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THE BOARD DIDN'T LIKE THE SMOKE.

The board of trustees struck one of our smoky days for their last meeting. A southwest wind blowing across the burning refuse of the city dumping grounds made the College grounds like a foggy day and smell like the day father cleaned the pig pen. The board took the matter up and passed a resolution of protest to the city council.

On account of class troubles the Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina has expelled 48 Juniors and 257 Sophs. and Freshies. That must be worse than the small-pox.

LADD RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON

Prof. Ladd returned last Friday, reporting a pleasant but hurried trip to the capital city. He was called to Washington to appear before the House Committee for consultation in regard to the National Paint Bill introduced by North Dakota's representatives. Upon his arrival he found that the opposition to the bill was rather formidable. Many of the leading representatives were against it; the leading paint and color manufacturers, the varnish manufacturers and the master painters all considered it detrimental to their interests. Appearing in the interests of the paint men were the lawyers, Stern & Leisler, who were the leading attorneys in the famous paint case against North Dakota.

After a hearing which lasted over one day and during which Prof. Ladd explained the purpose of the bill, its effects and how it would work to the interest of the honest manufacturers, a number of the paint manufacturers, the master painters and the varnish men were favorable to the bill. This left in opposition only a few of the eastern manufacturers.

The outlook for the bill is therefore very bright at present and the indications are that it will pass congress with very little opposition. If so it will be very complimentary to North Dakota as it is modeled after our own paint law.

Bleached Flour.

While on his way Prof. Ladd spent one day in each of the government laboratories at St. Paul, Chicago and Washington where investigations are being carried on in regard to the bleached flours. While no data has, as yet, been given out, all conclusions to be drawn from the results would uphold the contention of North Dakota that bleached flour should not be sold to the public without labeling. The general sentiment of the public seems to be in opposition to the practice on account of the deceit which naturally follows by not giving the public the knowledge of the adulteration.

Prof. Ladd reports a pleasant visit with Dr. Wiley and other officials at Washington and also an interesting session at the House where a couple of our honored representatives delivered themselves of their wrath in the form of a war of words upon each other and their respective political parties.

Varsity Gets Trophy

SCIENCE SCHOOL TOKK SECOND PLACE IN STATE CONTEST AT WAHPETON.

As a result of the eleventh annual oratorical contest. Mr. Don S. Ford of the University, and Miss Althea Ulsaker of the State Science School, will represent North Dakota in the interstate contest. The state contest was held in the Wahpeton Opera House on last Friday evening: A small but appreciative audience was in attendance, there being small visiting delegations from Fargo College and the A. C. Variation in the program in the form of music was furnished by the Science School band.

The contest was presided over by Mr. Rex E. Willard, President of the Western League of Oratory.

The winning oration, "The Great Central Empire," by Mr. Ford, was the unanimous choice of the judges. The oration showed a close appreciation of the past, the present and the future of China, the oldest and most populous of the nations, but fettered by the bonds of tradition, superstition and ignorance, a country of unparalleled richness in natural resources which are as yet left untouched, this country is at present awakening from its sleep of ages under the influence of western civilization. This is evidenced by the mobilization of the new army, the establishment of a postal system, and the recent influx of Chinese students into the Universities of Japan, America and Europe.

Western influence will largely mold the nation's future, and the forces working upon China at the present time are, on the one hand, the great avarice and vice of the western world, and on the other the uplifting helpful influence of the Christian mission and medical service. Which of these forces will triumph? Will China fall still lower or will the sterling qualities of the race, nurtured by the best of western influence, triumph and place China in its place among the foremost nations of the earth.

Mr. Ford's delivery was exceptional, his voice being strong and pleasing.

"Gladstone, the Grand Old Man," by Miss Ulsaker of the Science School, was awarded second. This oration was of a biographical nature, tracing the career of England's greatest statesman from Oxford through the ensuing sixty-three years of parliamentary service, showing how his strong and upright principles, combined with his wonderful personality, peculiarly fitted him as a leader in

the affairs of the nation. Her delivery was pleasing.

Miss Avis Lathrope, the representative of Fargo College, presented an oration entitled "Immigration." The view point was optimistic, refuting in an able manner the cries against the influx of the Jews and the Latin races into this country. These races perhaps are not as desirable as those of northern Europe, but their inherent virtues, blended with the northern blood, cannot help but be a benefit. The immigration of these foreigners has reached vast proportions. Many believe this to be detrimental in taking wealth from the country, and yet these same immigrants have given their labor as an equivalent of that wealth.

Mr. William Lanxon, our representative, delivered his oration, "The Mission of the Anglo-Saxon," which many of our readers have already heard. Although the judges did not see fit to give this oration a place, it showed thought and study equal to any of the other three, and was delivered in a clear, lucid and earnest manner. The oration traced the his-tory of the "Little Island" from the date of their migration from their Germanic home to the present day. He showed that the stiff-necked, tenacious, determined people, once so small in numbers, have gone forward to conquer the world. They were always a restless race, fond of war and adventure, and pushed their conquests into every quarter of the globe. The English language, customs, and laws now reign supreme in fifty nations. The Anglo-Saxon race is continually absorbing vast hordes of foreign immigrants who adopt the English language and customs. What is the future of the race? Taken as a whole it is invincible. Only by war among its own peoples can its power be destroyed. Then let us have peace. United Anglo-Saxons are supreme. The wars of the revolution and rebellion taught their lessons and never need be repeated. In the future the court of arbitration must be adhered to and the Anglo-Saxons will unite to rule the world.

The judges of the contest were Superintendent Stockwell, Judge Lauder of Wahpeton, and Rev. Mr. Batten of Grand Forks.

Below we reproduce the markings of the judges for the benefit of analytical readers:

	Lauder	Stockwell	Batton	Totals
Wm. Lanxon.....	90% 3	90% 4	85% 3	10
Don Ford	98% 1	93% 1	90% 1	3
Althea Ulsaker	95% 2	90½% 3	85% 3	8
Avis Lathrope	88% 4	91% 2	86% 2	8

The Banquet.

Immediately following the contest the friends and students of the various institutions repaired to the Commercial Club rooms. Here a banquet was served. A local orchestra furnished the music for the occasion.

At the banquet toasts were given by representatives of each of the institutions. Also Rev. Mr. Hutchinson of Wahpeton gave a thoughtful toast. President Burch of the State Science School acted as toast master.

The A. C. delegation returned

BOARD MEETING.

Trustees Hollister, Radford, Nelson, Wallin and Kelley were in attendance at the board meeting Wednesday and took dinner with the domestic science department.

A very busy session was held in which the board authorized the improvements in the athletic field as recommended by the faculty, the purchase of a draught team for the horticultural department and instructed the secretary to advertise for bids for the erection and completion of the seed barn and root cellar as per the plan drawn up by Mr. Tibert. An instructor in mathematics was elected to take effect Sept. 1st, 1908. The acceptance has not yet been received.

NEW CATALOG WENT TO PRESS.

The new catalog went to press on Thursday and will appear as the June number of the Extension. The catalog is far ahead of any yet attempted and is said to show the advantages of the school in a convincing way. It contains a number of new departments and is profusely illustrated from photographs.

PRES. WORST TO ADDRESS HIGHS.

Pres. Worst has been engaged to deliver the commencement addresses for the High school graduation exercises at Tower City on Thursday, May 28, and at Wimbeldon Wednesday, May 27.

BABCOCK APPOINTED.

Mr. Ray Babcock, '08, has been appointed assistant dry-land plant breeder in the cereal investigation division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He will assume his duties immediately after commencement under Supt. Schollander at the Williston Station. Beside the regular station work, Mr. Babcock will go to Washington, D. C., every winter where a congress of plant breeders from all over the country meet to study and discuss their line of work.

HE DIDN'T STOP TO SAY GOODBYE.

Hoboes are supposed by most people to be gifted with exceptional nerve and the ability to size up the inmates of a residence by its outside appearance. That they occasionally make mistakes is shown by the following incident.

A rather tattered specimen of the wingless migrator walked briskly up to the back door of the Dormitory one day last week and electrified the young lady who answered his summons by this interrogative, "Say, have you any discarded trousers around here that you could help a fellow out with?"

He backed off so rapidly on her answering "No. This is a ladies Dormitory", that her last words hardly reached him.

Saturday morning on the Great Northern. Among the members of the faculty who were in attendance were Miss Childs and Profs. Minard and Arvold. All declare that they had a very pleasant time and that the Science School is a very hospitable entertainer.

FRESHMEN WILL GIVE PLAY

Preparation for commencement programs is now the all absorbing topic. At a recent meeting of the freshman class it was decided to put on a class play but nothing has yet been decided as to its nature.

FROM FARGO TO OXFORD

Convocation yesterday morning was to have been addressed by Prof. E. F. Ladd, of the department of chemistry, but owing to numerous engagements the Professor was unable to appear.

Professor Minard opened the exercises by reading a short selection from Robt. Browning's "Rabbi Ben Ezra" which was followed by music by the choir. Pres. Worst was then introduced as the speaker of the morning.

The president chose as his subject "From Fargo to Oxford" and delivered a vivid and interesting description of his trip across the Atlantic last May.

After some time spent in visiting the Plains of Abraham and other historic places in the vicinity, he sailed from Quebec on the Steamer "Empress of Ireland" for Liverpool on May 17th. For two days the boat steamed down the St. Lawrence River and then passed the headlands of New Foundland out into the Atlantic Ocean. In the midst of a dense fog the boat encountered a mammoth ice berg and narrowly missed being crushed like an egg shell, the ship passing within a biscuit toss of the mountain of ice.

During the trip the President spent his days and most of the nights on the deck of the steamer and although the weather was cold and chilly enjoyed the trip immensely. He spoke of seeing birds nearly a thousand miles from land and of a school of porpoises which followed the steamer. No bad weather was encountered until the ship was off the coast of Ireland when a storm came up and reduced the number of diners at each of the cabin tables from thirteen to an average of three or four. In a blinding rain the ship entered the Mercy river and amid the cheering crowds on the docks at Liverpool the President first set foot on English soil.

He described briefly the difficulties of the customhouse and his adventures in the city of Liverpool and on the way to Oxford where he found all the hotels crowded and finally met professor Minard at the University.

LANGDON COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Pres. Worst received notice on Saturday from the Langdon committee which was appointed to secure options at that place on farms suitable for experiment stations, that they were ready for the station committee to make the selection. The committee is unable to go to Langdon at once so the selection will be deferred until about the twenty-first.

J. L. South, who was formerly a student of the A. C., was a visitor at the college Friday.

SOCIETY

Y. W. C. A.

One of the most successful devotional meetings of the year was lead by Miss Genevieve Holkesvig last Wednesday evening. The practical subject was "Temptations in Friendship." After the usual song service and scripture reading the beautiful duet "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," was sung by Misses Kathryn E. Grest and Louise Doleshy.

The discussion of the evening's topic was, as far as possible, carried on informally and splendid thoughts were brought out by the leader.

Next Wednesday evening is the Mission study meeting when will be given the reading of the "Little Green God." All girls are cordially invited to come.

MINERVA DEBATING CLUB.

The following program will be given Thursday evening, April 16. Instrumental Solo Maud Marrow

Debate—Resolved that the age required for teachers should be raised from eighteen to twenty-one

Affirmative, Kathryn Grest, Cecilia Eyolfson, Ila Ramstad.

Negative, Agnes Halland, Gladys Pease, Agnes Peterson.

Current Events Margaret Magill Criticisms ..Genevieve Holkesvig LocalsElizabeth Rice

PHILOMATHIAN PROGRAM.

Friday, April 17, 1908.
Mandolin Solo—Robt. Stevens.
Reading—Kathryn Hathaway.
Original Story—Worth Lumry.
Vocal Solo—Mabella Piers.
Original Poem—Chas. Clark.
Chances of the Possible Presidential Candidates—S. T. Rogers.

Criticisms—Emily May.
Music—Selected.
Current Events—Warden Wheeler.
Business Session.

ORGANIZATION PERFECTED.

A meeting of the students of the teachers course was called on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the proposed teachers' club. After being read and approved the constitution of the club was adopted. The purpose of the club is to unite those students interested in problems of educational nature that they may receive mutual benefit from discussion and the reading of papers prepared by the members.

Election of officers took place as follows:

Olaf Hendrickson—President.
Marion Askew—Vice President.
Josephine Nedrobe—Treasurer.
Miss Johnson—Secretary.
Mabel Piers—Critic.

Two committees were appointed one to confer with the faculty Committee on Student Organizations preliminary to securing their recognition and the other on programs. The time of meeting will be on the Friday evenings alternating with those of the literary societies. The first program will be delivered two weeks from the coming Friday.

SOPHOMORE PARTY.

Enjoyment, in the fullest sense of the word, made itself manifest at Francis Hall last Friday evening, when the Sophomores, chaperoned by Miss May, gathered there and had a genuine class party. The evening was most delightfully spent in playing games until about eleven o'clock when very sumptuous refreshments, ice cream and cake, a bountiful supply of which had been provided, were

partaken of. At twelve o'clock the party broke up, everyone declaring the party a success.

DEBATE CLUB.

The Debate Club held what might be called an "impromptu" meeting on Saturday evening in Francis Hall. The meeting was called in a hurry and there was no time to prepare a program. However, the impromptu program was rather better than the usual efforts in this direction.

Mr. Olson, the incoming president, delivered himself of some very good sentiments in his "Inaugural Address." Mr. Mercer explained the details of "The Sophomore Party." A hastily arranged debate on the question "Resolved, That the Club Assume an Aggressive Policy," was conducted with much spirit by Messrs. Anderson and Ruzicka, on the affirmative and Darling and Parker on the negative. The affirmative was awarded the decision. Mr. Willard told some amusing stories in his "Locals From Wahpeton," and Mr. Darling gave a vigorous criticism of the program.

A slight amount of business was transacted and several suggestions made before the Club adjourned.

PARTY FOR MISS BOYCE.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Grasse and Miss Grasse gave a prettily appointed party Monday evening in the Masonic Hall, Moorhead, in honor of Miss Boyce of Chicago, who is visiting in Fargo and Moorhead for a few days. Dancing and card playing were indulged in during the evening and a pleasant time is reported. Several members of the Junior faculty were present.

ATHENIAN PROGRAM.

Friday, April 17, 1908.
Music—Athenian Quartette.
Reading—Miss Grest.
John Motley—Chas. Ruzicka.
Works of Motley—Wm. Mercer.
Music—Selected.
Looking Backward—Ray Babcock.

Easter—Miss Eyolfson.
Locals—Geo. P. Grout.
Criticisms—Peter Olson.
Music—Athenian Quartette.
Intermission.
Business Session.

PREPARING FOR SPRING.

The division of poultry husbandry is preparing for the Spring season, which is of considerable importance to the poultryman. The large number of incubators and brooders donated this winter by the manufacturing companies will be put to trial, in fact some have been started already.

Mr. Dynes is carrying on a number of experiments in breeding up poultry for high production and grading up scrubs through selection. Tests of laying are made between several pens of equal fowls each kept under slightly different conditions, to determine the effect of the changes on egg production. The work is being carried on in rather cramped quarters as the stock is large, the pens quite numerous and the working space limited, but in spite of all these, the division is doing some very excellent work in the poultry line.

INCUBATOR ALARM.

Mr. Dynes received a rather ingenious device last week in the form of an incubator alarm, invented and presented by Mr. Freeman Harris of Kenmare. The contrivance consists of an electric bell and appliances which are so attached to the incubator that when the temperature gets either too hot or too cold, the automatic regulator connects with an arm that rings the electric alarm. The apparatus may be attached anywhere, and if successful it will prove a great help in artificial incubation.

A SPANISH BULL FIGHT.

By Chas. Van Horn.

While making the trip around the South American continent and through the Straights of Magellan with the Atlantic battle ship fleet I was fortunate enough to witness a Spanish bull fight given in honor of the fleet by the Peruvian government. I say, fortunate, on account of the novelty of the thing for, as an exhibition, the bull fight is a disgrace to any country, civilized or barbarous.

The performance is preceded by a parade around the ring, of all those who participate in the event. Everyone is clothed in neatly fitting garments, gaily colored and covered with silver and gold spangles. They are hailed with thunderous applause by the natives, and bow and smile in response.

The bull is ushered into the ring by a long blast on a bugle and as soon as he enters the arena the banderilleros flourish their gaudy red capes and the bull charges them madly. Just as it seems they must be tossed in the air or impaled on the sharp horns, they step nimbly aside and the bull goes thundering by. If the banderilleros are too hard pressed they take refuge behind small barricades which are built at convenient intervals around the ring.

A horseman now enters whose object it is to prevent the bull from goring the horse, and incidentally, himself. He has a long, sharp pointed lance with which to defend himself, but about the only thing he does is to get his legs out of reach of those sharp horns, while the bull invariably gores the defenseless horse. After the bull has been drawn away with the red flags the horse is taken away, and it is pitiful to see the blood running from their wounds in streams and jets. As a rule the bull receives ragged wounds from the lance.

The tormented animal is next attacked by the banderilleros who try to fasten cruel, barbed darts into the shoulders of the beast. These darts must not be thrown.

By this time the bull is almost winded and is weak from loss of blood, so the matador comes forth to put an end to the strife. He excites the exhausted animal to a few more savage attacks by flourishing a red flag in his face. Finally the bull seems to realize the futility of these wild plunges and makes one last stand. With his head held high he gazes defiantly at his enemy, then, undaunted, he makes his last charge. As he lowers his gallant head to toss the oppressor the keen sword is thrust between the shoulders to his heart. He drops to his knees, while the life blood gushes from his nostrils and mouth in a crimson flood. He strives to rise once more and renew the unequal combat, but he only staggers and sways drunkenly, then topples grimly and silently to the turf, dead, but courageous and unconquered till the last.

The matador now makes a triumphal march around the ring followed by the other members of the company, while the audience shower them with money. As a rule, six bulls are killed at each fight. They have no chance for their lives and are tormented and teased in a way that is villainously cruel.

However, the sport is dying out, and it is to be hoped that in the near future the bull fight will be utterly abolished.

PORTER INSPECTS.

W. M. Porter, superintendent of the twelve demonstration farms located in different parts of the state, has made his first round of inspection and reports the work as promising good results. The demonstration farms are intended to show farmers the advantage of approved crop rotation, proper cultivation, good seed, and plenty

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TRACK.

There is a steady increase in the attendance in track work. New men join the track squad nearly every day. With this in mind we may say that track prospects look very bright.

As the students are getting more and more into training and are increasing their endurance there are new features added to the already scheduled events. In spite of our small attendance in the spring term our athletics are very well distributed and divided on the different parts of the track and field work. We have a few good runners. There are also some very promising candidates in high and broad jumping. There will be a few active contestants. The start that we are now making with the material at hand will in all probability be permanent and we will doubtless be surprised at the results accomplished.

OTHER TEAMS ORGANIZE.

The Agricultural Department has taken some active steps in organizing a team. No doubt the "Aggies" could carry off the honors if they organized a team as strong as some claim for them. They have some very good material to choose from. There are are strong enough to maintain a good representative team. It would seem that every department should strive to be represented if possible. We will have six or eight weeks of favorable baseball weather

and several interesting games should be prominent features in College activities. Every student will feel better and will be better able to study if he takes some active outdoor exercise.

ENGINEER BASEBALL.

Again the different departments and classes have begun to organize baseball teams. The contests for the championship of the various departments at the A. C. will be hotly fought this year. The teams that are first in the field and become the most thoroughly organized will have the best chances of winning. The season for baseball is somewhat short in the northwest and it is therefore necessary that the teams be ready to take the first opportunity that fine weather presents and begin practice.

The engineers have already decided to have their department represented by a baseball team this spring. No doubt they think that they will carry off the prize in baseball as well as in other forms of athletics. It will be remembered that the engineers were active in baseball last year. They captured the honors in inter-department basketball and football, and they are now trying to reach the climax in baseball this spring.

PHARMACY BASEBALL.

Last year the pharmacists had a very fast baseball team. They were considered the best on the campus. This year it is reported that they have a still better team. They have already been practicing some of their men and are preparing to give the engineers or any other team a hot contest for the championship in baseball.

ANNAUL GOES TO PRESS.

Editor Whitecomb is making preparations for the 1908 Agassiz to go to press sometime this week. The book will surpass any past efforts in this direction either here or at other schools of the state. It will probably be ready for distribution about May 15th, which was the date set for its appearance by the class.

Managers Nemzek and Baernstein report that financially the book will pay expenses and that the class may even come out a few dollars to the good.

Oxfords "what am" at the Hub.

NEW TELEPHONES.

During the past week the Northwestern Telephone company wired two new phones onto the College switchboard, one for the Spectrum office and one for the Commercial department.

The telephone in the Spectrum office will be of indispensable value to the newspaper workers and will save many steps for the weary reporter. The Spectrum's number is 21.

RIDE THE WATER WAGON.

The student at the A. C. is now assured a supply of good clean drinking water. The college has purchased a galvanized iron tank of the same design as used by the Standard Oil Co., from the Chas. Abrisk Co. of Milwaukee, Wis. The tank cost \$250, is of 450 gallon capacity, is fitted with a top, is painted green with Agricultural College painted in yellow letters on the sides. Taken as a whole it is very handsome in appearance and will be a guarantee of clean water.

WANT TEACHERS.

County Superintendent Sherrartz of Pembina county was a visitor at the college last week. The purpose of his visit was to secure two teachers for the Larimore schools, one to teach agriculture and the other domestic science. Members of the senior class were consulted. Further developments may occur. This is the first secondary school of the state to take steps toward introducing these subjects into their course and they are desirous of securing capable instructors.

VISIT THE COLLEGE.

The following men of the Department of Agriculture, Prof. E. C. Chilcott, who has charge of dry land farming, J. S. Cole, his assistant, cerealist, were at the College last week to consult with Prof. Shepperd concerning the details of the experiments in dry land farming and plant breeding to be launched at Williston this season.

A two cycle gasoline motor, the design of Mr. Adams, of the Fargo Plumbing Co., has been placed in our testing department and in the course of the next month will undergo series of thorough efficiency tests. The motor will first be tested as a machine and then the several parts of the mechanism will be tested for economy and efficiency.

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Mr. Tibert reports that the girls are doing splendidly in the wood shop and that they will have the boys "skun" a mile" before the term is over.

See the Hub ad.

The Spectrum has received a copy of the "Evergreen" from the Washington State College at Pullman, and this weekly sheet makes another valuable addition to the exchange table of the College paper.

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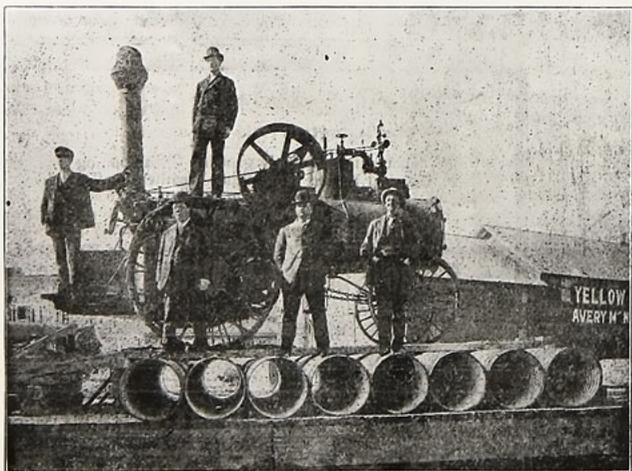
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DO SOMETHING.

While living on this earth, why not do something to help a little? And while doing, why not do something that will count? But many say: What can I do? The answer to that question is that you cannot do anything if you continually ask the question. The only way to accomplish anything is to get to work and figure it out for yourself.

The first thing to be sought is an object at which one may aim.

This can be found only by thought and work on the part of the individual. Do not leave the matter until you are through school before determining what you are going to do.

How many Seniors knew what they are aiming at? Most of them perhaps have an ideal off somewhere but some have none. Probably a greater number of the Juniors have not determined what they are going to do. And in the Sophomore class more still are undecided. The quicker it is settled for the individual so much the quicker can the student begin the preparation for his chosen work.

This is a matter that is preached about before college students frequently, but it is nevertheless important. It is a matter which every person must decide for himself. The best choice depends on the ability of the individual, his character, his tastes, etc. No one but the person himself can define these characteristics in himself. Do not wait until next year or some other time to get into a definite course, but decide the matter now. Do not continue to ramble. Choose whatever profession or

business you wish but choose. It is the specialized man who wins today. Do something.

ACCURACY.

A college newspaper in the western part of the country recently published a two-column article on the way in which news items in the daily papers were turned and twisted to misrepresent the institution. The fault was not so much that of the daily paper as it was of the paper's student correspondent at the College who, either carelessly or wilfully, allowed errors to creep into his articles which reflected on the reputation of the institution.

So far the A. C. has escaped the ravages of the newspaper correspondent's pen, but in one or two instances the school has been made to suffer for what was only the personal carelessness of some "cub" reporter.

Articles about the College appearing in the daily papers are the best of advertisements, when such articles are true, and in most cases the veracity of such news items remains unassailed, but the College correspondents should always bear in mind that they are writing for a public in the most part entirely unacquainted with the College and that any statement they make is liable to be accepted for its face value. Such articles therefore appearing in the daily papers, should first of all be of undoubted veracity, and as a secondary consideration should make interesting reading matter.

We feel confident that any misstatements that may have occurred have been the result of unthinking carelessness and not that of a wilful intention to misrepresent. Both the College and the public would be justly favored if the writers of such articles would take the same pains as to accuracy in their newspaper items as they are expected to take in their class work, and perhaps several misunderstandings could be averted in this way.

The erection of a flag pole on the campus might prove a blessing in more ways than one. Think how much richer classes might be now of there had been a flag pole last spring.

The campus is once more the most popular place in the two cities, especially on Sunday afternoons. Another sure sign of spring.

Now that The Spectrum has a telephone it will be easier to tell that news item you happened to hear the other day. Try it!

The band boys certainly made a hit with that concert last Wednesday afternoon. Come again.

The recipe for perpetual ignorance: Agree with everybody and be satisfied with what you know.

Do the numerous class meetings now being held weekly intimate anything of a sanguinary nature?

The delegation to Wahpeton came back wiser and sadder — mostly sadder.

BIG ENGINEERING RECORD.

The current issue of the Engineering record, the "Contractors' Number" is one of the finest we have seen. It contains over one hundred pages of technical literature which deals with many of the important lines of engineering but takes up particularly reinforced concrete construction.

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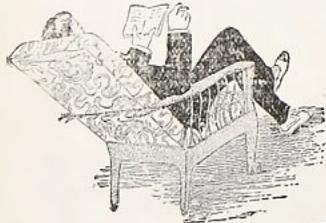
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vesting Building of New York" which is now being erected at a cost of \$10,000,000 and is said to be the loftiest and most expensive commercial building in the city, and the details of the "Manhattan Bridge Towers".

Besides these there is an article showing the difficulties encountered in laying over four miles of twenty inch water main under one of the busiest streets of New York. Several articles on water works systems and sanitation, descriptions of a number of bridges and several short articles.

SOMETHING TO SCRAP OVER.

It is rumored that the faculty will have a flag pole erected on the campus in the near future. This will tend to interest the Sophs and Freshies in the art of aerial navigation and aerobic science and to discourage the steeple climbing propensities developed in past class fights. It would probably pay for itself in the saving of furniture, stair rails, and shingles.

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Then grabs the man in a frenzied way,
Like a terrier shaking a rat.

The Brenau girl has a way of her own,
In a clinging, soulful way,
She takes a kiss that's just as big
As a wagon load of hay.

The Bessie Tift girl takes off her specs,
So cool—so cold—so glum—
She sticks out her lips like an open book,
And keeps on chewing gum

The Shorter girl never says a word,
She's so gentle, timid and tame;
But she grabs her young man by the back of the neck
And gets there, just the same.

The Andrew girl bows her stately head,
And fixes her stylish lips
In a firm, hard way—and lets 'em go,
And sips, and sips, and sips.
—Georgia Tech.

Miss Amelia May Hortense
Tried to scale a barbed-wire fence;
When she had finished with the climb,
She had had a ripping time.
M. A. C. Record.

NO VACATION ON FRIDAY.

A petition for a vacation on Good Friday has recently been the rounds but it seems to have received a rather cold reception for it was announced at Chapel Monday that no one would be excused from classes unless for urgent religious duties. There is a rumor of another petition appearing from the girls and it is thought that it may have some weight with the faculty. The fact remains that school will keep as usual.

JOY FOR THE FRESHMEN.

At Chapel yesterday morning Pres. Worst publicly announced that hereafter the flag staff on the Administration Building would fly Old Glory alone and that all class banners would be kept at a respectful distance. At this announcement the countenances of several Freshmen were observed to darken appreciably but the President immediately followed his first sentence with the announcement of the erection of a flag pole especially for the benefit of class banners somewhere on the campus. The joy of the Freshmen and Preps, was manifest in loud and continued applause.

Mrs. D. O. Lofthouse visited her many friends at the college Friday.

The Spectrum is in receipt of the "Reveille," the students' paper of the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. It is a very bright and snappy little weekly.

Prof. S.—"What is an abrasion test?"

Student—"It is where you put it in that thing that goes around."
When asked to describe a cylinder of one of the engineering students recently replied: "The ends are flat but it's round."

Lough thinks that people should keep their cellar doors closed after dark. He don't mind falling down but he doesn't like to stop when he gets there.

The faculty and students ought to appreciate the kindness of the city authorities in burning the city dumping grounds when the wind was blowing a gale toward the College. It was almost like getting something for nothing.

It is reported that two students left school because they were required to procure uniforms and report for military duty.

Wanted—Information regarding the identity of the four persons who sat on the two cabbage trucks at the Milwaukee station while some of the College engineers stood on the next corner with their telescopes aimed in that direction.

Senior—(when buying a hat)—
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Miss Rice—(To Mr. Moore)—
"Can you tell me where I can find a man."—and Ed. didn't tumble.

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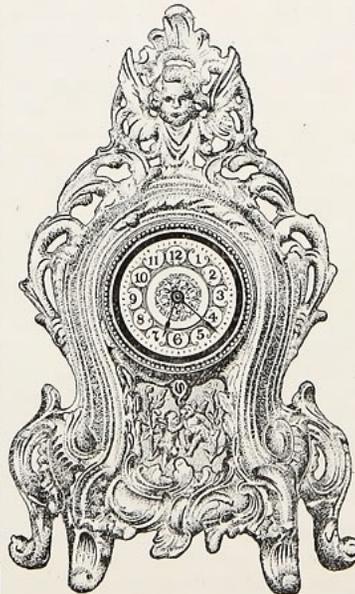
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Mortgage loans on real estate.....	125,741,836.42
Loans on policies.....	52,022,021.33
Collateral loans.....	11,805,000.00
Bonds and stocks, market value Dec 31, '07.....	260,026,493.51
Cash.....	6,487,545.88
Premiums in course of collection.....	4,685,477.99
Interest and rentals, due and accrued.....	3,990,487.10
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.....	879,267.59
Held for future dividends.....	57,530,769.45
Total liabilities.....	\$494,177,021.93

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It added to the net reserves held in trust for policyholders.....16,368,678.39
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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Its gains from loading, mortality, surrenders and annuities were.....8,760,440.79
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NOTE—The admitted assets would be given greater by \$15,989,158.97 were the bonds taken on the company's basis of amortized book value; or \$13,211,349.94 were the securities stated by the average market value (13 month rule), recommended by many commissioners at the Louisville meeting.

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SALT HARMFUL?

The department of botany is receiving many letters asking whether it will do any good or any harm to add salt to a solution of formaldehyde when dipping or treating field grain with smut machines. The object of adding salt is supposed to be to make the density of the solution greater and thus cause the wild oats and king-head and other lighter seeds than wheat to float. During the last spring season the department of botany conducted a number of tests upon this question. They found that salt could not be added to water in strong enough solution to cause it to float the heaviest king-head seeds, the heaviest wild oat seeds, and heaviest pigeon grass seeds without killing the grain which was immersed. - We found in order to float the heaviest king-head and the heaviest wild oats it was necessary to add from one to one and one-half pounds of salt to each gallon of water. This strength of salt killed over 90 per cent of the seed grain when it was submitted to treatment. Solutions that had less than one pound to the gallon did not float any really viable seeds of the king-head and wild oats but it did very greatly injure the seed grain. They are unable to recommend the use of salt on seed grain for any purpose.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES ENDED.

The most successful season of Farmers' Institutes ever held in this state ended Monday, April 6. Superintendent Hoverstad and Prof. Churchill report that never before were the meetings so well attended, nor was there ever so much interest shown as the past season. The institute force, which has been very busily engaged in conducting the meetings in all parts of the state since the middle of December, is very glad to get a short rest before the short summer campaign begins in June. Prof. Hoverstad is at present preparing and compiling the institute annual for 1908.

The College Orchestra played at the Men's Club supper, held at the Presbyterian church last Tuesday evening.

ALLIGATORS FOR COLLEGE.

On Thursday one of the former students, W. P. Piper, presented the college two alligators which he and a companion captured in Florida last winter. They will be kept in the basin of the fountain during the summer and cared for in the biological green house during the winter.

It is understood that "Prof." Beals will detail one of his trustees to watch the bath thermometer which will be provided for the fountain basin, and keep the water at the right temperature to insure the reptiles keeping awake but run no risk of getting their ears frostbitten.

The genial Adolph has consented to put in his "spare" time training the "critters" to walk on their hind legs, do rapid calculating, and all stunts possible and some hitherto thought impossible. He has guaranteed to have them in good running order for the next A. C. circus.

It might be mentioned that Mr. Piper is the first of many representatives of this college who are at present traveling the wilds of this and other countries in pursuit of animals and freaks for future performances of the Cyclone nature. Mr. Piper was favored with excellent luck besides having several of the requisities of an alligator trapper, having acquired the same through the agriculture course of this institution and was thus enabled to return with his catch earlier than expected.

AT THE GRAND.

The bill for the week has been a very high attraction and pleased audiences in comedy very much and the week of April 20th will start out with one of the greatest novelty acts that has ever appeared on the vaudeville stage and in the large cities they play the same house from four to six weeks. Swan's Alligators are the greatest novelty and attraction that has ever appeared before the public. Mr. Swan and his alligators do wonderful stunts in a large glass vat of water, eat, drink and smoke under water, and along with five other attractions the management looks forward to more than please the patrons of the theatre.

PRaise BULLETIN.

Professor Bolley is receiving many notes of appreciation as to the character of the Experiment Station Bulletin No. 80. The editor of The American Farm World writes as follows:

"I congratulate you upon your bulletin on 'The Eradication of Weeds.' I consider it one of the best bulletins that has been issued for many years. The editor writes that The Farm World will publish a carefully prepared summary of the entire bulletin.

MRS. BOLLEY PRESIDENT.

A meeting of the Fargo citizens was called April 7th for the purpose of perfecting the organization of a civic improvement league and the election of officers. Mrs. Bolley was chosen president of the organization, which comes as a recognition of her work to arouse the public sentiment which has brought about the organization.

Prof. C. B. Waldron was appointed as a member of the executive committee.

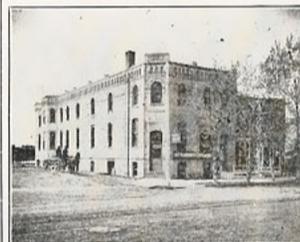
ARE PLANTING WILLOWS.

The superintendent of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company was at the college last week conferring with Professor Waldron relative to planting trees along their railroad lines as snow breaks.

The company has \$600,000 worth of snow fences along the Fargo division alone, which deteriorates ten per cent yearly in value. In looking over the golden Russian willow hedges growing on the College grounds the superintendent decided that they will without question effectually take the place of snow fences and will be more durable and economic protection. The company had decided to do this work some three years ago but owing to a change of authorities it was postponed. The work will in all probability be pushed through this year, however.

ADMITTED AS JUNIORS.

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PERSONAL

Prof. Ladd returned from his trip to Washington, D. C., on Friday morning.

Miss Velma Cross, a recent student of the engineering department has accepted a position as a draughtsman with Architect O. Shea.

Prof. Halland was unable to meet his classes on Tuesday and Wednesday last, owing to the pain of an ulcerated tooth. This is the first time the Professor was ever known to miss a day of school.

Registrar Parrott made a business trip to Grand Forks last Friday afternoon. He returned on Monday.

Miss Boyce of Chicago, who is a guest of Miss Grasse, was a campus visitor last week.

Mr. Lynch, the pure food inspector, leaves Saturday for Washington, D. C., where he has been assigned to work in the department.

Mr. Carmen of Detroit, who left school last winter on account of illness, was a College visitor last Monday.

Dr. Putnam is making preparations to organize a Fargo band for the summer.

Miss Evelyn Schneeburger, a former student, is confined at St. John's hospital where she will undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Prof. Waldron, addressed the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church at their meeting last Tuesday evening on the subject of "Civic Improvement."

Mr. Ells, '11, has been suddenly called home and will be unable to return to school this year.

Dean Keene will address the Y. M. C. A. in the "What Business" series of talks to young men on May 3. His subject will be "Engineering."

Miss Childs and Profs. Minard and Arvold, and a number of students attended the State Oratorical Contests at Wahpeton last Friday. They report an enjoyable visit to the Science School.

Prof. Willard went to Hillsboro last Tuesday to attend a meeting of the committee of the N. D. E. A., which has under consideration the educational problems of the common and high schools.

Mrs. Alice Wilson Scott is the happy mother of a young son.

Miss Emma Bomeir returned from her vacation last week which she has been spending with her parents at Erie.

Miss Lottie Ramstad is the guest of her sister at the Dormitory.

NEW STAR IN THE FLAG.

Owing to the admission of the territory of Oklahoma to the union as a state, it has become necessary to change the design of the flag, and there will be hereafter in the blue field six rows, four containing eight, and two seven, stars. This leaves space for two

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MORE BRAID IN BAND.

Two promotions were made in the band ranks last week. Privates P. J. Olson and M. Christian are now entitled to corporal stripes. Dr. Putnam has also been dealing out service stripes to the members of the band who have served more than their required six terms.

WALDRON AT EDGELEY.

Prof. Waldron made a trip to Edgeley the latter part of the week to confer with Supt. Thompson in regard to the co-operative tree planting to be initiated at that station by the Bureau of Forestry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Professor Slocum thinks that a man that can make a hundred yards in fifteen minutes would make good on the track team.

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SERENADE THE BOARD.

After the regular weekly inspection on last Wednesday the band marched over and formed a circle in front of the Administration Building, where the Board of Trustees were in session. They played several selections which were appreciated by all who heard them.

NEWS?

The following is clipped from the Normal Exponent (Mayville), and is undoubtedly news to most of our students:

"The students of the Dormitory at the Agricultural College, Fargo, have given several receptions for the faculty and friends of the College. Very enjoyable times are reported and such evenings at the Dormitory are said to be becoming very popular and greatly appreciated.

FORRE'S PUP.

Chester Forre is now the envy of College sports, he having acquired possession of a pedigreed bull pup and some "fighten" hen" eggs.

Forre must have a rather hazy conception of the required characteristics of a bull pup if he expects to rear the two varieties of fighting "critters." Maybe he expects the pup to hatch the cocks and thus bring them up on family terms.

Ed. Horner was a welcome visitor with the band last Friday. He brought his instrument with him and for the first time since he began medical treatment last February, took part in a rehearsal. We are sorry to learn that he will not be in school this term. We shall expect to see him here again next fall.

Some people stand by the west entrance at the Dormitory when they do their talking, but it is rumored that Leo stands by the East gate when he holds a conversation.

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OLD STUDENT MARRIED.

Announcements have been received by some of the older students of the marriage of Miss Laura Ueland to Mr. E. A. Berstler of Streeter, N. D., on April 4th.

Miss Ueland, while at the A. C., was one of the most popular students and took an active part in all the college activities being for several seasons the state scorer for the ladies' basket ball team.

Her many friends wish her a happy and prosperous union.

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Mr. Nemzek has recently become an expert in the management and care of "honk-honk" wagons. He was seen last Sunday "speeding" up and down Tenth street in an animated wheelbarrow instructing his latest pupil in the scientific maneuvering of the monkey wrench and in dodging grease spots and bruises.

Nemzek, by nature an investigator, will be able to make many interesting experiments in this new line on the economic manipulation of odiferous perambulators. His most recent experiment was in the form of a test in which he endeavored to ascertain the value of Red River water as a substitute for gasoline.

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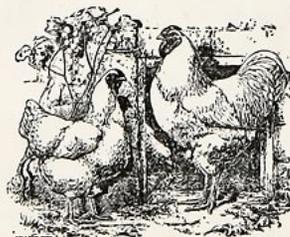
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