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NEGATIVE WINS

Moore Gets First Place.

Once more the annual Stockwell prize debate has gone down into history. On Friday evening a rather small crowd gathered in the Chapel to listen to the discussion of the subject now supposed to be all-important among those before the United States congress. The question was: Resolved, That the United States Navy is Not Sufficient to Safeguard the Interests of the Country. Although the debaters had had but a limited time to prepare, they showed considerable familiarity with the subject and their speeches were not without the lively spirit that should characterize a contest of this nature.

The decision of the judges was in favor of the negative upheld by Messrs. Babcock, Lanxon and Magill. However, Mr. Moore of the affirmative was awarded first place in spite of the fact that he was on the losing side. Messrs. Rogers and Pease assisted Mr. Moore in supporting the affirmative. The judges were Prof. Weeks, Dean Shepperd and Coach Dobie. A prize of ten dollars was given to the winning team and five dollars to the best individual speaker. The prizes are the contribution of State Superintendent Stockwell.

Mr. John Pease opened the argument for the affirmative. He brought to notice the immense coast line which our navy must guard which includes not only 3,000 miles of coast line but our navigable rivers and the adjacent cities, representing one-third of the wealth of the country. Because of the assertion of the Monroe Doctrine we have practically the whole South American coast to protect.

Mr. William Lanxon gave the initial argument for the negative and stated that he and his colleagues would endeavor to prove:

1. That the navy is of sufficient strength.
2. That there is a better solution of the past.
3. That there is a better salvation of the problem.

Mr. Lanxon based his argument on the fact that the navy is strong enough to meet present needs and enough to meet present needs and said "One battleship spent for education each year by the Federal Government." He also pointed to the fact that the United States, unlike England, has no colonial possessions to defend.

Mr. Rogers continued the argument for the affirmative showing that our navy stands third among the nations and he pointed out the weakness of the navy both in numbers and in the construction of the battleships. Many of the guns on our battleships are of inferior make; an insufficient supply of ammunition is carried and no provision has been made for re-coaling our battleships during an extended trip on the sea. Further than this there are many which are unfit for service. Further, many critics testify that the armor belts on our battleships are too low.

Mr. Ray Babcock was the second speaker on the negative and based his arguments on the fact that the navy has proved itself efficient in the past. "The tendency among nations at present," he

said, "is towards peace rather than war." He cited many historical parallels and pointed to the Hague Peace Conference as an example of what was being done to avoid disastrous wars and as an evidence of what might further be done along that line.

The winning debater, Mr. Edward Moore, closed the direct argument on the part of the affirmative. He brought out a well turned argument by asking "What would the United States do in case of war?" He said that we had but one first class battleship on the Atlantic and the rest of the vessels supposed to be there were unfit for service. Further than this many critics testify that the guns on many of our vessels are set so that they are practically useless during high seas. In rebuttal he quoted authorities who stated that the Hague Peace Conference lacked program and there was a failure to agree on anything.

Mr. John Magill closed the direct argument on the negative and basing his argument on the fact that failure always occurs at the weakest point, and went ahead to prove that the weakest point of the American defenses is the large number of unfortified harbors and the long stretches of unprotected boundary lines. "The armies of all the other powers are larger than ours by far," he said, "and our navy is almost equal to the best. It is a larger and stronger land force than we need for protection." He showed that the bulk of our army, in times of war, is composed of volunteers, who are efficient in any sense of the word.

PLANNING SUMMER CAMPAIGN.

During the short rest between the winter and summer Farmers' Institute campaigns, Superintendent Hoverstad is busy compiling and selecting the material for the 1908 Farmers' Institute Annual. A great deal of attention is paid to the nature of the material which goes into the annual, only that being considered which will be of the greatest value to the farmers.

Fifty-seven applications for the summer institutes have already been received covering territory not included this winter. The southern tier of counties, the region west of the Missouri river, especially along the line of the new Milwaukee road and as far west as Bowman will have institutes this summer. This western region is but recently settled by farming communities, the settlers having come from other parts of the country, and the institutes will prove a great benefit to those people unacquainted with our North Dakota conditions.

NEW DRUM MAJOR

The band has suffered the loss of its drum major, Mark Keeney, who has gone west to work on a railway survey. Warden Wheeler will take his place during the rest of the term.

Max Harrington is at present working on some drawings for the U. S. Patent Office.

"Pa" Phelps and Ed Moore are the next Mu candidates. They do not look much like "victims" yet.

Twilight Concert

Y. W. Will Give One in the Near Future.

It is understood that plans are afoot for the production of a "twilight concert" by the Y. W. C. A. The date of May 9 has been decided upon as the eventful day and permission has already been granted by the faculty committee on entertainments. Just what the nature of the entertainment will be is being kept a profound secret but it consists in music of some kind and the association is making an effort to get the best talent in the two cities.

The proceeds of the concert are to go toward the Geneva fund.

Celebrate Arbor Day

PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN AT 10 O'CLOCK IN CHAPEL.

In accordance with the governor's proclamation the A. C. will celebrate Arbor Day on next Friday with appropriate exercises. Classes will suspend at 10 o'clock and the students will meet in Chapel where a program, prepared by a faculty committee of which Prof. Bolley was the chairman, will be presented.

The program is as follows:

Arbor Day Program.

Come Where the Lillies Bloom—Choir.

Reading of the Governor's Proclamation—President of Senior Class.

Planting to Beautify Farm Grounds—Mr. Meller.

Down Where the Wild Thyme Grows—Double Quartette.

Birds and Their Relation to Trees and to Agriculture—Dr. W. B. Bell.

Duet—Petrel's Cry—Miss Mabel Piers and Prof. McArdle.

Forestry Legislation—Prof. H. L. Bolley.

Tree Planting on the Campus—Senior Class.

EVERYBODY WORKS.

There Will Be No Holiday on Arbor Day.

In view of the fact the spring term is so short and that there has already been a number of holidays taken this term, the Faculty has decided to grant no holiday on Arbor Day, and the regular class hours will be observed except for the last two periods of the morning session. At 10 o'clock a program will be rendered in the Chapel and will last until 12.

All laboratory and afternoon periods will continue as usual.

LUNDY WINS FIRST PLACE IN ESSAY CONTEST.

Reports from the judges of Farm Mechanics' Essay Contest No. 3 proclaim Gabriel Lundy winner of the first prize of \$25 given by the American Electric Company of St. Paul for the best essay on "Reasons Why the Standard Telephones Are the Most Popular for Farm Line Connections."

Mr. Randlett has already shipped seed corn for the school contests to nineteen counties, and reports that a very limited supply of the seed is still on hand.

Faculty Interested In Students

THE FACULTY WILL HEREAFTER KEEP A STRING ON THE STUDENTS.

According to action taken by the governing board of the faculty last week, when it accepted the report of a special committee on faculty advisors for students, some of our professors will experience a severe lack of sleep for some time to come. The students are to be divided into groups and each group assigned to the care of the member of the faculty with whom the students comes most in contact.

The professor on his part assumes the duties of an advisor to the student in all matters pertaining not only to his studies but to his recreation, and in short, to his whole college life. Should the student aspire to live too much in any one month, the "Big Stick" comes into play and such student is reported to the faculty.

The method is an outgrowth of those now being established at some of the larger eastern institutions and has in view the bringing of the students and their teachers into closer and more intimate and personal relations with each other. This is one of the most progressive ideas in modern educational practice and should prove especially applicable here at the A. C. on account of the lack of dormitories.

If carried out in the right spirit such a method will undoubtedly have a great influence on our College activities both in the relation of students to each other and to their teachers. It will tend distinctly toward the establishment of a more unified College life and is assuredly a long step in the right direction.

Below appears a copy of the entire report as adopted by the governing board:

Report on Faculty Advisors For Students:

To the President and Faculty of the N. D. A. C.:

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

I. Students shall be divided by the registrar into groups according to their classification to be determined by their expressed preference at time of admission.

These groups shall be assigned to committees consisting of the instructors in each group, the chairman being the professor who has charge of the course of study, or one who meets the students throughout the year. The chairman shall thus be permanent for at least a year, the other members of the committee who act with reference to the students being his instructors during any given term.

At present these groups with chairmen shall be as follows:

1. Commercial Academy—Prof. in charge.
2. Sub. Prep.—Registrar.
3. Jr. Prep.—Head of Mathematics Department.
4. Steam Engineering—Prof. in charge.
5. Pharmacy—Prof. in charge.
6. Domestic Science—Prof. in charge.
7. Teachers—Head of Educational Department.
8. Farm Husbandry—Dean of Agricultural Department.
9. General Science, Freshmen—Head of Modern Language Department.
10. General Science, above Freshmen—Registrar.
11. Agricultural—Dean of Agricultural Department.
12. Biological—Head of Biology Department.
13. Chemical—Head of Chemical Department.
14. Pharm. Chemistry—Head of Chemical Department.
15. Mech. Engineering—Dean of Department.
16. Civil Engineering—Prof. in charge.

Any question of grouping and assignment not herein provided for shall be determined by the President and the Registrar.

II. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of each committee:

1. To become acquainted with the student, learn his time and methods of study, and the amount and kind of outside work he is doing.

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Edward McDowell

Convocation yesterday morning was given over to the musical department and was presided over by Dr. C. S. Putnam who chose for consideration the life and work of the greatest American composer Edward McDowell. Dr. Putnam sketched the life of the composer and characterized his productions, several selections of his music being rendered as illustrations.

In opening his remarks the Doctor stated that the word "finis" had been added to the life of another great musician, not with length of years, but with music of the highest quality. McDowell was an American of Celtic ancestry, although throughout his life he protested that he did not belong to America but to the world of art. Although born and reared in New York City, McDowell received much of his musical training in Germany, returning to

America in 1882 at the age of 21. The remainder of his life was spent as a teacher of music and a concert pianist or in his log cabin in the solitude of his woodland home in the company of his faithful wife.

It was during the time spent thus in the heart of nature that McDowell produced his famous gems of nature music, which are so varied that they are difficult to describe. Much of this music is simple melody, other parts being rapid and complex.

By way of illustration Miss Ruth Hull rendered the piano selection "Ala Tarantella," "Long Ago" and "The Swan and the Lily" were sung by Miss Esther Evans. "The Robin Sings in the Apple Tree" and "A Lovely Rose" were sung by Dr. Putnam, and "Thy Beaming Eyes" and "The Maid Sings Light," by Miss Grasse. Mr. Hendrickson's violin rendering of "To a Wild Rose" was heartily encored. In closing Miss Jessie Peterson rendered his noble composition, "A Memory."

SOCIETY

DEBATE CLUB.

On Saturday evening in the society room of the Lyceum of Engineers was held a most successful and interesting meeting of the Debate Club. Everybody present was in a jovial mood and the program was characterized by humorous speeches on matters of local importance.

A debate on the subject: "Resolved, That the profits of the business manager of The Weekly Spectrum should have a fixed maximum and the editor should receive \$2 per issue," brought forth considerable spirit and was enlightening to a number of those present. The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Darling, Mercer, and Willard, and the negative by Messrs. Whitecomb, Babcock and Myhre. The decision of the judges was in favor of the affirmative.

The remainder of the program consisted of extemporaneous talks by the members present on subjects contributed and drawn promiscuously by the members before beginning to speak. These attempts brought forth considerable eloquence, probably due to the nature of the subjects. Mr. Gunness ably discussed the "Evils of Courting While in College," and Mr. Willard drew the negative of this question. All of the subjects

were not of this nature, however. "The Value of a Definite Aim" was discussed by Mr. Babcock; "How to Eat Mush," by Mr. Darling, and the "Value of Practical Work Supplementary to Class Work," by Mr. Thomas.

N. D. A. C. L. E.

The Engineers held a short business session last Friday at noon and allowed several bills pertaining to the Cyclone Circus. Other matters of minor importance were discussed but no definite action was taken.

PHILOMATHIAN PROGRAM.

The Philomathian Society will meet as usual on Friday evening, May 1, in the society room and the following program will be rendered:

Roll call.

Reading—Mrs. Leo P. Nemzek. Declamation—Mr. Allen Clark. Piano Solo—Miss Lillian Merritt.

Quality of the Debate and Oratory at the College—Miss Elizabeth Rice.

Original Story—John Halland. Locals—Clarence Waldron.

Music—Selected.

Criticisms—Miss Agnes Halland.

Business and social session.

Y. W. C. A.

On account of the unavoidable absence of the President, Miss Sadie Barrett, "The Recognition Service" was postponed until Wednesday evening, April 29.

Several chapters from the "Lady of the Decoration" were read after which a short business session was held at which plans were made for the "Twilight Concert" to be held on May 9.

MINERVA DEBATING CLUB.

The Minerva Debating Club will give the following program on Thursday evening, April 30, in the Athenian Society room, at 7:30 p.m.

Vocal solo—Miss Esther Evans. Debate—Resolved, That Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished.

The affirmative will be upheld by Misses Margaret Magill, Gladys Pease and Agnes Peterson; the negative by Misses Genevieve Holkesvig, Elizabeth Rice and Fern Dynes.

Piano solo—Miss Mary Thompson.

Locals—Miss Ruby Hicks.

Criticisms—Miss Emily May.

ATHENIAN.

The following program will be rendered in the society room on May 1:

Music—Selected.

Musician's Vacation—Mr. Gussman.

Original Story—Miss Barrett.

The Agriculturalist—Mr. A. Thomas.

Clarinet Duet—Messrs. Babcock and Olson.

The Engineer—Mr. Raymond Thomas.

Stump Speaking as a Summer Diet—Mr. Michels.

Locals—Miss Evans.

Criticisms—Mr. Olson.

Music—Athenian Quartette.

Business session.

THE SENIOR BALL.

Invitations are out for the Senior Ball to be given next Saturday evening in the College Armory by the class of '08. The invitations are very artistic affairs having embossed at their head a fac simile of the class pin in colors, the body being engraved in Old English.

The programs for the ball are even more elaborate affairs and have the same design of the class emblem embossed on their title pages. They are printed in black on white paper and are accompanied by a small white pencil attached to the program by a silk cord.

According to all indications the

Ball is to be the affair of the year and the dance lovers of the College are looking forward with joyful anticipation to the coming of Saturday evening.

Invitations to A. C. students are being mailed at the College post office and should be called for there.

TEACHERS' CLUB.

The regular program of the Teachers' Club was held at seven o'clock last Friday evening.

The program was opened by a much appreciated vocal solo by Miss Mabel Piers. Miss Hessilquist read an original story of merit. A reading by Miss Maud Morrow was well rendered and received. The program closed with a piano duet by Misses Ruth Hall and Bessie McKee.

Following the program a short business session was held in which the matter of taking up debating was discussed.

NEW INSTRUCTOR IN MATHEMATICS

At the last meeting of the Board Chambers, who is at present an instructor in mathematics at the Ohio State University, was elected instructor in mathematics at the A. C. to take effect Sept. 1, 1908.

Mr. Chambers comes highly recommended by all with whom he has been connected, both as a student and as an instructor. He is exceedingly well fitted for the position having done a great deal of work along the lines of theoretical and applied mathematics besides a large amount of practical engineering with the Pennsylvania Railroad. He received his Bachelor of Science degree at Baldwin University, Berea, O. in 1904. Since that time he has nearly completed all of the major work for the Ph. D. degree at the Ohio State University in which institution he has been an instructor since his graduation from Baldwin.

Prof. Chambers, although he made mathematics a specialty, has not applied all of his talents in that line, his musical talent having been exercised as a performer on the pipe organ and his forensic talent having been displayed as a popular lecturer along historical lines.

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THE GRAND.

The bill for the week commencing April 27, will start out with the big headliners, Ann Hamilton & Company, one of the strongest, if not the best, comedy act, entitled, "The Beggar," a musical study act, of which Miss Hamilton is an artist in her part as a street singer. According to some of our eastern press notices too much cannot be said in regard to the Beggar Act.

Brooks & Vedder is not to be outdone in a little comedy and singing turn that is up and coming in vaudeville and they are not strangers to some of our theatre goers.

Burt De Ormond is also a big feature for the week in a turn of his own in which he introduces some of his own original music on a piano.

Gladys Middletown is a comedian of reputation, and introduces some of her own original ideas and songs.

With Professor Rudd's new music and the newest moving pictures and Elbie Hanen's illustrated songs, all will go to make a bill at the Grand that will be talked of for some time to come.

DR. BATT WILL LECTURE.

Dr. Batt will address the class in history of education next Friday morning at eight o'clock on "Education in Germany." Any students who are able to do so are invited to be present. The lecture will close in time for nine o'clock classes.

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BASE BALL

As the term is passing on towards its end the preparations for the great inter-department base ball games are increasing.

The Pharmacy Club boys are practicing during their spare time and availing themselves of every opportunity to build up a winning team this season. The club has always had a good ball team. Anything that the Pharmacists undertake in the athletic line, has been well mastered by them. We are assured that this is to be a climax in their athletic career and expect to see them come out victorious over the other teams of the college.

The Science department is rapidly improving its base ball team by constant practice every day and by rearranging the players. The Science department is young in inter-department athletics but with the material it has signed for this season's baseball team, they have great hopes of producing one of the best teams that have ever played on our campus.

In all probability the championship of the college will be won by either the pharmacy lub or the science department. Which ever team wins we are sure that it will be only after a fast, hard, scientific contest has been played.

The latest event added to the girl's athletics may be seen almost any day between the Dormitory and the College. The contest takes place not on the regular track but on the street car track. The girls try to see who can walk over the greatest number of rails without falling off. Miss Heidner now holds the record.

Eakin's new track suit is the center of attraction on the athletic field now.

Boost that inter-scholastic field meet. Remember the date, May 9.

A Junior was heard to remark that he had an athletic dream the other night. His friend asked him what it was and he received the answer, "Counting the stars on the tennis court the rest of the evenings of the spring term." Wonder if dreams come true?

Scott Drummond has been given the position of first sub. on the girl's basketball team.

FIELD TRAINING

Field work and training are going on steadily every day. The weather for some time has been ideal for outdoor practice and the boys have lost no opportunity to train out on the track. Several promising men report regularly for practice and with the development of our present material there is very encouraging promise that we have the foundation laid for a strong track and field aggregation.

Darrow and Hofus are trying out at the high jump and are making steady gains from time to time. Eakins is doing wonderful work with the discus and is showing fine form. Nemzek is very likely to capture some of the heavyweight stunts, as he is getting in very good condition. Haskins is improving rapidly in throwing the hammer and will also be in line for some of the other events. Berg is devoting himself to the high hurdles and the long distance runs. There are several of the younger men trying for the dashes and the lighter events. By the end of another week or two nearly every feature of the field and track events will have a couple of good representatives on the ground.

TRACK NEARLY FINISHED.

The track is nearing completion. Very soon the training will be carried on to much greater advantage. With the finishing of the work that has been commenced on the track we shall have ample facilities for present conditions. Some changes have been made in connection with the building of the new track. These have become necessary on account of existing conditions but no great amount of time or money has been sacrificed and everything is planned with a view to securing the best economy in the end.

TO PLANT WILLOWS

Foreman Beals of the horticultural department, took a temporary leave of absence yesterday going in charge of a party of about fifteen men who are to plant 100,000 golden Russian willows along the Northern Pacific right-of-way. The party will begin work at Magnolia, N. D., today.

For some time the Northern Pacific officials have been advising with Prof. Waldron upon the as a substitute for the costly snow fences, but this is the first concerted attempt to put the plan in operation, and the outcome will be watched with interest.

PROF. WALDRON BETTER.

The irksomeness of Prof. Waldron's confinement at the hospital was relieved last Thursday by the receipt of a beautiful bouquet of American Beauties presented to him by the students in horticulture. We are glad to hear that Prof. Waldron is improving rapidly, and by last reports it was expected that he would leave the hospital yesterday. We are expecting him back in the class room soon.

EXPRESSING A THORAX

Dr. Leopold Jackes of Cornell's Medical School recently returned from a study of the Rontgen rays abroad. Pausing in an account of his tour, Dr. Jackes said:

"Abroad, as at home, the great public's knowledge of the rays continues rather vague. Thus I heard in Berlin of a man who wrote to a specialist:

"Dear Sir—I have had a bullet in my thorax for eleven years. I am too busy to come to Berlin, but I hope you will come down here with your rays, as my case should be worth your while. If you cannot come, send a packet of your rays with instructions as to use, etc., and I will see if I cannot manage to work them myself."

"The specialist replied:

"Dear Sir—I am sorry that my engagements prevent my coming to see you, and that I am out of rays just now. If you cannot come to Berlin yourself, send me your thorax by express and I will do the best I can with it."

—Ex.

CONSULT PROF. WILLARD.

Mr. G. R. Norbeck, representing the North Dakota Artesian Well Co., consulted with Prof. Willard Friday in regard to a well drilled near Judd, N. D. The owners, The D. B. S. Johnston Land Co., of Judd are not satisfied with the work done by the drilling company, claiming that they have not fulfilled their contract.

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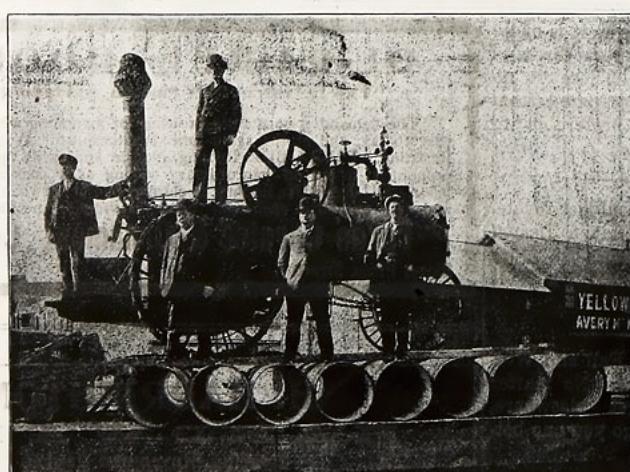
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ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION.

Owing to an unavoidable rush of "copy" at the last moment, The Spectrum regrets to say that it was unable to run the Governor's Arbor Day Proclamation, a copy of which was received from the Secretary of State.—Editor.

DO NOT GET BEHIND.

According to a recent ruling of the Governing Board, a somewhat more close relation is to exist between the students and Faculty in the future than has existed in the past. This relation is not to be one of a mere disciplinary character.

It may be called to mind that students have come here in the past and have been allowed to do about as they pleased while off the campus; in fact no one took any special interest in them. For the majority of students, to do as they please would be to do the right thing. But there is a small number who, for no particular fault of their own, should be given information and advice on many matters pertaining to their action off the campus. Many times the young student is ignorant of the results of his actions, and again many times he does not stop to think.

Each student hereafter is to be under the supervision of the head of the department in which he is carrying his major work. Two or three times during the term, he is to be interviewed personally by the head of the department. If delinquent the student is to be advised as to his course. This is not to be in any way considered as a "shingle" method of discipline, but rather an advisory method in

which the students and faculty are brought closer together for the benefit of the students and the mutual understanding of both.

It seems to us that this will be a very good plan of action, and should be heartily supported.

WHAT TIME IS IT?

It has frequently been remarked that the time of meeting of classes is very irregular. Instructors have a right to demand that students be in the class room on time. However, it is not always the fault of the students that they are late to recitations and lectures. The College clocks have been known to vary from five to seven minutes in twenty-four hours. And what is more, there is scarcely a day on which the clocks agree with the Standard time. It is scarcely any wonder that students are late especially to the early classes of the day.

Something is wrong somewhere. It has been rumored that some faculty member, noticing the irregularity of the time, has moved that the clocks be set. This has been done and this accounts for the sudden change of five minutes in twenty-four hours. But there is no use of setting the clock if it will not remain set. This difficulty has been encountered for some years and it would seem that the clocks should be regulated. If there is no one on the campus capable of regulating the clock, it might be well to get a jeweler to do the work.

The students cannot always be blamed for coming late when they have no way of knowing when they expected to arrive at the class room.

RESPECT THE FLAG.

Travelers returning from Europe invariably remark on the lack of respect and esteem bestowed by the American on his flag and on his national hymn. Visitors at the A. C. have been heard to make the same remarks, and Commandant Ullo is continually kept busy looking for people who neglect to remove their hats or stand while the "Star-Spangled Banner" is being played.

In an institution of learning where the emphasis is placed on high ideals in life, would it not be quite appropriate to observe a little more carefully the respect due to the Stars and Stripes? We think that College is the best place to promote the ideals of patriotism. And why not the best place to observe all those little marks of a true patriot? We take off our hats whenever we meet a lady on the street, even though she be but a chance acquaintance. Why then hesitate to show, in a like manner, our respect for the flag we love and honor above all others? Are we less courteous to the flag of our country than to our lady friends?

Perhaps it is only carelessness. Do not be careless. Take off your hat!

CATSUPS

Considerable interest is being manifested in the 1908 ruling of the food commission in regard to the adulteration and use of preservatives in catsup. In the future the sale of any preserved or embalmed catsups will be illegal in the state of North Dakota.

A large number of manufacturers say they can easily comply with the ruling while others refuse to put up catsup without the use of preservatives. Prof. Ladd is upheld in his decisions by some of the prominent manufacturers. Mr. Mullen, vice-president of the Columbia Conserve Co., who was a visitor at the chemical laboratory last week, states that the entire output of the company was free from preservatives during the year of 1907 and that their loss was no greater than the previous year when preservatives were used. Also he said that in the future it would be the policy of the company to put out nothing but pure

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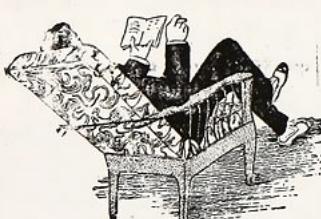
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BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

The first of a series of lectures on the school systems of foreign countries was given by Dr. Van Es before the class in History of Education last Friday morning. The address was a very interesting one and was greatly appreciated by all who had the opportunity of hearing it. Its substance in brief was as follows:

The Dutch school system arose from a very meagre source. The earliest teachers were the so-called professional teachers who gathered groups of children around them at any central point of meeting and gave them the simplest elementary education. As time passed on education came into the hands of the established church. This condition continued until 1848 when the bonds between church and state became loose and a little later they entirely separated and religious freedom prevailed in Holland.

Today there are two kinds of schools represented; the Christian schools and the public schools. These however do not differ greatly in their respective courses.

The complete course of education is divided into three schools; first, the low or primary schools, corresponding to our grades; second, the medium or second day schools, equivalent to the American high school and including the first two years of college; and third the university for higher education.

Holland is divided into eleven provinces or communes as they are called, each commune supporting its own primary schools. A subsidy from the general government is also allowed.

The teachers in these schools are controlled entirely by the communal council which consists of the "bergermeister" or mayor and ten or twelve members. This body chooses and when necessary discharges the teacher, although he is elected for life and usually holds the position for that length of time. There is no political influence whatsoever. The average salaries amount to about six hundred "gilders" equal to about \$240 in our money. The term of the school year is eleven months with a week's vacation at Easter, one at Christmas and two weeks in the summer. Each teacher is required to obtain a special license for each subject taught.

The normal school, of which there are three offers a course equivalent to three years of college work. A diploma from one of these schools includes a license to teach.

The principal subjects taught in the primary schools are arithmetic, reading, language, grammar, physics, etc. No particular attention is paid to history and geography. A popular diversion for Friday afternoons is storytelling. One of the teachers especially gifted in this art visits the school and stories of a historical nature are usually related to pupils. The modern languages are not studied in the primary schools but may be taken up outside.

When the student is considered sufficiently mature he is admitted to the secondary schools which cover a five years' course. Besides these schools are also Burger schools, Municipal or Government schools, and special training schools.

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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.....	\$494,177,021.03

Liabilities

Net policy reserves.....	\$420,094,742.00
Other liabilities on policies.....	5,532,879.56
Premiums and interest paid in advance.....	1,828,360.34
Dividends payable in 1908.....	8,311,002.02
Miscellaneous liabilities.....	879,267.59
Held for future dividends.....	52,530,760.45
Total liabilities.....	\$494,177,021.03

EXCHANGE OF TEACHERS.

Widespread interest has been awakened recently in educational circles by the appearance of a small pamphlet issued by the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching, presenting a plan for the exchange of teachers of the United States and Prussia. This calls attention to the fact that last summer in an address before the Foundation Dr. Carl Reinhart, representing the Department of Instruction of the Prussian government, proposed that the system of the interchange of teachers now in vogue between France and England on the one hand and Prussia on the other be extended to this country. It was requested that the Carnegie Foundation assume the task of promoting the extension of the plan and of arranging the details on this side of the waters.

The plan consists essentially in the permanent arrangement being made by which teachers of the respective countries shall be assigned to periods of from six months to one year in a school in the foreign country. These teachers, while there, will be required to give instruction in their own language not to exceed two hours per day to small groups of upper-classmen. This instruction will be entirely informal and will be simply of a conversational nature. The German government will pay the American teacher the sum of one hundred marks, which is about sufficient to cover actual expenses of living, and it is expected that the school receiving teachers in this country will give an equivalent amount. Graduates of accredited colleges and universities having one year's experience in teaching are eligible to these appointments which will be made in the high schools and colleges in this country and the "gymnasiums" of Prussia.

The significance of the plan and its ultimate effects, when put into operation, are not seen at a glance. An American teacher, assigned to such a position in Germany would receive what would virtually be a traveling fellowship. He would be introduced under dignified circumstances to the social life of Germany and would have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the German school system, their methods, and their ideals of

education. He would gain a better knowledge of the language and a broader and more comprehensive view of the world that would enable him, on his return, to take up his profession with renewed vigor and greater efficiency.

Among the students receiving a foreign teacher in their midst, a renewed and lively interest would be taken in language study and they, too, would obtain a broader view and better understanding of other people and their customs. As for the increasing of the efficiency of instruction in language and the correction of faults in methods, its usefulness is evident.

Further than this, from the standpoint of international relations, by giving the youth and his instructors a keener insight, broader understanding and deeper knowledge of the foreign country it could not help but bring about good results. It would be a means not only of exchange of ideas and ideals but also of increasing the fellowship between the nations, making perhaps for the advancement of the creed of universal peace.

DIDN'T LIKE PARADE

Bandmaster and his Staff are in a Stew

The showing made by the band at inspection and parade last Wednesday has called forth considerable unfavorable comment from the students and others, principally Dr. Putnam and some of the band's officers, who witnessed the maneuvers on that day, and indeed with good reason for it was anything but creditable. The band, of course knows the reason for this, but unfortunately others, especially visitors, do not. They are not aware of the fact that several of the members did not turn out; that the first trombone, three out of the four horns, and what is more, the three best horns, the solo clarinet, one of the third clarinets, and baritone, were absent; that some of those who were present were having their first experience in playing while marching on rough ground, and that the band was otherwise crippled.

They looked upon this handful of men as the band, and whatever impressions they carried away with them were impressions of the

A. C. band. Let those who could have prevented the occurrence of this unfortunate showing consider what this means. Consider for instance what the result would be if the band should contemplate a concert, and should set about to represent itself on posters and other advertising matter as a band of great merit, or as one of the first bands of the state, which position it is indeed conceded that it enjoys. How easily could this impression, in the minds of the public, serve to draw a crowd when a number of people who had heard an open air concert such as the one of last week and who perhaps had had occasion to hear very little else from the band, went about passing remarks in regard to what they knew of it?

There were visitors at inspection last Wednesday and they have passed some very humiliating remarks in regard to what they heard, as being not representative of what they expected to hear. We shall have visitors continually, especially on days when the weather is fine and inspection occurs outside. Let all the band boys bear in mind, therefore, the importance attached to a good showing on these occasions. It not only reflects on the band, but on the entire institution. Every one will agree that it means a good deal to the institution if it is known to be represented by a good band. It is up to everyone therefore, who is on the band roll, and can possibly get out, to turn out for inspection and dress parade in the future, and show that he has enough pride in both the band and the College not to allow himself to be blamed for a lowered reputation in both.

IN A WRECK

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett returned from a winter's stay in Oregon last Wednesday and are again with their son and daughter, Ben and Sadie, having passed without a scratch through a wreck of the Oriental Limited at Summit, Montana. The greater part of the train was destroyed by fire but only three or four of the passengers were seriously injured and no lives were lost.

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took part in rehearsal last Friday. He is an expert performer on the piccolo and flute, and his presence became decidedly apparent.

and proceed to the river woods in search of spring flowers for the use of the class in elementary botany. The bloodroot and other harbingers of spring have made their appearance in sheltered places.

Dr. Bell was seen to put his collecting kit over his shoulder

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Mrs. Dahlgren is recovering from her operation at St. Luke's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer May were bereaved by the death of their baby boy.

Mrs. Shepperd departed for Iowa last Monday. Her father is reported very ill.

Mr. H. J. Hughes will go to Wahpeton to take temporary charge of the city schools on next Monday.

Prof. J. C. McDowell, formerly of the A. C. faculty, but now with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was a College visitor last week.

Mr. Gilbert Hansen, an old student now located at Amenia, was a Campus visitor last Saturday.

Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Macken of New York, who are visiting their brother, Mr. Flynn, were visiting the College last week.

Manager W. P. Heath made a business trip into the country just before the rain last week.

Prof. Ladd was one of the speakers at the Durum wheat meeting at Devils Lake last Tuesday.

Superintendent Meller of the Fargo city parks, is taking charge of the horticultural department in the absence of Prof. Waldron.

Prof. D. E. Willard went to Bismarck Monday to attend the meeting of county superintendents. He will go to Mandan to meet Messrs. McKinstry and Stevens.

Miss Fern Dynes spent Sunday with her parents at Gardner.

Miss Elizabeth Rice has accepted a position as teacher of Domestic Science in the Larimore schools to begin next September.

Mr. Ralph Mainwaring leaves this evening for San Francisco, Cal., where he has obtained employment for the summer.

Registrar Parrott is erecting a new residence on the corner of Eleventh avenue and Eleventh street.

A number of young ladies from the Moorhead Normal School were visitors at Chapel last Monday morning.

Prof. Richards made a short business trip to Detroit, Minn.

J. C. McDowell, a former professor now with the Department of Agriculture, Washington, was visiting the College on official business.

William Lanxon, 09, made a short business trip to Valley City last Saturday.

Mr. Fred Birch will leave this week for Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Dandelions are making their appearance on the campus. Pretty near time for Prof. Bolley to get busy with iron sulphate and the spray.

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III. Duty of other members of the committee.

The members of the committee shall report to the chairman when necessary, and shall be free to advise the student.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AT THE A. C.

Dr. R. A. Ramsey, Associate Chief of the Inspection Division; Bureau of Animal Husbandry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and Dr. E. S. Bennett, inspector in charge of the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, visited Dr. Van Es at the College the latter part of last week.

OFFICERS WANTED

Examinations will be held for Second Lieutenants

Major Ulio is in receipt of the following letter with the request that it be given publicity:

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, D. C.

April 16, 1908.

The President,
N. Dak. Agricultural College,
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General Orders, No. 1, January 2, 1908, War Department, copies of which are enclosed, define the method of examination and appointment from civil life for the

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position of second lieutenant in the army. Under the terms of this order, two examinations will be held during the next twelve months—one on July 1, 1908, and another on January 2, 1909.

As applications are frequently received from graduates of technical institutions of learning to take the examinations for the position of second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps, the war department desires to take this opportunity to furnish all the information possible, and with this object in view the Secretary of War requests that you cause to be posted in a conspicuous place copies of the accompanying orders together with the copies of this letter inclosed herewith, in order that the students in the institution under your charge may have the FOUR—SPECTRUM MEIER opportunity of securing information as to the scope of the information required and the dates upon which the examinations will be held.

Applicants for either of these examinations should make application by letter in the following form:

The Adjutant General of the Army,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:—
I have the honor to request authority to take the examination to be held on July 1, 1908 (or January 2, 1909), for the position of second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps.

Very respectfully,
(Name)
(Address)

The application should be accompanied by such diploma as the applicant may hold, and also by a recommendation by the faculty of the institution from which he obtained his degree.

Very respectfully,
Henry P. McLean,
Adjutant General.

The letter is accompanied by a copy of general orders No. 1, which explains in detail the nature of the examinations. The examinations consist of English grammar, mathematics, geography, history, constitutional and international law, army and drill regulations, etc. An examination in riding and horsemanship is also an interesting feature. Anyone interested may obtain full particulars in regard to the requirements by applying to Major Ulio.

INTERESTED.
Supt. Randlett has been busy sending out seed corn to the high schools of the state during the past week. Much interest is being manifested in the contests.

BOOK AGENTS

Mr. B. E. Manville, representing the King Richardson Co., was a visitor at the College last week. He was consulting a number of students in regard to acting as traveling salesmen, selling books, during the coming summer vacation. A number of students have already signified their intentions of taking up the proposition.

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SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

Yesterday and today is taking place the meeting of the county superintendents of North Dakota with State Supt. Stockwell at Bismarck. Prof. Willard will be in attendance at the meetings on both days. The conference usually discusses such questions as pertain to the public schools. Prof. Willard will look after the interests of the Agricultural College in the discussion of the various school questions.

The Teachers' Reading Circle will meet at the same time on Tuesday. An endeavor will be made to have "The Story of the Prairies" placed in the Reading Circle Course.

The engineers in Testing Lab. enjoyed a vacation last week on account of the absence of enough of the motive fluid to run the big testing machine. Celebration was commenced by a game of base ball but an importune shower put a sudden stop to the operations of this character and the class adjourned indoors.

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