

# THE Weekly Spectrum

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## Memories of Oxford

Word was not received until a late hour this morning that Pres. Burch of the State Science school could not be with us because of illness, but the students were agreeably surprised by being favored with a most interesting talk on "Memories of Oxford," by Prof. A. E. Minard.

It was only a year ago that Prof. Minard experienced the sensation of speeding from London over the green fields of "Merry England" towards the famous old University town of Oxford, and felt the fascination of a visit to the land of our forefathers and our language and literature.

As to the first impression of Oxford Professor Minard stated that his were entirely favorable. There seemed to be a peculiar charm in the old English town with its narrow streets and sidewalks, its antique structures and massive College buildings, a combination of church and fortress, possessing a fascinating beauty and calm grace.

This impression was only strengthened on his meeting with the Censor, a kindly old man with whom he consulted as to his prospective work at the University.

In choosing his rooming place Prof. Minard was not obliged to seek lodgings in the College quadrangle or in the licensed boarding places as are the younger students. The only requirement was that his room be within a mile and a quarter of the center of the town. The accommodations to be had are excellent, the common expression met with being, "I think we can make you comfortable." A student usually occupying two large rooms at a reasonable cost, has an acquisition entirely foreign to us, in the form of a courteous servant who is always ready to answer at call.

As to the University, it has not much the semblance of the American. There are twenty-two colleges in all, scattered about the center of the city with no apparent connection. The University consists of the combination of the heads of the colleges giving the instruction. The University supervises the examinations and gives the degrees.

As to the various colleges there is no close distinction between them, the instruction being practically the same—minor differences only characterizing them. The College of the Church of Christ is the favorite of the aristocracy. Magdalene is the center of athletic interests. Jesus College is attended largely by the Scotch and the attendants at Kebul nearly all belong to the Established Church. Others are distinguished for the grade of work, scholarship, etc.

As to the work at the University, the students are given great latitude as there are but three examinations during the complete course. In nearly all cases much of the studying is done during the vacations. The students are divided into two classes; those studying for degrees only and those working for honors and carrying more than the required work. Of the first the requirements are not very elaborate, as it consists of Greek and Latin authors, philosophy, logic, mathematics and sub-

jects in general which are supposed to be a part of the information of the educated man. Each student is assigned to a tutor who has immediate supervision of his work and acts the part of general advisor. The tutor also directs the reading and study which is supplementary to the attendance at lectures.

## U. N. D. DEFEATED.

The North Dakota University baseball team suffered two defeats last week. The first was in a rather indifferent game with the University of Minnesota which ended with a score of 3 to 0. The second was in a game with McAllister, the final score being 2 to 0 in favor of the Minnesota team.

## DEBATE CLUB MEETING.

The will be a meeting of the Debate Club on Friday evening, May 8, in the Engineers' Society room. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 8 o'clock, and all the members are requested to be on time.

## CHAPEL NEXT.

Supt. B. A. Wallis, of the public schools of Traill county, has consented to be our convocation speaker for the coming Monday. He will talk on some problems of the rural schools.

## WILL DELIVER ADDRESS

Pres. Worst has been asked to deliver the address at the Norwegian celebration on May 16th, and has given his consent.

The occasion commemorates the establishment of constitutional government in Norway and is strictly analogous to the American Fourth of July. The Sons of Norway of Fargo are planning a big celebration and it is expected that there will be thousands of people in town on that day.

There will be several speakers of note and a big parade, and President Worst has been highly honored to be asked to deliver the address of the day.

## NATURE STUDY EXCURSION.

The class in nature study of which Prof. Bell has had charge during the absence of Prof. Waldron, took a trip to the woods along the Red, east of the College last Wednesday, for the purpose of studying the early spring developments of plant life, which are beginning to flourish there. The plants which were found to have commenced growth were the French weed, blood root, Solomon's seal, water leaf violets, leeks and Indian cups. They also took occasion to note the birds which have arrived during the past week and found representative of the following species: the red winged black bird; brewer's black bird; several species of sparrow and two or three species of hawk. The work of this class consists of the study of the development of birds and plant types, and methods of propagation.

And now the Seniors are patting themselves on the back because they came out only six or seven dollars in the hole.

Miss Magill thinks it perfectly shocking to dance in a society room.

## Field And Track

### Many High Schools Enter.

The inter-high school track meet will take place on Saturday, May 8, as scheduled. On account of the bad weather of the past week progress has been impeded in the preparations. However, the present indications are that the meet will be a great success. Every student is expected to be there and heartily support the first track team at the A. C. for some years.

considering the advisability of putting two such parties in the field, one to be selected from Montana and one from here.

No contracts have yet been signed and it is understood that Superintendent Cooper is awaiting formal action by the executive officers of the company before completing the arrangements, but the chances are in favor of both parties being put in the field immediately after the close of the term.

The party which has been selected by the President is as follows: H. J. Hughes, '09, foreman; Henry Berg, '11; Peter Olson, '10; Lloyd Worst, '10; William Whitecomb, '09; Burke Critchfield, '09; Charles Ruzicka, '11.

If the contract is closed these men will leave immediately after school closes for eastern Montana where they will go into camp for the summer. Their work will consist in mapping, grading, and appraising the railroad company's land and segregating the farm lands and the grazing lands. They will receive \$75 per month and all expenses. It is expected that it will take about three months to cover the area to be mapped.

This is again conclusive evidence that the college man is in demand and also that the field for the technical student of Agriculture is practically unlimited.

## PRESIDENT WILL INSPECT.

### Preparations Under Way for Government Inspection.

Orders have been posted at the Cadet Battalion Headquarters to prepare for inspection and review by President Worst at dress parade on Wednesday. It is probable that several of the military gentlemen of Fargo will also attend the ceremony which, if the weather permits, will occur out on the front campus.

This inspection is preparatory to the annual government inspection to be made by an officer of the general staff from Washington and the boys are endeavoring to make a good showing as this will probably give them some idea of what they are capable.

So far Major Ulio has received no definite information as to the date of the government inspection but in all probability it will occur within the next month.

Capt. G. C. Grafton of the N. D. N. G. was among the visitors at last Wednesday's parade and expressed the opinion that the Cadets were doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

## COLLEGE MEN IN DEMAND.

### Scientific Training Has Again Proved Its Worth.

President Worst is recently in receipt of a letter from Commissioner Cooper of the Northern Pacific Railway Company asking him to select a party, consisting of a foreman and six men, to grade and appraise the company's lands in eastern Montana.

Last year the company wrote the president asking him for a similar selection, but as he was just leaving for Europe at the time, he was unable to comply and so the railroad company had a party selected from the Montana State College. This party did its work so well and proved itself so satisfactory to the company that Superintendent Cooper is this year

## ANNUAL OUT IN A WEEK.

### May 10 Is Date Set For Appearance of Agassiz.

Editor Whitcomb and Managers Nemzek and Baernstein are now spending all their spare time at the printer's supervising the press work on the Junior Annual. Proof-reading is almost completed and over 150 pages of the book have already gone to press. The publishers have already started work on the covers and as these are made from sheepskin, one skin furnishing only enough material for two covers, this part of the work will prove quite a task.

All the cuts for the edition have arrived and something like 100 of them have already been printed. Work on departments of the book is being pushed rapidly and every effort is being made to get it in hands of the subscribers by the 10th of this month.

A large amount of interest is being manifested in the unique advertisements which are appearing daily on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

## SUPERINTENDENTS MEET.

The annual session of the county superintendents of North Dakota was held on the 28th and 29th of April in Bismarck. The meeting was very largely attended, nearly all of the county superintendents of the state being present. Prof. Willard and Superintendent Randlett represented the A. C. at the meeting and report a very profitable visit with the state educators together with the discussion of many questions of local educational interest.

It is of the utmost importance that the College keep in touch with the general educational problems of the state as only by this method can its courses be adjusted to meet the popular demand, and further than this it is important that the work of the College be clearly before the educators that they may intelligently advise their students as to any College work they may wish to pursue.

Somebody suggested that it was very appropriate for the Seniors to plant evergreens.

The St. Paul Dispatch recently contained a column write-up of the local Engineering Department with a full description of buildings and equipment.

## Twilight Concert

Next Saturday evening the students, faculty and other interested in music, will be given a treat in the way of a concert. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., and the proceeds will go toward paying the expenses of the delegates to the Geneva Y. W. C. A. convention next summer. Some of the best talent of the two cities are to appear on the program and a large attendance is expected. The program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening. The nominal fee of twenty-five cents will be charged.

The following program will be rendered:

Instrumental Solo.....  
.....Miss Mabel Bowers  
Vocal Solo..... Miss Grasse  
Instrumental Solo,.....  
.....Miss Minnie Johnson  
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Willard  
Reading,.... Miss Majory Moore  
Vocal Solo,.....Miss Hazelton  
Nocturne in "G" by Rubenstein  
.....Mr. Ben Lenhart  
Selection..... College Choir  
Vocal Solo.....Mr. Lavelle  
Cornet Duet,.....  
.....Mr. Adams, Dr. Putnam  
Vocal Solo,.....Mrs. E. R. Wright  
Instrumental Solo.....  
.....Mrs. E. H. Wright  
Vocal Solo—"Narcissus" arranged  
by Duncan.....  
.....Mrs. Jessie Taylor Hall  
Vocal Duet.....  
Messrs. Jay and Malcolm Hansen

## DEMONSTRATION FARM REPORT.

Mr. Schollander's report on the work done on the demonstration farms situated along the Northern Pacific and G. N. Ry. has just gone to press. The report is of general interest and contains such valuable data regarding each farm as the precipitation for the growing season, the first and last killing frosts, experiments in moisture conservation through cultivated crops and their fertilizing ingredients.

## 3,000 CHILDREN IN AGRICULTURAL CONTESTS.

Three thousand school children from twenty-three North Dakota counties and Clay county of Minnesota are interested in the various school agricultural contests instituted by the A. C. and superintended by Mr. Randlett. The strawberry contest seems to be receiving considerable attention. Billings county, at the extreme west of the state, a region which is supposed to be arid and infertile, is going strongly into the contests, making a special feature of strawberries.

## CADETS MAY MARCH.

The Sons of Norway, who are making arrangements for the 17th of May celebration in Fargo, are making an effort to get the Cadet band and the Cadet Battalion to head the parade which will occur on Saturday May 16th.

So far no definite arrangements have been made but negotiations have been entered into with President Worst with the intention of getting him to order the Cadets out.

The parade is to be a rather pretentious affair and will be several blocks long.

# Twilight Concert, Chapel, Sat. May 9



# SOCIETY

## ATHENIAN PROGRAM.

The society convened Friday evening, May 1, and the program rendered was a very successful one.

The opening number was a violin duet by Ross Babcock and Carl Myhre, greatly appreciated. "Summer Vacation Possibilities" for A. C. Students was the subject of the evening's program. The "Musician's Vacation" was discussed by Percy Gussmann. He brought out different ways in which the musician may spend his vacation. The original story by Sadie Barrett, "Planting of the Tree," showed considerable talent and was well read. "The Agriculturalist" was the subject of a talk by Albert Thomas in which he told of the pleasures of vacations on the farm.

Then followed a clarinet duet by Ross Babcock and Peter Olson, which was well received. "Stump Speaking as a Summer Diet," was a humorous talk by Chas. Michels. Locals were read by Esther Evans, after which general criticism was given by Peter Olson.

The concluding number was a selection by the Athenian Quartette composed of Misses Esther Evans, Kathryn Grest and Messrs. Babcock and Willard.

After a brief business session, a social time was enjoyed. Various games were played and later refreshments of fruit and

fudge were served. The evening closed by singing familiar College songs.

## Y. W. C. A.

Last Wednesday evening, instead of the usual devotional meeting, the Recognition service for the spring term was held, at which seven members were publicly received into the association. They were Margaret Wood, Edna Abel, Jessie Ellis, Lena Reitan, Julia Johnson, Emma Dohlman and Mary Lee. The meeting was led by the president, Sadie Barrett, and was a very impressive one. Miss Kathryn Grest sang the beautiful solo "Calvary." After the service each new member received with her membership card a white carnation as a remembrance of the occasion.

A greeting from the State Secretary, Miss Pearson, lately received, was read. After a brief intermission, a short business session was held.

## Senior Ball.

One of the most successful functions of its kind ever held at the College was the Senior ball, given by the members of the Class of '08, Saturday evening, May 2. The hall was very prettily decorated in the class colors, orange and black. About seventy couples were present. Music was furnished by Dr. Putnam's Orchestra and a splendid time is reported by all in attendance.

The patrons and patronesses of the evening were President and Mrs. Worst, Professor and Mrs. H. L. Bolloy, and Professor and Mrs. Daniel E. Willard.

## CHOIR ENTERTAINED.

On last Thursday evening the College Choir was most agreeably entertained at the pleasant home of Prof. McArdle on 8th street. The evening's entertainment consisted chiefly of musical features, one interesting contest being the answering of a series of questions by using the names of the various signs used in music. Miss Mabel Piers won the prize, which consisted of a beautiful tin horn of superior tone. Delightful refreshments were served after which the guests separated voting Prof. and Mrs. McArdle most delightful entertainers.

## SOPHOMORES MET.

The Class of '10 held a meeting last Wednesday afternoon and among other things they considered plans for a class banquet to be given after their public program on class day.

## PHILOMATHIANS.

The Philos met Friday evening in the society room and a very interesting program was given.

After roll call, Mr. Nemzek gave a reading entitled "Nature's Music," which was very appropriate and well given. The declamation by Allen Clark showed exceptional ability and thorough preparation. A call for extemporaneous music was very kindly responded to by Miss Alma Leeb. "Frog Hunting" was the subject of a very humorous and well written paper by John Halland. Miss Agnes Halland gave a very good criticism of the evening's program.

Dr. Batt and Prof. Richards were called upon, the former criticizing both the program of the evening and the work of the society in general, and Prof. Richards telling of the work done by the societies in his Alma Mater and also some of his own ideas of literary societies.

After the program the society adjourned to Francis Hall where refreshments were served and a social session was enjoyed.

## TEACHERS' CLUB PROGRAM.

The Teachers' Club will hold their regular meeting next Friday evening, when the following program will be rendered:

Piano Duet—Misses McKee and Hull.

Reading—Miss Hasselquist.

Debate—Resolved, That the consolidation of the rural schools of North Dakota would admit of a more efficient system of education.

than do the present common schools.

The affirmative will be upheld by Mr. Hendrickson, Misses Nedrebo and Morrow; the negative by Mr. Nero, Misses Reiten and Bohlmeir.

Solo—Miss Dohlman.

## NORTH DAKOTA POTATOES FOR THE SOUTH.

Prof. Shepperd is in receipt of a letter from Memphis, Tenn., requesting his opinion on northern grown potato seed for that region and a list of potato growers of this region.

It is a well known fact that northern grown seed is best and Prof. Shepperd announces that North Dakota growers ship carloads of seed potatoes, principally to Kansas City and as far west as Colorado. Several men in the locality grow special varieties of seed potatoes on contract for southern seed firms.

## STUDENTS SHEAR SHEEP

Prof. Richards initiated a number of the agricultural students into the mysteries of shearing sheep by machine power last Friday afternoon. The shearing machine is quite universally in use at present on the farms and sheep ranches, and is proving far superior to the old hand shear method.

The weight of fleece sheared from the College sheep varied in the different breeds, running from 5 to 6 pounds in the small South-down to 17 pounds in an excellent Rambouillet.

The profound truth that tomorrow never comes, and yesterday, although it is always passing, has never been with us, has led a correspondent to throw off this effort:

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Mr. Microbe—Horrible catastrophe! Ten million lives lost!

Mrs. Microbe—Goodness gracious, Mike! What happened?

Mr. Microbe—The First National Bank, without a word of warning, sterilized a dollar bill.—Ex.

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## TENNIS.

It is often remarked that it is strange that so few of our students manifest any interest in tennis in spite of the fact that we have the best courts in the state, in fact ideal facilities for playing the game. There are undoubtedly many good reasons to be pleaded for this, but the one most often heard is the cost. The fact that it takes an initial outlay, at present, of from six to ten dollars, is sufficient to cause almost any of our students to hesitate, considering that from the uncertainty of the weather, the number of days that can be spent on the court is often limited both in the fall and in the spring.

As a remedy for this, considering the fact that the courts were built primarily for the students, would it not be possible for the tennis association to furnish part of the needed apparatus, say the balls and rackets?

This would not be much of a drain on the Association. For the first season four rackets would probably be sufficient, as a number are owned by the students at present and there is hardly any doubt that the increased membership of the Association would nearly pay for them. If the end to be obtained is worth while why not adopt the means?

Hughes wants to buy a "field" camera. He is probably going to start with the light artillery and work up to the coast defenses later on.

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# SPORTING

## THE PROSPECTS.

The weather for the past week has not been very favorable for outdoor athletics. The result is that a serious difficulty is met with in trying to accomplish the best results. The first of the season was so promising that great things were expected to develop along athletic lines. With a week or two of cold weather the progress has been very much impeded. It should be remembered, however, that very little fine weather can be looked for before the first of May. May is now here with six weeks of the term left we shall accomplish a great deal.

## TRACK AND FIELD.

The track is receiving constant attention and before long we shall see one of the best tracks in this part of the country. Cinders and other material are being worked into the bed and the finishing material will be put on soon and an excellent track will be the result when the last covering of fine material is applied. When finished the track will be a rare treat to the inter-scholastic contestants. On this track several young athletes of the state will receive their first introduction to public field athletics.

Much new field and track equipment has recently been added to the present supply. A set of revolving hurdles are now ready for use. Jumping standards and posts for the pole vault have been erected. High and broad jumping courts have been prepared. All these have been made according to the latest and best methods. Nothing has been left undone that will lead to making the coming inter-scholastic meet a grand success.

M. Hofus has just recovered from a case of blood poisoning in the foot. We are glad to see him about again wearing the athletic smile.

A bystander, unfamiliar with tennis terms, was watching Mr. Dynes and Mr. Thysell on the courts. Dynes, having made 15 to Thysell's none, called the score, 15-Love.

The bystander screwed up courage to ask, "What does 'love' mean?"

Dynes promptly answered, "O,

that simply means, nothing doing on one side."

Ask Kent Darrow if Cupid played in the basket ball team last winter. Apparently both Kent and Cupid did good work.

What about inter-department base ball? We have not heard much about it lately. Perhaps the weather is responsible.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Joseph Henry Taylor was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, January, 1844, and died at Washburn, N. D., on April 10, 1908. He came of sturdy Quaker stock and passed the first few years of his boyhood in the average uneventful Christian home. He early learned the printer's trade but did not long remain in the business. He was disappointed in love before 1861 and immediately plunged into the bloody strife that shook the nation in 1861-65. After he had done his duty as a humble soldier by helping to preserve the glory of his country's flag, he packed his knapsack and started to explore the uninhabited plains of the boundless west. For forty years he wandered. The bits of history that he left in his published works show that his soul was ever in communion with the wild and sagave life about him. Proof of his kind nature is shown by the fact that the Indians he met were his firmest friends. The beasts of the forest divulged their secrets to him as they have to no other man.

It is as a patriarch of the west that the name of Joseph Henry Taylor will go down into history together with that of Daniel Boone. As he passed across the trackless wastes his vibrant soul must have heard the tread of the multitude that were to follow in his footsteps. He was one of the pioneers who blazed a trail for the mighty nation that was to follow. It pained him to think that the splendor and varied beauty of the animal life about him must be erased by coming man. Though he was a trapper he says in his book: "Gladly would we have left this scene untouched could we have felt that it would remain so." The story of his life is the story of thousands gone before, who, like Aeneas of Troy, braved the furies of the unexplored, and made a wilderness habitable to peaceful men.

W. H. M., '10.

## SEED COLLECTION POPULAR.

The weed seed collection put up by the Department of Botany is receiving a great run this year. There are more calls for this collection of seeds than the department is able to supply. They are being used in many of the rural schools for teaching nature study. The farmers buy them for the identification of weed seeds on their farms. Some of the commercial seed houses are ordering them that they may have them on hand for identification of seed adulterations. It is one of the most interesting aids that has come to the teachers of nature study and rural agriculture from agricultural colleges.

In order to aid the teachers and farmers of the state in this work of weed seed identification the collections are sold in this state at \$1; to those outside of the state, \$2.

During the coming summer the Department of Botany will enlarge this collection and develop it to such an extent that they hope to be able to supply all who ask.

## FOUND HORSES.

Harold McKinstry, who has been in McKenzie county after been in Morton county after to be used in the soil survey this summer, has found the horses and has safely piloted them across the Missouri. He is expected back in a few days.

## HONORABLE MENTION.

In a recent issue of the Ames (Iowa) Intelligencer, we find a long article on positions held by graduates of the Iowa State College situated at Ames. The article calls attention to the fact that Ames men are doing things and occupying prominent positions in agricultural and engineering lines in all parts of the world. Heading the list are two very prominent agriculturalists, men who received their training under Secretary Wilson of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, then Dean of Agriculture at Ames; our own Dean J. H. Shepperd, '91, and Hon. W. W. Hayes, '85, at present Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and at one time head of the Agricultural Department at this institution.

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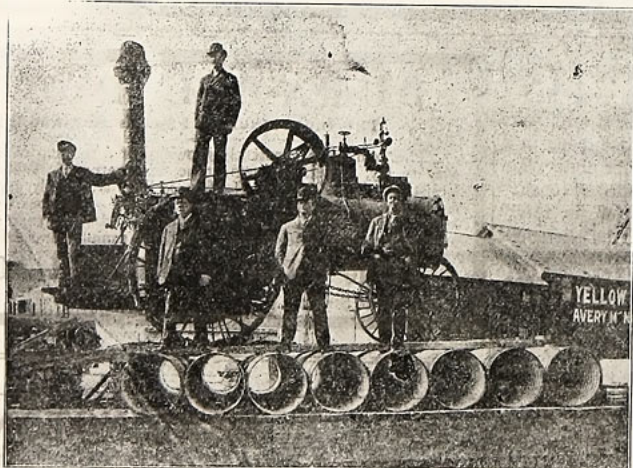
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**RECOGNISED.**

In the Saturday edition of the Fargo Forum appeared a lengthy editorial on the educational institutions of the city, and the Agricultural College headed the list. We are glad to see that the A. C., so long recognized as a force in the development of the state, is coming at last to be a "prophet in its own country" and is gaining the appreciation and good will of the people of Fargo.

Considered commercially the College is not to be despised as an important factor in Fargo's growth for it has been conservatively estimated that the Agricultural College students annually leave in the town something like \$200,000, to say nothing of the money spent by the state for the maintenance of the College. Certainly \$200,000 per year is not to be despised.

The Forum is on the right track and we hope to see it continue to boost. Good work Forum. Keep it up.

Perhaps the reason why more students don't take an active interest in athletics is because they literally haven't the time. Our program is eight hours long and we are supposed to prepare each subject for at least an hour, making twelve hours altogether. Union labor is demanding an eight-hour day.

The fact that prizes are being offered to the school children of Fargo for the best kept garden during the summer ought to be encouraging to the Agricultural College.



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**THE SOCIAL WHIRL.**

College is fast entering upon that period of the school year just before commencement when it seems that every evening in the week is taken up with some new diversion. With the younger students there is always danger that in the false perspective of energetic youth the diversion is liable to be bigger than the College, and consequently the tendency is to neglect lessons rather than social affairs.

This state of affairs is unfortunate for we are fast nearing the completion of the shortest term in the year and a large amount of concentrated effort is essential to the successful passing of final examinations. On the other hand the various diversions mentioned above are an important part of the College and the real student may derive almost as much education from them as from his regular class work. Certainly no student who can possibly afford the time should miss the opportunity of being present at the various class programs and so forth.

In order to carry out the program then, and both get our lessons and attend the various activities it becomes necessary that we concentrate our energies for the next five or six weeks entirely on the College and it seems to us that the more we see of the College and the less we see of the town, the better are our chances of successfully completing our work and at the same time enjoying something really worth while.

Class days are coming but none of the classes seem to be worrying much over it.

Elbert Hubbard claims that "vivisection is blood lust screened behind the name of science." He evidently does not believe that the welfare of the human race is as important as the continuance of the lives of cats and dogs.

Is life worth living? If it is, then live as though you meant it. Do not do it half way.

If you get a good thing in your possession, hang on to it. If you have a good piece of news do not tell the reporter about it for he might put it in the paper. Your neighbors might hear it. If you wish to injure the student body do not help a good cause along. Be a "num-skull."

Did it ever occur to you that other people have some rights? In fact they have—almost as many as yourself. If you have opinions of your own you are welcome to them, but do not thrust them on others, who are not as aggressive as yourself on the same question.

The Spectrum has been criticised for its lack of literary productions. The Spectrum will be glad to consider any short stories for publication. It is not from intention but from inability to get literary material that this feature is omitted.

Hedonism is the theory that pleasure is the ultimate goal of all human action. It looks as though many people about the campus are Hedonists—at least so far as preparation for class work is concerned.

Some new improvement are being made at the poultry house. Ash trees have been planted in the yards and runs, which will afford beneficial shade to the fowls during the heat of summer.

When you feel as though the world is wrong-side-out, look inside of yourself and see if the trouble is not there. Cheer up and do not make a dark world for others as well as for yourself.

The tennis courts are now a popular resort, especially with faculty.

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The big touring car had just whizzed by with the roar like a gigantic rocket, and Pat and Mike turned to watch it disappear in a cloud of dust. "Them chug wagons must cost a hape av cash," said Mike. "The rich is fairly burnin' money." "An be the smell of it," sniffed Pat, "It must be that tainted money we do be hearin' so much about."—Ex.

"Love is like the measles—liable to break out at any time." It's contagious, too, and its victims should be quarantined. But you can have it more than once.—Ex.

Prof. A.—An imaginary trip down the great river! I wonder what river that is?  
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The Alpha Mus are planning a little track meet of their own for next Friday and it will probably prove interesting to the participants at least.

It seems that "Pa" Phelps and Ed. Moore are the next candidates for membership to the fraternity and thus are to be the sacrificial victims in an impromptu track meet to be held on the College track next Friday. Admission free.

**A GOOD ONE.**  
 A good joke is going the rounds about one of the faculty ladies who is a zealous worker in the cause of the Fargo Civic Improvement League. After a consultation with the mayor it was decided, on her advice, to send a policeman around to the residences on the north side and have him ask the occupants to clean their lawns before Arbor Day. Meantime Pres. Worst and Deans Shepperd and Keene had made a heroic effort to put their lawns in shape, and when the policeman arrived had everything spick and span.

In his excess of zeal the "cop" never noticed the improved appearance of the professor's lawns, but stolidly made the rounds and impartially requested them to "clean up." The professors are still in a daze.

Judging by the way the faculty stuck together at the Senior ball there is no immediate danger of a disruption.

Be sure and see Miller, Ed. Moore and "Pa" Phelps at the Grand Thursday evening.

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**PERSONAL**

Dr. Van Es was at Bismarck Tuesday where he attended the meeting of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, of which he is consulting veterinarian and bacteriologist.

Superintendent G. W. Randlett attended the meeting of the county superintendents at Bismarck last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Captain G. C. Grafton of Co. "B," N. D. N. G., was a visitor at dress parade last Wednesday.

Miss Ruby Hicks, '08, made a short visit to her home in Hickson last Friday, returning Saturday.

Roger Neal, a former student, left Friday to take a position in a lumber office in North Yakima, Washington.

Mr. Roy Corbett, '09, has accepted a position handling gas engines at International Falls, Minn.

Mr. Berg, of Velve, was visiting Miss Dora Welo at the College last Friday and attended the Arbor Day Program.

Mrs. W. F. Sudro left Friday morning for an extended visit to her home in Elyria, Ohio.

Mr. Grant Morton, our new food inspector, made a trip to Grand Forks last week and brought back an interesting collection of samples.

Mrs. Bessie Smyth Edwards, '06, of Ellensburg, Wash., is the proud mother of a baby daughter.

Prof. Willard returned from Bismarck last Thursday where he had been attending the meetings of the county superintendents and also transacting some business connected with the survey.

Trustee Hartman and Secretary Nugent are in Williams county inspecting a driving team which has been offered for sale to the board.

Messrs. Clark and Elmer Hicks, of Hickson, visited with their sister, Miss Ruby Hicks, '08, on Saturday and attended the Senior ball.

Miss Laura Wright of Sabin was College visitor for a short while last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Serene B. Ash has bought the Schollander place on Thirteenth street and will shortly occupy the house.

Pres. and Mrs. Worst were among the guests at the Senior ball.

Miss Ruby McClane was a visitor at the Dormitory last week.

Mrs. Fuller of Hazleton was the guest of Miss Armstrong at the Dormitory over Sunday.

President Worst was in Bismarck Wednesday consulting with the Governor and the State Auditor in regard to the Wiliston substation.

Prof. Weeks went to Grafton to attend the Tri-County Teachers' association meeting last Saturday where, in the absence of President Worst, he delivered a paper on "Agriculture in Rural Schools."

Down on a southern plantation the dairy hands were accustomed to do the milking squatting down in a primitive fashion, until the owner introduced milking stools with other improvements. But the initial experiment with the innovation was not exactly a success. The darky who just sallied forth with the stool returned bruised and battered and with an empty pail.

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Mortgage loans on real estate.....	125,741,836.42
Loans on policies.....	52,022,021.33
Collateral loans.....	11,805,000.00
Bonds and stocks, market value Dec 31, '07.....	260,026,493.51
Cash.....	6,487,545.88
Premiums in course of collection.....	4,685,477.99
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.....	5,532,879.69
Premiums and interest paid in advance.....	1,828,360.34
Dividends payable in 1908.....	8,311,002.02
Miscellaneous liabilities.....	879,267.50
Held for future dividends.....	\$7,530,769.45
Total liabilities.....	\$494,177,021.93

The work accomplished by the Company in 1907, under the new conditions, in respect of benefits dispensed to policyholders and in the furtherance of their best interests, has been especially satisfactory. The Company paid directly to policyholders and their beneficiaries in death claims, endowments, dividends, annuities and surrender values..... \$43,950,245.40  
 It added to the net reserves held in trust for policyholders..... 10,368,678.39  
 Total benefits from sources named..... \$60,327,924.79  
 Total received from policyholders..... 57,151,401.71  
 The total benefits above named exceeded premiums received by..... \$ 3,176,883.08  
 The amount paid DIRECTLY TO POLICYHOLDERS during the year was 77 per cent. of the amounts received from them.  
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**W. A. M. SMITH, Manager, Edwards Bldg., Fargo.**

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## ARBOR DAY

Commemorated by Appropriate Program—Seniors Planted Trees.

Following the recommendation of the Governor's proclamation, all classes were suspended at 10 o'clock Friday, and the students gathered in chapel to listen to the Arbor Day program. The assembly was presided over by the Seniors who occupied the faculty chairs on the platform, and Miss Holkesvig graciously filled the place of chairman.

The exercises were opened with the song "Come Where the Lilies Bloom," by the College Choir. Following this the Governor's proclamation was read by Mr. Charles H. Clark, President of the Senior Class.

Mr. Meller, superintendent of the city parks, was then introduced. He discussed the matter of planting trees on the farm from the aesthetic standpoint, touching briefly upon the selection and arrangement of trees, hedges and shrubs so as to get the most pleasing, artistic and harmonious effects.

After a pleasing vocal duet by Misses Piers and Grest, Dr. Bell spoke upon "Birds As An Aid to Agriculture." In opening he briefly touched on the value of birds and their influence on the happiness and comfort of man. As to their economic value they are man's strongest allies. Were it not for the birds, the insects which possess such remarkable powers of multiplication, would soon become so numerous as to destroy all vegetation on the face of the earth. As it is now the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that the annual loss from insects in our agricultural industries is five million dollars. The greater part of this loss occurs in the eastern states where the indiscriminate slaughter of birds has gone on longer and where man by his cultivation of the land has made possible the existence of certain specific forms of insects. Agriculture without birds would be a hopeless task. Not only do the birds destroy insects but are also a source of destruction to rodents and are a large factor as weed seed destroyers.

Another selection by the Choir was followed by the presentation of an excellent paper on "Forest Legislation," by Prof. H. L. Bolley. First calling attention to the fall of many eastern countries by the destruction of their forests and then picturing from his own experience the way in which the limitless forests of our own country have been destroyed, he called attention to the excellent work of President Cleveland in the setting aside of forest reserves and commented upon the continuance of that policy by President Roosevelt. These men have had a hard fight against practically all the moneyed interests of the country who have done all in their power to discredit these actions. The need of the planting of forests in the Appalachian water shed at the present time was commented upon.

Following the program the assembly adjourned to the triangle in front of Francis Hall where each of the Seniors planted an evergreen tree, all of which will undoubtedly grow and remain a living monument to the class of 1908.

## DONATION TO FARM MECHANICS LAB.

A much appreciated addition to the farm mechanics laboratory is a model of the latest type of the Kentucky drill, donated by the Deere and Weber Company of Minneapolis. The model is a section of an actual size drill, and shows the four styles of furrow opener, viz, single and double disc, shoe, and hoe. It is the most modern and perfect model of seeding machine at present on exhibition in the laboratory. The Deere and Weber Company has always shown its appreciation of the type of education which is being presented in this division of the agricultural department, by generously providing the laboratory with models of their numerous types of farm machinery. From the fact that the study of farm machinery constitutes a large part of the work designated as farm mechanics, these models of their machinery are greatly appreciated by the department.

## JUNIORS FLY FIRST FLAG.

An Ambitious Prep. Played Monkey And The Seniors Reaped The Reward.

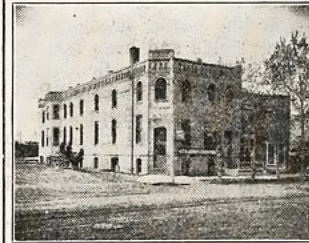
The much-talked-of flag pole at last made its appearance and was set in place on the campus just east of the Armory last Wednesday. It is a steel pole fifty feet in height and carries an eight-inch wooden ball on its top. It is sunk ten feet in the ground and is held in position by a base of concrete.

Before the pole had been in position for twelve hours some enterprising Juniors, under cover of the darkness, ran an '09 banner to the top and managed in some manner to pull the rope through and break it off close under the flag. When school opened Thursday morning the Junior flag waved proudly from the top of the new flag pole and the rope was carefully coiled on the bracket at the foot. How the Juniors ever put their banner up there so it would stay and then took the rope off remains a mystery.

But the glory of the Junior's achievement was doomed to a short life for, after several ineffectual attempts, a daring Prep. scaled the pole, hand over hand, and upon reaching the top drew a knife with which he cut the offending colors down. As the flag came loose and floated away on the breeze a Senior was seen to emerge from somewhere near the Administration Building and sprint for the falling banner. The banner once in his possession he made railroad time out across the Athletic field and continued up the road until he was lost to sight. He got back to the College after dinner. The Prep. who climbed the pole slid down again and is now nursing a pair of blistered hands.

The Juniors hold the honor of being the first class to decorate the new pole; the Seniors have possession of the Junior banner; the Preps. have an athletic member with very sore hands, and one or two of the Freshmen have covered themselves with glory by standing at the foot of the pole and making all the noise. Thus ended the first incident of the new flag pole.

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but it has proved to be perfectly possible and hereafter classes desiring to fly their colors from the new pole will do well to give it a coat of grease before they leave. Meanwhile Foreman Hannon is

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Husband—I don't eat wood.



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**HORSES LOST.**

Robt. Stevens returned from McKenzie county last Thursday where he went after the horses belonging to Prof. Willard.

The horses, used in the soil survey of last summer could not be found and Mr. Stevens was obliged to return without them. It is entirely probable that the missing horses will be found at the annual spring round-up in the near future.

Mr. Stevens reports a short visit with Mr. J. T. Weaver, '07, who is at present located just over the line in Montana.

**SHORTHORN SALE CATALOG.**

The catalog for the big short-horn sale to be held at the State Fair grounds on June 3 will be ready for distribution about May 15. The catalog will contain the names and descriptions of the 46 pedigreed animals to be sold.

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Man loves the beautiful, but if all he had wanted in this world was to wander through and gaze upon the garden spots of earth, poor old Adam would have died with all his ribs intact. But he did not, and woman came and at once began to look around for something with which to decorate her Easter bonnet and started that old story about being ashamed to be seen because her clothes were so shabby. Adam did not have his check-book or had left his pocket-book in his other trousers, and so told her to get the best bargain she could and have it charged. So now, when you go to church and have your liberties infringed upon by being forced to listen to the tumbings of oratory from behind a breastwork of ribbon and tomfoolery, think what has come from that mistake that Adam made in allowing the first millinery bill.

Satan, when he whispered those officious words in the Garden of Eden, which made the first woman ashamed of her clothes, could not have conceived of an extreme so pleasing to pusillanimous nature as that grotesquely caricaturing thing, the "Merry Widow" hat.

If you see anyone following you when you go for a stroll after dark, don't get frightened. It may be only your faculty advisor.

**THE GRAND.**

The week of May 4 started out with one of the greatest acts of its kind playing on the American stage, the famous Eddy Family, along with the Four Shannons, a Quartette and Dancing Turn; the Man from Australia, Sam Rowley, and Francis Hoy & Co., a sketch

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**LOWER RATE ON SULPHATE.**

Professor Bolley has received notice from the officials of the Northern Pacific that a reduction has been made in the shipping rate of iron sulphate from St. Paul to Fargo making the rate from St. Paul to Fargo 15 cents per hundred pounds. He has also received information that the railroads from Chicago to St. Paul have made a rate between Chicago and Minneapolis of 15 cents per cwt. This will quite materially reduce the expense of spraying for eradication of mustard and other weeds. The rate between Chicago and Fargo will now be for the present season 30 cents per cwt. when it was originally 39 cents, thus making the cost of treatment per acre approximately 9 cents less than previously.

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The speaker outlined very carefully the different kinds of schools and the subjects taught, beginning with the Volkshule. This includes what would correspond to our grades and is the school that the child first attends before entering what is known as the "Gymnasium." In Germany education is compulsory and no student is excused unless he presents a medical certificate.

In the "Gymnasium" the subjects studied are Latin, Greek, French, mathematics, history and geography. The whole course is equivalent to the American high school and about the first two years of College. On graduating the student may enter the University to specialize in some particular branch.

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## CHALLENGE.

We, the Philomathian Literary Society, having carried off the honors in the last literary contest, and, as yet, having received no challenge questioning our superiority along literary lines, being as our name signifies, earnest workers, continually looking for new fields to conquer, do hereby, in order to place ourselves on a basis for competition, descend from the lofty heights of literary prowess to the more common planes of athletic contests and challenge our rival society, the Athenians, to an athletic contest upon the College campus. Said contest shall be the national game, baseball, to be held on Friday afternoon, May 8, 1908.

It will be our purpose, if this challenge is accepted, to manipulate the sphere during our intervals in the field, in a manner so excelling in percision, dexterity and celerity as to baffle entirely the most scientific endeavors of our rivals to follow its meanders and gyrations; and, during our intervals at the bat, to exhibit an unequalled combination of accurate sight and muscular swiftness in bringing the "swat stick" or bat in such violent contact with the hide-bound ball of yarn as to propel it, through aerial heights, to points more distant than the aimless goals of dreaming Athenians.

(Signed) The Philos.

## CLASS SERVED LUNCH.

The Class in Dietics served a luncheon last Wednesday to a few of the students at the nominal rate of ten cents a piece. The class is making some practical experiments in dietetics and are required to so construct their menus as to make both ends meet.

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Oh!  
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And what is the honor of belonging to the staff.

Why he has his name printed in small letters in the far corner of the editorial page.

Is that all?  
Yes.  
Oh my!

—Ex.

Some people might get the idea that the A. C. has established a naval training station on account of the mast climbing propensities developed in the under classmen since the erection of the new flag pole.

The return of pleasant weather has brought out the tennis enthusiast again. There is some talk of a tournament this spring. What do you think of the plan?

The first brood of early chickens has just been hatched at the chicken house, and is already enjoying the maternal care of a first-class brooder.

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