the odor prevalent in that district.

SENIOR PREP. CLASS DAY.

Saturday, May 16, is the date set for the future aspirants to collegiate honors. The Senior Preps. will be given the opportunity of demonstrating their ability both in the forsenic art and in sealing the flag-pole. That they are ambitious there is no doubt as they are running opposition both to the Oratorio and the Norwegian celebration.

The program arranged for the evening is as follows:

Piano Duet Misses Mary Thompson and Lucy Cockburn.
President's Address. . . Miss Esther Evans.

Original Story. . . Mr. Will Stapleton.

Declamation. . . Miss Fern Dynes.
Music Selected.
Essay. Miss Lillian Locke.
Declamation. . . Mr. John Halland.
Class History Mr. Clarence Waldron.

Original Class Song. . . The Class.
All freinds of the class and others are cordially invited to be present on this occasion.

WHO'S YOUR ADVISOR?

A classification of the students, according to course of study and college rank, has appeared on the bulletin board during the past week with the names of the faculty members who are henceforth to act as advisors to the respective groups. The classification is interesting in more ways than one and shows for instance, that out of the hundred odd students of College rank the enrollment in the different courses is as follows: Agricultural—27. Mechanical Engineering—24. General Science—20. Civil Engineering—17. Chemical—5.

The Agricultural course has the largest number of students but the Engineering department, by means of its two courses, has under its care by far the largest number of students of any department in the College.

The total number of classified students is 93 while besides this there are a score or so of specials, of which no classification can be made.

Of the remainder of the 250 regular students at the College about three fourths are taking work in some of the specialized academic courses while the other fourth is preparing to enter College on a general ground.

ANOTHER MONUMENT.

At present there appears to be some agitation to secure the Wergeland monument, which was to have been erected in the park at Abercrombie, but which comes with the injunction that it shall be mounted in the most conspicuous place possible, for a second decoration to the A. C. campus. A committee of the Fargo Commercial Club is at present considering the matter and making every effort to secure the monument for the city of Fargo, but whether it will be erected on the College campus or somewhere near the Lutheran Seminary in Oak Grove has not yet been decided.

MAY HAVE OPERATION.

First Student—What's the matter with L. W. now-a-days?
Second Student—Sick.
First Student—Sick? What's the matter with him?
Second Student—Dormitoritis.

FIRST TARGET PRACTICE.

The first target practice of the year was held on the new range back of the gardens last Friday. Use was made of the pit, but owing to the absence of the movable target frames the old targets were used.

The shooting was done at one, two and three hundred yards. The day was ideal, there being no wind, and in spite of the fact that many of the men had their first experience in range practice some excellent scores were made at one and two hundred yards. The practice ended at 1 o'clock.

PETITION NOT ACCEPTED.

The petition to the President asking him to refuse the invitation for the Battalion and Band to join in the Norwegian celebration, was the subject of some well chosen remarks by Pres. Worst at Chapel Monday. It was pointed out that this celebration is but the result of really true patriotism on the part of the Norwegians inasmuch as the 17th of July in our own. It was pointed out further that whenever Americans found themselves together on July 4 in other countries they invariably celebrated the event and that the people of those countries joined with them and respected them for it. Pres. Worst convinced his hearers that such an event as the Declaration of Independence means a great deal for any nation and brought up parallels from history. The president commended the spirit of patriotism shown in the petition but asked the men of the Band and Battalion to appear for parade on Saturday. This parade will be equivalent to two drill periods of next week.

McARDLE SPEAKS.

All will be glad to hear that Prof. McArdle has been persuaded to deliver an address at our next convocation. Prof. McArdle has been with the institution since its foundation, coming first as an instructor when the institution was new and later was the first professor of mathematics and registrar for a number of years. This makes him excellently qualified to speak on the subject of College Spirit, as applied to our College, and all the students should turn out to hear him.

PROF. WALDRON IMPROVING.

We are glad to state that Prof. Waldron is steadily improving and is again able to be out. He was able to witness the track meet Saturday.

It was rumored that he would be compelled to return to the hospital but this proved to be untrue. We expect to see him at his regular duties again this week.

PROF. HALLAND WILL BUILD.

Excavation is being carried on for Prof. Halland's new house on Tenth avenue. The professor is receiving bids for the building, but does not know whether he will carry on the work any farther than the foundation this summer.

Some people think that it is rather a contrast to see a man by the name of Anderson and one with Darling's shade of hair, circulating a petition not to march on Norwegian Day.

Rural School Problems

Mr. B. A. Wallace, Superintendent of Schools of Trail County, was an instructive speaker at Convocation last Monday morning. His subject was: "Some Problems of the Rural Schools," on which he is eminently fitted to speak, being a member of the Committee of Seven of the N. D. Educational Association to investigate the courses of study of the public schools. He is especially interested in elementary schools as he and Prof. Willard are members of a sub-committee of two whose duty it is to investigate the courses of study of the same.

Supt. Wallace spoke briefly of the progress in the public schools during the last fifty years showing how the change of conditions on the farm has thrown a double burden upon the schools. Formerly much of the training of the youth came to him at his home under the instruction of his parents, but today this has fallen on the school and hence the schools of today have better building equipment, better teachers and a more systematic course of study. Perhaps they yet fell short of what they should accomplish.

As to the most needed improvements today, one is less changing of teachers. This is a most serious handicap to efficient instruction. Another need is more and closer supervision of the schools. Under the present system each school scarcely receives more than one annual visit from the county superintendent. This could be well and economically remedied by giving each superintendent an assistant. Perhaps the most crying need of today, however, is a thorough overhauling and harmonizing of the course of study with the view of eliminating that which is superfluous and including that which should be added in its proper place.

GOOD WORK.

At a meeting of the city "dads" of Fargo last Wednesday they considered the petition of the College Trustees, which protested against the position of the city dump, the sulphurous fumes from which penetrated their nostrils at their last meeting. The aldermen decided to act upon it favorably, and the dump will be removed at once.

It was also decided to build a cement walk on Twelfth Avenue from Broadway to Thirteenth street. This walk will be built on the Fargo side of the avenue and will probably put the three planked excuse on the other side of the street out of commission. Some of the students have been heard to lament this, but others take an optimistic view and say that it will mean twice across the street farther to walk and besides no one has seriously advocated enforcing the two-foot rule anyway. Mr. Tibert should be commended for his prompt action in securing both these improvements.

Several people were pleasantly surprised to see Dr. Batt at the concert Saturday evening after reading in The Forum that he had been seriously injured and taken to the hospital that afternoon.

SOCIETY

PHILOMATHIAN PROGRAM.

The Philomathian Society will hold its regular fortnightly meeting in the society room on next Friday evening, when the following program will be given:

- Vocal Solo—Chas. Clark.
- Reading—Paul Heath.
- Original Story—Henry Berg.

Debate, "Resolved, That the Editor of the Spectrum should receive at least 25 per cent of the profits of the paper." The affirmative of this question will be upheld by Messrs. S. T. Rogers and Lloyd Worst; the negative by Messrs. S. V. Anderson and Lynn Miller. Direct argument will be five minutes in length and one three minute rebuttal will be allowed on each side.

- Locals—Emily May.
- Piano Solo—Clarence Plath.
- Criticisms—Mabel Piers.

A short business session will be held after the program.

ATHENIAN PROGRAM.

The Athenian Society will hold its regular session in the Society room on Friday evening, May 15, when the following program will be rendered:

- Music—Athenian Quartette.

Debate, "Resolved, That the passage of the initiative and referendum bill would be for the best interests of the people of North Dakota." The affirmative will be upheld by Messrs. Rex E. Willard and Howard Darling; the negative

by Messrs. William Whitecomb and Levi Thomas. Ten minutes will be allowed for direct argument and five minutes for single rebuttal on each side.

Piano Duet, with violin accompaniment—Misses Grest and Welo and Mr. Ray Babcock.

Political platforms and possibilities of the day:

- Democratic—John Pease.
- Republican—John Thysell.
- Locals—V. C. Parker.
- Criticisms—Peter Olson.
- Music—Selected.

A short business session will follow the program:

RECEPTION.

The contestants in the inter-high school field meet were tendered a reception Saturday evening by the Athletic Association in the College Armory. A large number of the faculty and students were present.

Dancing was the chief amusement of the evening's entertainment and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. Music was furnished by the Cadet band and was of a high grade of excellency.

Later in the evening refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The evening was declared a social success.

MINERVA DEBATING CLUB.

The meeting of the Club which was to have taken place a week ago was held Thursday evening, May 7, in the Athenian room.

The program was opened with music by Miss Mary Thompson. The question for the debate which followed was, "Resolved. That

capital punishment should be abolished." The affirmative of the question was upheld by Margaret Magill, Agnes Peterson and Gladys Pease. The argument for the negative was given by Genevieve Holkesvig, Elizabeth Rice and Fern Dynes. The debate, though somewhat extemporaneous was well organized and well delivered by both sides. The judges decided in favor of the negative. In closing Miss Emma Bohlmeir played an instrumental solo.

The members are beginning to realize more than ever before the value of these meetings and regret is felt that only one more meeting is to be held this year.

TWILIGHT CONCERT.

The twilight concert given under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. in the College Chapel last Saturday evening, was decidedly a success, financially as well as otherwise. The chapel was filled to the utmost capacity by friends and students of the College and residents of the city.

The program was of a high order and consisted of fourteen numbers and represented some of the best talent in the two cities. The Association is to be congratulated on being able to secure this talent and desires to thank all who in any way assisted in making the concert a success.

The proceeds will go towards paying the expenses of the delegates to the Geneva Summer Conference.

Y. W. C. A.

Last Wednesday evening was the regular night for mission study. Miss Childs read several chapters from "The Lady of the Decoration." Only two more meetings of this nature will be held this term, which will give just sufficient time to complete the book.

The fortnightly devotional meeting will be held Wednesday evening, May 13, at 7:30. All girls, whether members of the Association or not are invited to attend. Miss Elizabeth Rice will lead and the subject is "The Sins of Tongue."

Considerable interest will be taken during the next two weeks in the election of Geneva delegates. The Association plans to send three delegates this year. A nominating committee consisting of Miss Childs, Matilda Thompson, and Elizabeth Rice, has been appointed.

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FACULTY RECEIVED.

Monday evening the Faculty again gathered at the Dormitory for another of their monthly social evenings. Vocal and instrumental music was a feature of the evening and it is reported that part of the time was spent in learning to "barn dance." Refreshments were served before the pleasant party broke up.

MISS CHILDS ENTERTAINED.

Last Tuesday evening Miss Childs entertained the Westminster Guild of the Presbyterian Church at the Dormitory. This meeting of the mission study class was entirely social and was the last one of the year. Light refreshments were served late in the evening. All report an enjoyable time.

DEBATE CLUB.

The Club held its regular bi-weekly meeting Friday evening, May 8, in the Engineers' room.

The program was opened with a debate on the question, "Resolved, That adding one year to the Preparatory Course will be beneficial and will better serve the object for which it is intended." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Magill and Anderson and the negative by Messrs. Mercer and Michels. Messrs. Ruzicka, Parker and McGuinn acted as judges and rendered their decision in favor of the

affirmative. In order to bring the meeting to an early close, the extemporaneous part of the program, which was to have consisted of extemporaneous speeches by several members was limited to one. Mr. Parker was called upon for this number and gave a talk on the advisability of granting degrees which would be representative of the courses pursued. Following this talk criticisms of the program were given by Mr. McGuinn after which the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Batt was a pleasant visitor at the meeting.

THE TEACHERS' CLUB.

The teachers' meeting of Friday last was well attended and an enthusiastic program was rendered by the members. The debate on the question "Resolved, That the consolidation of the rural schools of North Dakota would admit of more efficient education than the present common schools," was well argued by both sides. The judge decided in favor of the affirmative.

The following placard confronted Prof. Richards when he reached his office door the other morning: "Ladies Especially Invited." Don't talk to the Prof. about this, please.

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AGRICULTURAL GUILD ESTABLISHED AT CHICAGO UNIVERSITY.

Post-Graduate Work for Agricultural Students.

The University of Chicago has just inaugurated an advanced course in agricultural science to meet the requirements of agricultural students who wish to carry their work farther than the average agricultural college training. This course is known as the "Agricultural Guild of the University of Chicago" and according to the "University Record" has been established to meet the needs of three classes: (1) Owners of specialized farms who desire expert advice, efficient farm managers, and a high grade of student labor. (2) Young men schooled in the science of agriculture who feel the need of practical training in economics and the management of farms in order that they may aid in organizing this industry on a businesslike basis and thus secure for themselves a more successful career. (3) An increasing number of boys and young men who desire a practical training in the art of agriculture, with a view either (a) to operating farms for themselves, or (b) working as employees on specialized farms.

This guild aims to supplement without duplicating the work of the agricultural colleges and others by giving the practical training which their limited equipment and different purposes prevent them from providing. It offers to graduates of agricultural colleges and to others desiring some knowledge of scientific agriculture an opportunity to perform on real farms all the operations involved in modern farming. For the prospective farmer it endeavors to do all that some of the large manufacturers and railroad companies do for college graduates in engineering, i. e., to give them several years of systematic practice along with instruction in their chosen field of work.

In all the various fields of agriculture as well as of general farming, agronomy, horticulture, vegetable and seed growing, in dairying, stock and poultry raising of all kinds, in the selection and use of farm machinery, in keeping farm accounts, in managing farm labor, in studying the markets, the most practical training is to be given under expert direction. In this way it is believed that helpful experience will be gained and valuable data col-

lected so that both practical farmers will be trained and expert managers developed.

It is proposed to conduct the work under two divisions:

(1) Field laboratory work and practical farming will be conducted upon a limited number of farms. The plan at the outset will embrace ten farms in the immediate vicinity of Chicago. Each farm while under the direct control of its owner, will be under the management of an expert who will conduct the work. Since most of the farms are highly specialized, a student who becomes experienced in the working of one will be transferable to another, until he is familiar with the best methods of doing all kinds of farm work.

A three years course of training is planned. Students who complete satisfactorily the prescribed course will be awarded a diploma.

(2) Regular courses of instruction will be given at the University of Chicago. Students desiring to take courses leading to the Bachelor's or a higher degree, will be permitted to do so at certain seasons, especially during the winter months, either at the University of Chicago or at other institutions. An opportunity will be afforded to take courses in the social sciences, and any of the physical or biological sciences relating to agriculture. The importance subject of marketing farm products can be studied to especial advantage in the great distributing center of Chicago.

Students who have had little or no training in the agricultural sciences may spend part of each year on the farms and the other part in the University, or in some other approved institution. For students of this type the required time for completing the course will be correspondingly longer.

On some farms dormitories with modern conveniences will be furnished. On others the students will live with the manager in a family group. On each farm an abundance of good reading in addition to libraries on agricultural topics will be furnished, courses of studies outlined, and lectures given.

The Guild is governed by a board of advisors consisting of the owners of the several farms, the President of the University, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Literature and Science, the Head of the Department of Political Economy, and the director of the Guild. This body will be assisted by a board of experts chosen from the facul-

ties of agricultural colleges and experiment stations.

BLEACHING FLOUR.

A circular letter recently sent out by a miller who is not favorable to bleaching and has not adopted the process in his own mill, contains the following suggestions:

"White flour is the best, most nutritious, all-round food stuff known to man.

This is all right, as we all know; but what we don't always know is, whether the flour was chemically treated to look white, imitating age and fine quality.

Pure middlings flour (high-priced because made from choice wheat by scientific milling) is creamy-white flour. Flour made from the best wheat, when fresh ground, is always slightly yellow and a few weeks age adds to the baking qualities and consequently to the value.

We all know that the highest grade flour in appearance and baking qualities, cannot be made out of the whole contents of the wheat berry. There is only a certain proportion of pure middlings flour in any wheat; and this is the best and highest priced flour.

But we also know that there is a modern device by which flour that does not possess the merit of real age and skilful milling from good wheat, and would otherwise be less attractive in color, can be made to resemble the highest grades of flour possessing proper age, and proper color due to the excellence of the wheat and good milling; and this is accomplished by acid fumes, vapors or gases produced by flaming discharges of high-tension electricity, actually, chemical treatment of the wheat product. This process is a commercial success perhaps; and perhaps, again, the bakers share in this commercial success; and, perhaps, again, they do not; and, perhaps, bread eaters are benefited.

Bread eaters admire the chalky whiteness of bread made from denatured flour; but, unfortunately for bakers and millers, they do not eat the bread. They nibble and leave the bread unconsumed on the plate if there is any thing else in sight to satisfy hunger."

The Domestic science class in Dietetics served another of their weekly luncheons last Wednesday. Among the guests were Pres. Worst and Supt. Hoverstad.

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No one knows the machinery of the law better than the politician, so, although they escaped him there, he got their number. The long distance telephone did the rest, and they were pinched at Valley City. They didn't come back the same road.

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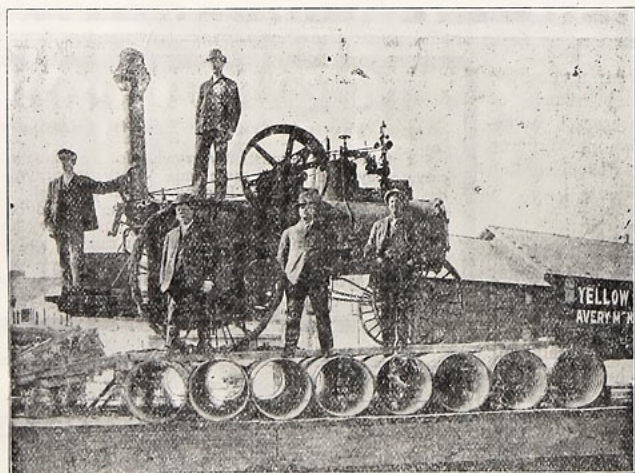
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FACULTY RECEPTION.

There seems to be considerable misunderstanding on the part of many as to the nature of the last reception. This function was theoretically given by the Athletic Association to the visiting athletes. The students and faculty were invited though some did not know of it. It was said by some to be one of the faculty receptions to the students.

It has been the policy of the faculty in the past to give one reception each term to the students. No reception of the kind has been given this year. It has been stated that there are already too many social events at the College, and therefore these should be omitted. If this is true there are several functions which do not pertain to the whole student body and the faculty, which might be dropped and one of this nature substituted.

Many have recently been agitating the matter of a closer relation of faculty to students and students to faculty. That was the propose in the recent action in regard to student advisors. At no time during the whole year have the whole student body and all the faculty been brought together. If a closer relation is to exist, then they must come together, and a social evening is one of the best methods of bringing all together.

Such functions are common and regular events in most educational institutions and their value cannot be overestimated. We hope this custom will not be allowed to drop entirely when everyone knows its value. Few really enjoy a stiff, formal reception but we all remember the enjoyable



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faculty parties that have been held in Francis Hall in the past.

WHO ARE THE CANDIDATES.

The end of the term is approaching and the student election is not a long way off, and it seems to us about time that the students should be considering a choice for Spectrum officers for next year.

If the candidates or prospective candidates would announce themselves it would probably serve to clear away the present tendency toward idle speculation and create, in its place, some real interest in the coming election.

All the students are or properly should be, interested in the coming election and the candidate who is first on the field will probably stand a better chance than his more bashful competitor. Just now the question is "Who wants the job?"

NOT PREPARED.

Few if any of us ever feel proud to answer "not prepared," when called upon in class. Yet this expression applied to certain aspects of the field meet and the reception which followed it. At an occasion such as this it seems that every effort should be made to avoid all possible misunderstandings and every one should strive to aid in entertaining. Such, however, did not seem to be the case on Saturday, and as a consequence, things were very much "unprepared." The fault is, of course, our own, and it only remains, therefore, for us to draw the lesson so obviously at hand and take steps to see that we need never again answer "unprepared."

Some people are in favor of combining a state high school oratorical contest with the field meet next year, and thus encouraging intellectual as well as physical contests.

It looks as though the University of Chicago is beginning to realize what the agricultural colleges have known for a long time—the value of science applied to ordinary life.

If no one else did his duty at the field meet the band boys did theirs. There is only one objection—the conspicuous lack of uniforms.

The Cadets showed what they could do last Wednesday. Now we should like to see them do it every day.

People don't seem so anxious to be Editor of The Spectrum as they are to be President of the United States.

Certainly the Valley City boys have no cause to regret their visit to the A. C.

With a field meet, a concert, a reception, and a serious accident, all in one day, the A. C. is becoming somewhat metropolitan.

The locks on the doors of the Engineering Building that have proven too easy for the engineers, are to be replaced by a new style cylinder lock that is guaranteed to withstand picking, even by professionals. The habit of carrying button-hooks will soon be out of style

The new water tank has finally been placed in position on the first floor of the Engineering Building. All the engineers are giving thanks that they do not have to go to the steam engine lab. for H2O.

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Mrs. Ash now has full possession of her new residence and is busy "settling."

He met her in the darkened hall. He said, "I've brought some roses."

Her answer was quite irrelevant; It was, "How cold your nose is!" —Ex.

Don't let her little brother see You kiss your dear farewell, For all the philosophers agree 'Tis the little things that tell. —Ex.

Dr. Bell spoke at a meeting of the Civic Improvement League last Friday evening on the subject "Birds and Their Value."

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Than a Might Have Been, by far;
For a Might Be is a Hasn't Been,
But a Has was once an Are.

Also an Are is Is and Am;
A Was was all of these;
So I'd rather be a Has Been
Than a Hasn't, if you please.
—Ex.

A letter from Mark Keeney informs us that he is with an N. P. survey party, doing cross sectioning preparatory to putting in a double track between Missoula and Paradise, Mont. Mark says that he is enjoying himself, but is lonesome for the A. C. crowd and would like to be remembered to all of them.

Prof. Willard will go to Grand Forks on Wednesday. He will attend a meeting of the Committee of Seven of the N. D. E. A. on Thursday. On Friday the High School conference will be held at the University. On Saturday a track meet will be held, consisting of some of the high schools of the northern part of the state.

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PERSONAL

Mrs. Schollander left Fargo on Wednesday last to join Mr. Schollander at the Williston Sub-station.

Mr. Morton was making an inspection tour about Dickinson last week. It is expected that he made an interesting collection of foods, drugs and whiskeys.

Miss Huckle of Grand Forks has been visiting Miss Childs during the past few days. She will return to Grand Forks today.

Mr. Hughes came up from Wahpeton to spend the week end with his family and incidentally accompanied the Wahpeton track athletes to Fargo on Saturday.

Miss Jeraldine Thompson is suffering from an attack of diphtheria.

Mr. John Pease has been carrying a bandaged eye on account of an accident in baseball.

Mr. Arthur Murphy was confined to his room last week with a slight illness.

Prof. Beckwith returned from the east last Wednesday. He reports that his father is still in a very critical condition.

Prof. Weeks acted as judge at the Fargo-Valley City High School debate last Friday evening.

Prin. Rockwood of the Valley City high school attended the track meet at the College Saturday.

Mr. Leo P. Nemzek made a trip to Wahpeton last Saturday.

Mr. A. H. Johnson of Mayville Normal School was a College visitor last Friday.

Supt. Johnson of Hillsboro attended the track meet last Saturday.

Mr. R. M. Dolve visited his home in Portland last week where he bade farewell to his parents who are leaving for an extended visit to Norway. Mr. Dolve stopped at the Mayville Normal while en route.

Great doings in Fargo. Two burglaries and one street car hold up last Monday night.

Plath—in horticulture—Where can I find something about the gooseberry?

Prof. M.—Go and catch some geese and get them to tell you.

Early morning tennis is the latest innovation. Hall and Stevens began at 6 the other morning.

Rommel and the iron sulphate spray have been waging war upon our yellow campus pests during the past week.

The class in horticulture has been taking daily trips over the campus and through the gardens with their pruning knives lately.

Lancon is out looking for some more fudge like that he got at the Athenian social.

Prof. Weeks is making up a list of educational books which will be purchased as a start for a departmental library.

It is rumored that the Senior Preps. will give a most ghostly presentation of the "Burial of Sir John Moore."

A Good Reason.
"Johnson," said the vicar's wife, more in sorrow than in anger, "I'm sorry to see you're not paying into our coal club this year."
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Cash.....	6,487,545.88
Premiums in course of collection.....	4,685,477.99
Interest and rentals, due and accrued.....	3,999,487.10
Admitted assets.....	\$494,177,021.93
Liabilities	
Net policy reserves.....	\$420,094,742.00
Other liabilities on policies.....	5,532,879.66
Premiums and interest paid in advance.....	1,828,360.34
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SUGAR BUSH DAYS.

I was born some time ago—about 188—. I was the baby, my younger sister having graduated from Reed's Primer three years before I arrived to molest her, and my younger brother—he sometimes introduced me in later years as his twin brother—was fifteen years my senior. My older brother was not so far up in height as my younger but he was farther along—he had graduated from a course called "college". My older sister was somewhat of Dutch, English and Yankee descent—mostly the last—and was of a lovable nature.

Did you ever see a huose with lots of windows—one side was afire at sunset—and a large porch with vine-twined across the front? Did you ever stand and peak through the vines and see against the sun—the orchard interrupted the nearer view—the great hills over against the sky? Did you ever look around the corner and see a wide valley with a little stream in the bottom? And did you ever look to the rear and see a glaciated hill with a "stump fence" encircling it half way up? And did you see the "sugar bush" on a broad terrace on the other side? If you did in the spring you were satisfied—but you must not have been a "bear" on 'change' nor a director of four-teen trusts.

The month of March was a happy time—the sap of the maple became accessible—and the youngsters always enjoyed it. Scouring, rinsing, cleaning—happy? yes, in anticipation—of a certain big black kettle, many tin buckets, spiles. O, yes, and the big wooden-runner bob-sled had to be repaired.

You may have seen peculiar sights but none like this. My twin brother—he was six feet in his sox—started off one morning with the oxen hitched to the afore-said bob-sled. The black kettle, the tin buckets, et al., were stacked on the snow-mud-slipper. A long willow was in the driver's hand to persuade the oxen, and he walked beside the awkward beasts. He was as lean and lank as six feet of one hundred ten pounds would permit. His trousers came to the top of his heavy shoes. There was a hand's space between his mittens and

sleeves. An old slouch hat of pre-manhood style decorated his red head. His coattail almost as low as the bottom of his suspenders (he had covered three year's growth in twice as many months). Funny? To the rich stock broker—yes. To the farmer—common. Arriving at the "sugar-bush" the kettle was mounted on a pole—they did not have evaporators in those days—and the buckets and spiles were taken to the large maples. The trees were tapped with an ax—a gash three inches long was cut, slanting—and the oval spiles were driven underneath. The sap was gathered as soon as the buckets were full—after about twenty-four hours—and then boiling began. This was the time when we all had fun. The fire must be kept going all night. Ghosts and other night fears must be kept at bay. It was an excellent time for story telling when all the "kids" of the neighborhood were present. The big brothers would take delight in telling "searry" stories just to worry us "little fellers". But it was a jolly time, when you had to swing the ax at midnight and eat when the time was convenient.

The climax came at the "sugar off". The sap in the great kettle was boiled to a syrup and was removed to smaller kettles and pans. Here it was boiled until it was thick enough—when it would bubble from a loop—to be hard when cold. We all stood around and looked over the edge to tell when it was done—as though we could tell a thing about it—and pass judgment as to the quality. When E. proclaimed it "done" we all had to give way while it was removed and stirred and stirred until thoroughly grained. Then it was placed in greased pans and allowed to cool and became hard cakes and ready for sale.

But joy! When the kettle was emptied! It was, me for a spoon or stick or spile with which to lick the kettle! The perfectly beautiful sweet sugar! There never was much left to wash out when we were through,—we were not allowed to have any of the real maple sugar for it was worth money.

I was born in central New Mexico and lived there fifteen years. Do not be alarmed, not all of the above is untrue. It is the picture

as seen in the imagination, looking backward. Gentle reader, if the pictures are not real to you do not be alarmed for they may not be to others either.

R. E. W., '08.

BEWARE OF ARTIFICIALLY BLEACHED FLOUR.

Not all the millers are favorable to the bleaching of flour by any means. A miller who has the courage to stand out and manufacture and sell flours without bleaching at the present time has to meet with strong competition from those who are out to deceive. One of the millers who does not believe in bleaching recently sent out the following circular:

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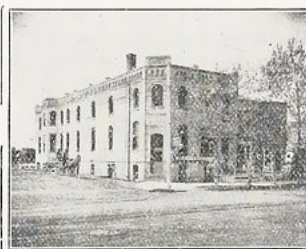
Wheat flour was and always has been the cheapest and best human food since ages before the Pharaohs of Egypt. We read of some mighty dubious transactions in all these intervening days; but no historian records that millers bleached their flours with acid fumes to make it look nice—until the present day. Is not the use of "bleached" flour lessening bread consumption?"

NORTH DAKOTA FLOURS.

Prof. Ladd states the department has just finished up the work on all the commercial flours of the state. This includes bleaching, gluten and baking tests, and chemical analyses. This work will be published in a bulletin and will be interesting as showing the comparative values of flour produced in the state with those from outside. It will also show the extent to which the flours are bleached.

MORE PAINT TESTS.

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Prof. Remington is examining a large number of dried fruits for sulphurous acid. Under the North Dakota regulations fruits so adulterated must not be sold this year, though under the national ruling the producers are given one year's grace.

PREPARE FOR SPRAYING.

By Prof. H. L. Bolley.

The time is rapidly approaching when those whose farms are badly overrun with mustard, king-head and other weeds and whose lawns are thoroly subjugated by substances for weed eradication ing the proper machinery and subsances for weed eradication work. Every year we receive numerous letters asking what can be done to destroy these weeds but the inquiries never come until it is too late to give advice for that year. Experiment Station Bulletin 80 and the various press bulletins which we have issued give full directions for making solutions and spraying to destroy many of the worst weeds which come from seed. It will be noted that we have not said in the bulletins where such machinery could be purchased. It would be impossible for us to list all of the worthy firms who can provide the purchaser with proper machinery, therefore we have thought it wise to leave such notes out of the bulletin publications. When asked directly we invariably try to give the best information regarding the purchase of machinery suited to the inquirer.

The object of writing this note at this time is to call the attention of the people to the fact that spraying machinery suitable for for this weed spraying work is not generally carried in stock by the local machinery and hardware houses. Therefore if you expect to buy a field sprayer for work in the grain fields you should at once write to a large manufacturing house for such machinery and for catalogs, prices, etc. Or, if you wish to buy it from your local dealer call his attention to the fact so that he can have time to order the same. As I understand it, many machinery firms in various parts of the state have taken out agencies for some of the best field sprayers and any one interested can probably gain the information he wants by consulting with his machinery firm. It will be too late to get a machine if you wait until the weeds are all ready to kill. Proper spraying for weed eradication cannot be done without a thoroughly well constructed sprayer. Successful work will not be accomplished by a machine which does not have a pump capacity equal to 100 lbs. pressure. The lawn spraying work by hand sprayers can only be successfully done by the use of sprays which have sufficient pump pressure to cause the solution to be thrown in a fine misty spray.

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The details of the game were too numerous to be mentioned and none of them added much to the glory of the individual players. However, Worst pitched well as will be shown by the score. Clark covered himself with glory by picking out a difficult fly.

The final score resulted in 16 runs for the Philos and 3 for the Athenians. The batteries were: For the Philos, Worst and Anderson; for the Athenians, Murphy-Willard and Beaton. The earned runs for the Philos were about five and for the Athenians, none.

This form of athletics is very interesting to the students and is enthusiastically supported by them. While the games do not always show much skill, they afford a great deal of healthful exercise and amusement and more of these games should follow.

THE PEANUT RACE.

The Alpha Mu Fraternity does not believe in keeping the good things all to themselves. They let the outsiders enjoy a part of their initiation.

"Pa" Phelps and "Uncle Ed." Moore were the last victims of humiliation. As a part of their initiation they were required to compete in a peanut rolling contest. The course was the sidewalk between the Administration and Mechanical Buildings. A large crowd gathered Friday afternoon to watch this much advertised event. The contestants, attired in airy track suits, shouldered their crow bars and marched over the course to the starting point at 3:30 p. m. The announcer, Leslie Wheeler, introduced them and explained the race.

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The Science baseball team defeated the Aaker's Business College team Friday by a score of 16 to 4.

The printer is busy on the June number of the Extension which will be the College Catalog. It is reported to be bigger and better than ever, and so much changed about, that old students won't be able to recognize it.

See the Hub ad.

For the second time since its erection the new flag pole has been decorated with a banner. This time it was a large and artistic flag with the words "Domestic Science" upon it. Now comes the query, which one of the D. S. girls climbed the pole. The presence of grease has also been reported in the vicinity of the banner, hence its permanence.

Somebody was mean enough to put a couple of alarm clocks in the ventilator before the Minerva Club meeting the other evening, and to add insult to injury it was discovered after the alarm had gone off that one of the clocks belonged to a prominent member of the Club. The other one belonged to a Junior Faculty member from whom the girls had borrowed a watch just before the meeting. Both clocks are feeling quite well, thank you.

ENGINEERS BUSY.

The different classes in civil engineering field work are working over time in their enthusiasm to gain as much practical experience as possible. The class in field work is making resurveys and doing other work to accustom them to the use of instruments and methods of surveying, while the class C. E. III is making a transit survey of a portion of Island Park in order to secure data for a contour map which, it is probable, will be used by Mr. Meller in his plans for beautifying that naturally attractive piece of ground.

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LOST.

A white belt and A. C. buckle were lost last week either on the campus or north side of Fargo. Finder kindly return to or notify The Weekly Spectrum.

The latest thing in the "advertising" line is a post card bearing a picture resembling the White House or the Capitol at Washington, with the inscription "Fargo Public Library." For a while the post cards used the picture of the A. C. Library under this inscription, but vaulting ambition has probably found a better "Ad."

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The bill for the week commencing May 11 will start out with a program much different than the week past, with such people as the Three Skeltons, in a novelty music and dancing act, featuring little Gladys, America's greatest buck dancer and phenomenal xylophone expert.

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