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TWO VIEWS

Two Students Wear Different Colored Glasses

The Pros and Cons of the Students Amendment.

The advocates of the amendment base their claims chiefly upon the following points:

1. The passage of the amendment will eliminate all questions of eligibility to membership in the Students' Organization and by making the class organizations directly responsible, will disfranchise all short and special course students. Students who attended the election of 1906 will readily see the importance of this change.

2. The passage of this amendment will tend to place the emphasis on the class, and thus bind together and unify the class organization. This would encourage qualified students to join their respective class organizations.

3. The adoption of the amendment would put the choosing of Spectrum officers in the hands of five delegates who would be enabled to spend adequate time on their deliberations.

4. The proposed amendment would definitely place the responsibility of the selection of Editor and Manager of The Spectrum upon the board of five. At present any party of students may form a clique or "ring" and by skillful manipulation elect to office a man who is not the choice of a majority.

5. At present the classes number, roughly, Seniors, 10; Juniors, 20; Sophomores, 30; Freshmen, 50; Senior Preps., 100. Should the Preps. and Freshmen ever combine forces they would be able to elect anyone they chose, regardless of sentiment in the three upper classes. This is unjust to the upper classmen, who by right of his five or six years' acquaintance with, and experience in the school deserve a larger voice in student affairs than the Prep. or Freshman of scarcely a year's standing.

6. "The student who takes no direct interest in his class will take but little interest in his College." By stimulating unity in the class organizations the amendment will help greatly in building up and preserving college spirit.

In summary the supporters of the proposed amendment claim that it will eliminate all questions of eligibility; that it will place the emphasis on a compact class organization; that it will allow of more deliberation in the choice of officers; that it will balance the power more justly; that it will accelerate the deliberations of the students' Organization; and lastly, that it will make for a better College spirit.

The chief argument of the opposition is the fact that the proposed amendment places a large amount of power in the hands of a few persons. This is true, but the opposition did not stop to think that these few men are directly responsible to their classes, and must necessarily feel this responsibility, tending to make their actions fairly honorable and

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While the waters of College politics are being disturbed and more or less personalities indulged in by the respective advocates and opponents of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the Students' Organization it might be well to stop a few minutes and consider the question from a critical and unprejudiced point of view. As mentioned in The Spectrum of last week, this amendment calls for a board of five directors consisting of one representative elected by each of the four College classes and a fifth from the Senior Preparatory class. According to the amendment this board would have the full power of electing the editor-in-chief of The Spectrum staff and the business manager connected with it. The board might have other powers and duties, but those of election seem to be the most important.

Now the advocates of this measure urge that this method of election would tend to eliminate conflict between the two literary societies by transferring the responsibility to the different classes, many of whose members would not be affiliated with either society, that in consequence of this responsibility the classes would become more closely united and would act as a unit in doing more for the general good of the College than they do now, and finally, that more power would thereby be placed in the hands of those best qualified to use it with the best judgment. It is also contended that this method of election would make "graft" impossible, the very best men for the positions would undoubtedly be elected.

In considering the first reason above mentioned a question rose in the writer's mind whether, after all, this so-called "conflict" between the societies is not more or less of a benefit in the long run. Although it may be carried to extremes, the fact remains that advancement is really brought about through the endeavor of an individual or class of individuals to equal or surpass the endeavor of others. Then it is hardly reasonable to argue that intelligent students would vote for an inferior man against the dictates of their best judgment simply because he might be a member of the same society. And even with the representative system this trouble, if trouble it is, could not well be avoided. It is a significant fact that practically every student who takes any interest in his class organization is a member of one or the other of the literary societies. Can we expect any such student to forget his society when voting for the head of the College paper indirectly any more

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Public Recital

Pupils of Miss Grasse Will Give One on Wednesday.

Next Wednesday evening, April 1, a recital will be given by the voice and piano pupils of Miss Edythe Grasse in the College Chapel, and it will begin at 8 o'clock promptly. Friends of the participants and the general public are invited to attend. The program arranged for the occasion is as follows:

Waltz Krogman
Ida Raean, Miss Grasse
Gazotte Schroeder
May Stodder
The Bird's Nest Jessie Gaynor
Master Thaddeus Grout
On the Playground Orth
Miss Rispah Ladd, Miss Grasse
Mazurka Waddington
Miss Waitie Stodder
Husheer Alice Needham
Miss Ruth Hull
Waltz L. E. Orth
Miss Katherine Ladd, Miss Grasse
Round Dance Egging
Miss Emma Piper
Polonaise Lack
Miss Edna Abel
Marionettes Parade Ohmke
Miss Lillian Locke
Absent Metcalf
Miss Clara Thompson
Mazurka Zuniman
Miss Clara Bylin
In a Mountain Hut Heins
Miss Lucy Cockburn
The Rosary Nevin
Miss Ethel Peterson
Serenade Gustav Lange
Miss Agnes Halland
Under the Rose Fischer
Slumber Boat Gaynor
Miss Gladys Pease
In a Rose Garden Giebel
Miss Mabel Lysingen
2nd Mazurka Godard
Miss Ruth Hull
O Dry Those Tears
..... Theres del Riego
Miss Esther Evans
Violin obligato, Ray Babeock
Over Hill and Dale, Tschaikowsky
Miss Mabel Rudlang
Pas des Amphores Chaminade
Miss Agnes Peterson

PROF McDOWELL LEAVES.

Prof. McDowell, who resigned the chair of Agronomy at the College last February, to accept the position offered him by the Department of Agriculture at Washington, as Traveling Expert on Farm Management, expects to leave us April 1, to enter upon his new duties. Prof. McDowell has been connected with the A. C. for the past five years and is a recognized authority on agriculture, and it is with regret that his many friends see him leave. The good wishes of the students accompany him to his new field.

PROF. RICHARDS IN MONTANA.

Prof. Richards left for the Montana Agricultural College at Bozeman Thursday to act as judge in the Montana A. C.'s stock judging contest, and also to judge horses at the Montana Horse Show in Bozeman. He will stop en route at Dickinson to attend one of the largest horse sales ever held in this state.

VISITS DEMONSTRATION FARMS.

Mr. R. R. Porter, who has charge of the twelve demonstration farms situated along the Northern Pacific and Great Northern lines, visited the farms at New Salem, Bismarck, and Sanborn last week, to look over his field of operations.

WENT TO LANGDON.

Profs. Sheppard and Waldron left for Langdon Monday to confer with the citizens in regard to the new sub-station proposed at that place.

Engineering Education

Prof. Slocum, of our division of civil engineering, was he convocation speaker yesterday. Choosing from that with which he was most intimately acquainted, he presented a clear, concise survey of this subject which represents a field of industry, the influence of which, is felt by each and every individual.

"Engineering," he said, "may be defined as the art of construction; the harnessing of the forces of nature for the use and comfort of man; and is properly growing to include that conservation of natural resources for the use and comfort of mankind." The origin of the profession goes back to prehistoric times and we know from such evidences as the pyramids that proficiency was obtained in permanency at least.

In the earlier days rulers monopolized engineering for the promotion of conquest and defence, but in later times the engineering of civil life was enlarged so rapidly that what was formerly termed "civil" engineering is now divided into several groups, one of which retains the original name, and others, such as mechanical and electrical engineering, which are in turn often subdivided. Naturally engineering has later come to include the operation, control, and management of its own creations.

An engineer is defined as one who harnesses the forces of nature for the use and comfort of mankind, or as one "who can do for one dollar what anyone else can do for two dollars." The popular definition is inclusive of everyone who has any knowledge of the applications or the practices of engineering, but the true requirements are very different and may be summed up as "an intimate knowledge of the laws of nature and the properties of materials, who knows mathematics in a way that will enable him to express and use these laws; who has ideas of his own and is able to express them in clear, concise and accurate language; who can mix with men of high standing and can handle and direct the energies of labor." "There are four qualifications for an engineer; education, experience, good judgment, and tact." Each of these is essential for success; education is obtained in school and by study; experience is gained by actual contact with work, and the other two must be acquired by the person himself. "In North Dakota I know of two schools in

DEBATE

TONIGHT

ED. MOORE, LYNN MILLER AND EDWIN TRAYNOR REPRESENT THE A. C.

Tonight at Fargo College will take place the second inter-collegiate debate between that institution and the A. C. The question is: Resolved, That it would be for the best interests of the people of the United States for organized labor to act as a unit at the polls.

Our team has been working hard and are in a position to show the people across the city some new features in debate. The question is a live one and of interest to every citizen. Miss Emerson, Mr. Paul Garrett, and Mr. Vande Bogart will represent Fargo College. The judges will be Prin. H. L. Rockwood, Valley City; Mr. Huntoon, Moorhead, and Attorney Holt.

One hundred seats will be reserved for the A. C. Tickets are on sale at the bookstore or they may be secured from several of the students.

which to get an engineering education; the school of experience and the Agricultural College."

Engineering education, as it is practiced today, had its origin about the year 1800. From the rather humble beginning which took the form of "trade schools" it has grown to its present prominence. The first school of engineering in this country was founded in 1824. This was the Renneislaer Polytechnic Institute. The Lawrence and Sheffield Scientific Schools were started in 1846 and 1847. The Morrill Land Grant Act, which had more to do toward forwarding engineering education than any other one thing, was passed in 1862. Since that time the growth of the profession has been phenomenal and the per cent increase in the membership in the national engineering societies and the attendance at engineering schools for three ten year periods was 22, 77 and 87.

Some people have the idea that there are two kinds of education; practical and theoretical. In reality, in the case of the engineer at least, the theoretical training becomes of the highest practical value. The man who gets his training in the machine shop alone may in time be foreman of the shop, while the man with the theoretical training may in the same time become the manager of the factory.

What a student gets out of a course depends entirely upon his own application to the subjects included. It is the exercise of his mental powers that bring about a full development. The student of science and technology is trained in the realms of reality. "Directness of purpose, intellectual accuracy, and clear thinking should be the result."

AT CHAPEL APRIL 6.

Mr. W. M. House, of Wyndmere, N. Dak., will be the speaker at convocation on April 6.

SOCIETY

PLEASANT PARTY.

A very pleasant party was given at the residence of Mr. Fred Birch at 122 Ninth Street North, last Tuesday evening. Nearly all of the Alpha Mus were present with their lady friends. Beside these were present Mr. and Mrs. F. Scott, Prof. and Mrs. Sudro and Mr. Lowman. The evening was spent in various amusements. An elegant lunch was served. At the close of the evening the twenty-five young people voted Mr. Birch an admirable host.

ATHENIAN PROGRAM.

April 3.

Voices of Spring.

- College Song—All.
- "March"—Emma Bohlmeir.
- "Mud"—Earl Hunt.
- Treatise on Spring Fever—Dora Welo.
- An April Fool's Day Story—Ila Rahmstad.
- Piano Duet—Misses Evans and Peterson.
- A Spring Poem—Carl Myhre.
- The Easter Bonnet—Arthur Murphy.
- "How the Robin Came"—Florence Hunt.
- Criticisms—Genevieve Holkesvig.
- Vocal Solo—Gladys Pease.
- Business session.

RECEPTION.

Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock the Y. W. C. A. girls entertained the College girls in honor of Miss Pearson, the state secretary. Although not nearly all the girls were present, those who were had a merry time. Games were played and several comic initiations were performed. Later in the afternoon light refreshments consisting of chocolate and vanilla wafers were served.

PHILO PROGRAM.

- Piano Solo—Clarence Plat.
- Original Story of Reading—Max Harrington.
- Extemporaneous Talks—(3).
- Reading—Leo P. Nemzek.
- Music—Selected.
- A short business session will be held.

SURPRISE PARTY.

Miss Florence Whitecomb was completely but pleasantly surprised by about twenty of her College friends last Saturday evening at the home of her sister on Fifth Street North. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the young people in playing games of various descriptions. Refreshments consisting of apples and fudge were served. At eleven all departed voting Miss Whitecomb an entertaining hostess. We are sorry to say that Miss Whitecomb

leaves for her home at Crary on Wednesday morning.

Y. W. C. A.

The Association was especially fortunate last Wednesday evening in having with them the state secretary, Miss Lucy Helen Pearson, who spoke at the devotional meeting. The meeting was presided over by Miss Sadie Barrett, and was opened with the usual devotional exercises. Miss Mabelle Piers' solo, "Saved by Grace," was deeply appreciated.

In her talk Miss Pearson brought out what the individual girl gained from membership in the Association and enumerated the many reasons for becoming a member. She said: "There are four words which have meant more to me than any others throughout my College life—and these are 'Young Women's Christian Association.'"

By her earnest manner Miss Pearson succeeded in winning her listeners. The meeting closed with a vocal solo by Miss Esther Evans.

JOINT MEETING.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s held a joint meeting in the College Chapel last Sunday afternoon at 3:30. After a selection by the choir and a vocal/solo by Miss Mabelle Piers, Miss Pearson, state secretary for the Y. W. C. A., drew a short but pertinent lesson from the Scriptures, using as her text, Isaiah 53.

"The true test of friendship," she said, "comes only in times of trouble. Watch your friends and see whether they turn to you when in deep trouble or only when in search of a good time. The verse, 'Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it,' seems to fit into our western atmosphere particularly, for here we expect people to do things. The essentials of duty well performed are honest, loving and consistent obedience. Duty is talent; love is genius."

AMBITIOUS.

Dr. Batt is in receipt of a copy of the "Allerei," a magazine issued quarterly by the students of the manual training high school of Kansas City. This contains about twenty-five pages and is entirely in German, and is an expression of the language work of the school. It contains several poems and stories which Dr. Batt testifies are of considerable merit. Mr. Burnett, whom many will remember as our former registrar, is head of the language department of that school.

SENIOR CLASS PINS ARRIVED

After much discussion and delay the order for the '08 class pins was executed and last week the long-looked-for pins arrived. They are of old gold finish with the class colors, orange and black. They are made with patent clasps and are very durable.

THE NEW STAR.

By Reinhold Fuchs.

Translated in the original meter by Dr. Max Batt.

Around a sun that hundred-fold outshines
Our own, and yet to the terrestrial eye
Appears but as a faint, dim point of light,
Revolves in farthest space a planet fair,
A star, with mountains towering into heaven,
With oceans blue, with wide gigantic rivers,
And cities proud, that in the waves of oceans
And rivers are with splendor new reflected.
And in the cities, in the fields there stir,
Well-nigh innumerable, a race of creatures,
Like unto ours, but fairer, larger far
In form and face and intellectual power.
They strive, enjoy, rejoice, despair; they dream
Of future happiness, eternal fame;
They walk in confidence upon the soil
From which they sprang, which gives them sustenance,
Which bears their huts and all their palaces....

Then comes a day when bloody red there breaks
Through livid clouds the light from heaven above,
Alarming sultriness, oppressing heart
And mind, sinks down upon all living things.
And now? What hollow rumbling, big with ruin,
Reverberates the quiet? See, the ground
Is quaking, walls are trembling, bursting, falling,
And mountain summits reeling into valleys.
As ague shakes the fever patient, so
There twitches through the planet's giant body
Convulsion—suddenly the ground opens up
At hundred points at once; arises boiling
The surging, heaving mass of molten rock,
Of ore white glowing, sulphur fume unwrapped,
With scorching blaze both field and wood and meadow
Deep burying, and oceans turning steam,
Consuming huts and gorgeous royal castles,
Proud marble halls and lofty temples, too,
With all the crowns and scepters, priests and altars.

The work of thinkers and of artists all
The self-same hour in ashes are dissolved,
And not a trace of their existence bides....
In universal space unheard resounds
The dying shriek of thousand million beings,
And—silently a desolate fire ball rolls
Bright glowing through the chilly heavenly waste,
Till slowly it congeals and turns black dross.
—Three years pass by; upon the earth there sits
In quiet watch-tower an astronomer,
With powerful tube surveying the horizon.
Then sudden, like a fitting flash of joy,
His serious face convulsed with motion seems,
And long, with straining eye, he gazes there
Upon one point.... Then takes the pencil he
And calmly writes this telegram: "Just now
Discovered was through telescope by me
In constellation of Andromeda
A new star, glowing dim, twelfth magnitude...."

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VISIT LADD.

Mr. C. B. Lyon, representing Lyon Bros., of St. Paul, held a consultation with Prof. Ladd Thursday in regard to the sale of formaldehyde and paris green in the state. Many of the samples analyzed at the laboratories fall a little below the standard but hardly enough to condemn them for use in the treatment of wheat.

Mr. G. E. Sheffield of the John Masuly Paint and Varnish Co., spent several hours at the College last week and inspected the paint experiments in which he is much interested.



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ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING.

A very important meeting of the Athletic Association was held in the Main building last Thursday. A large number of the members present took active part in the discussion. Most of the talk was along the line of spring athletics. Track work and baseball were considered and weighed. Prof. Halland gave a very interesting talk and answered questions concerning College athletics.

THE NEW ATHLETIC FIELD.

Once again we are to have equipment for track work. The management and board of control have carefully considered the feasibility of constructing an athletic field on the campus. After much consideration it was thought wise to begin building up material with which a track team can work.

After two or three years we will have developed a winning team. While a present there may not be very many candidates for track-work, in the course of a year or two we hope to have ample material for the best track team in this part of the country.

The ground selected on which to build the track and courses is to the rear of the gym. Hedging and fencing will surround the whole field, and this will add greatly to the appearance of the grounds. Gates and driveways will be provided at convenient places. In a few years we should have one of the most beautiful as well as one of the most practical athletic fields in the northwest.

The first course to be constructed is a 220-yard straight track for the "dashes." The low and high hurdles will be placed on this track. The ground work is to be of clay, sand, cinder and such material as will give good spring and will be dry. Drainage for the entire field will be well provided.

The track is to be of the standard kite-shaped form, one-fourth mile in circumference. The latest and best methods of track construction will be employed. The work will all be done with a view toward building something that will be durable.

The space enclosed in the track will be laid out into a football

field. A baseball diamond will also be made here. On the other included space will be constructed circles for putting the shot, throwing the hammer and discoid, and such other feats as may be called for. Some space will be prepared for the broad jump, the high jump and the pole-vault.

It is not likely that the whole track and courses will be completed this year, but as soon as necessity demands and finances permit, we shall have a thoroughly up-to-date and modern field.

It is with great expectation that we look forward to the new track. It will be a very popular resort on the campus. It is situated near the gym, which is very convenient for the participants. Every student who can do so should improve the opportunity of taking part in some form of track work this spring.

LETTER FROM THE PACIFIC.

A letter dated "Pacific Ocean, Feb. 14, 1908," was received by the N. D. A. C. Cadet Band from Chas. Van Horn a few days since. "Van" has the welfare of the band in mind and asks after the members. He has his clarinet with him on board ship and gets much pleasure from it.

While in Rio Janerio he met Mr. Erb, formerly of the pharmacy course, here. Erb is on the repatriation of the fleet, the Panther.

Another A. C. student, Alfred Leik, is also on the fleet. Peck Gardner is on one of the battle ships but "Van" has not yet located him.

"Van" expresses his likeness for the work; he has good officers over him and has nothing of which to complain. He has not gotten over the habit of sea-sickness but he says he will soon be over that and be a "full fledged shell-back."

He says "All the foreign cities I have visited are mighty nice in some ways but they all agree on one thing and that is in soaking the sailors. They are civilized enough for that."

In conclusion he says, "I'd like mighty well to hear from some of you people and if any of you are going to be good enough to drop me a line address me thusly: C. W. Van Horn, H. A., U. S. S. Kentucky, care of Post Master, San Francisco."

Several of our girls have been heard to say that they wished

they could take part in track work. We had a girls' track team once and perhaps we can have one again.

Anderson was heard to lament that we have not an our-door basketball team.

Murphy and a few other baseball cranks may be seen "working out" in the gym. during their spare moments.

Things are not so lively around the gym, since the winter term closed.

WHEAT FROM ENGLAND.

The Botanical Department has lately received from the Cambridge University, Department of Agriculture, a number of samples of high bred English wheat. These are sent over to this country by Prof. R. H. Biffen to be tested in the rust and smut garden of the Agricultural College.

Professor Biffen wants to know whether these wheats will stand the rust under conditions to be found in the rust infection gardens as conducted by Prof. Bolley and his assistants. These wheats have been bred by Prof. Biffen by crossing highly resistant varieties of wheat with non-resistant varieties of wheat and by selection among the crosses. Prof. Biffen thinks that he has procured several wheats that are resistant to the yellow rust which does so much damage in England. He wants to learn whether they will resist the black rust of this country.

Within the last month Prof. Bolley has received a number of foreign wheats which are said to be rust resistant. They will be given careful trial in the rust garden and if found capable of resisting conditions under which they will here be grown, will prove of great value to this country.

AT THE GRAND.

The bill for the week of March 30 to April 4 is one that will long be remembered by theatre goers. With such noted people a Mrs. Gen. Tom Thumb and her husband and Count Margri who has a world wide reputation, and six other high acts on the bill make one of the best that has appeared at the Grand, and calling attention for the week of April 6 will start out in a blaze of glory with such people as Adele Purvis Onri, as-

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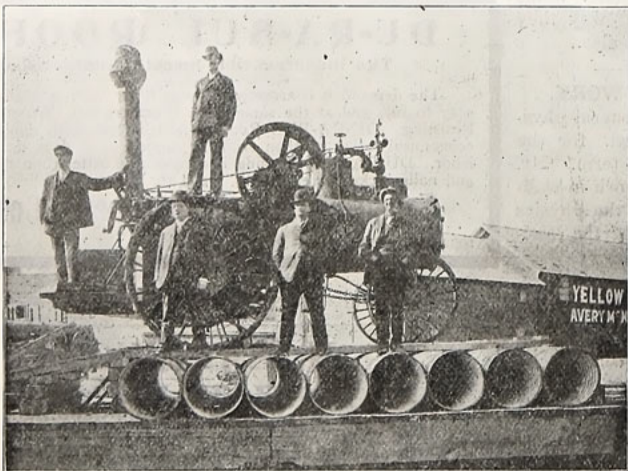
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TO THE STUDENTS.

We are publishing in this number two articles treating of the amendment now pending before the Students' Organization, from directly opposite points of view. There is no question so insignificant but what it has two sides to it, and in order to avoid all comment as to partiality and prejudice, The Spectrum herewith takes the liberty of publishing the arguments for and against the proposed amendment, side by side.

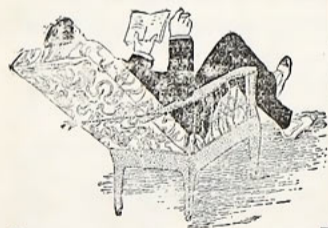
The articles are both written by men who are old students in the institution and who have put considerable thought on the question at hand. Both the writers of the articles and The Spectrum have been put to considerable trouble and loss of time in securing and presenting the various facts and arguments included in these articles and it is to be hoped that the students will profit from the material thus presented.

The question is an important one as it seeks to permanently govern the election of Spectrum officers, and no loyal student will cast his vote without knowing definitely what he is doing and why. The worst kind of impartiality is the disinterested "don't-care-a-rap" kind. Read these arguments, talk with your classmates and fellow students, and then go to the meeting with your mind definitely made up, ready to cast your ballot for what you think is right.

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STATE ORATORICAL.

The time is near at hand when the State Oratorical Contest will take place. William Lanxon will



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In all probability the University will send a large delegation to support their orator, Mr. Ford. Fargo College will certainly be represented by a large number of students. The A. C. should outdo either of these institutions by being represented by at least fifty students. Every student of the A. C. should carefully consider the matter of attending the contest. Expenses will not be high and every student who can do so should improve the opportunity of visiting the sister institution up the Red. Full information in regard to rates and trains and accommodations at Wahpeton will appear in the next issue of The Spectrum. Let every student consider the matter and prepare to attend the state contest at Wahpeton.

AN AGRICULTURALIST'S VIEW.

From the standpoint of an agricultural student there is no more opportune time for the consideration of the matter of degrees than the present. The fact that the man with an agricultural training has opportunities in a very distinct field, has even heretofore been good ground for demanding a degree upon graduation that identifies the graduate in regard to the line of work for which he is equipped, but from now on, owing to the establishment of the department of education at this institution there will be a larger percentage of the agricultural students who will take up the work of instruction in our educational institutions.

This field is becoming larger and larger on account of the rapidly growing popularity of the agricultural high schools. The man who takes up this kind of work is one to whom a degree is of special value, and as the degree which at present is given to the agricultural graduate, namely B. S., does not distinguish him from the mechanical or civil engineering graduate, and the general science graduate, it is by no means altogether satisfactory.

Most of the agricultural colleges throughout the country confer the degree of B. S. A. upon their agricultural students. This does away with any question in regard to what line of work the holder has made a specialty. There seems to be no apparent reason why the same system should not be adopted at this College, and it would be far more satisfactory than the present one.

An Agricultural Student.

WON THE WAGER.

Miss May is sporting a new pair of brown "sorority" shoes and Prof. Thompson is wondering what is the matter with North Dakota weather anyway. Miss May won the wager and Prof. Thompson bought the shoes.

The class in English literature is receiving valuable training in oral composition. They are required to make oral reports on assigned topics.

Prof. Willard is conducting some interesting experiments on soils supposedly infected with toxic substances.

The English department has two classes meeting at 7 o'clock in the morning. The Seniors in Philosophy and the Senior Prers in Public Speaking.

Mr. Dynes says that it is great the way some of the Senior girls

work the old professors. Some think it is great the way they work the younger ones also.

WILL KEEP AT WORK.

The laboratory of general physics has been arranged for the work of the spring term. Mr. Myhre has provided work in sufficient amount to keep the physics class from experiencing the lassitude of spring fever.

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Prof. Willard went to Casselton last Saturday evening to confer with the city council in regard to a city water supply for that city.

Miss Ruby Hicks returned from a visit to her home on Sunday.

Prof. Minard received a letter from Prof. Beckwith that said the robins have hailed to the approach of spring in New York. Mr. Henry Reddy is about the campus again after a very severe attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer May, both old students, were visitors on the Campus last week.

GIVE UP EXCURSIONS.

Since his conference with the railroad managements in St. Paul last week, President Worst announces that the annual Farmers' excursions will have to be given up, as nothing less than a two-cent rate will be given.

PRESIDENT WORST AT ST. ANTHONY.

On the 25th inst. President Worst gave the commencement address to a graduating class of 102 from the School of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota. The course which this class, 31 of whom are girls, has just completed, is almost identical with our farm husbandry course and is intended to fit the young people for progressive farming.

Fully 1,500 enthusiastic people witnessed the graduation exercises, all parts of which were well rendered. Excellent music was furnished by the school orchestra during the intermissions.

Another of the signs of spring is the man with the engineering instruments on his shoulder.

STUDENTS.

There will be a meeting of the Students' Organization at noon Wednesday for the purpose of considering the proposed amendment to the constitution. All students should make it a point to be present.

H. B. Darling, Pres.

ANOTHER CHANGE.

By special action of the Faculty, military drill has been put back to 3:30. In accord with this change all laboratory sections, including cooking and sewing and the wood and forge shop sections for the men, will begin at 1:30 and continue until 3:30. The young ladies' section in the wood shop will accordingly commence at 3:30.

Alfred H. Parrott, Registrar.

OUT FOR TRACK.

At the close of the Chapel exercises last Monday morning, Mr. Leo Nemzek, president of the Athletic Association, announced the opening of the spring season in athletics and make an eloquent appeal for support in the matter of track athletics. He asked that not only the experts but all the beginners be given a show in the training for the events of the spring. A meeting was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of getting into definite working order the plans for the spring.

AGRICULTURAL CLUB GETS TROPHY.

The silver cup, offered by the announced until last week. This decision of the judges is entirely management of the Circus to the society putting on the best side-show, was awarded to the Agricultural Club. This was not definitely various side-shows.

ADDRESSED Y. M. C. A.

President Worst addressed the Association at the afternoon meeting last Sunday. His talk was upon those things which occur in nature within the daily observation of all but which are, by most people, passed by unseen. His talk was as usual filled with illustrations of an agricultural nature bringing out his ideas in a forcible way. He was listened to by a large and appreciative audience.

RINDE HERE.

Mr. N. N. Rinde, who left here at the beginning of the winter term to take a position as assistant in forging at the State Science School at Wahpeton, visited with his friends at the College over Sunday.

Mr. Rinde is well pleased with the S. S. and the work it is doing.

GIRLS MEET THE PRESIDENT

Several of the upper-class girls made a short visit to the President's office last Friday and had a heart to heart talk with President Worst concerning social affairs at the College. Another meeting of all the girls of the College will be called Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for a consideration of the same matter.

The reporter was unable to definitely ascertain the purpose of the meeting, but it is understood that it concerns a certain difference of opinion in regard to social matters at the College, existing between the upper-class girls and the girls of the Freshman and Preparatory classes.

ENGINEERS ARE BUSY.

The advanced class in C. E. field work has commenced operations. At present the boys are busy making a survey and taking the elevations along the main drive, preparatory to making a contour map of it. All estimates will be made for the pavement of the drive south of the brick walk and from the Administration Building to the barns.

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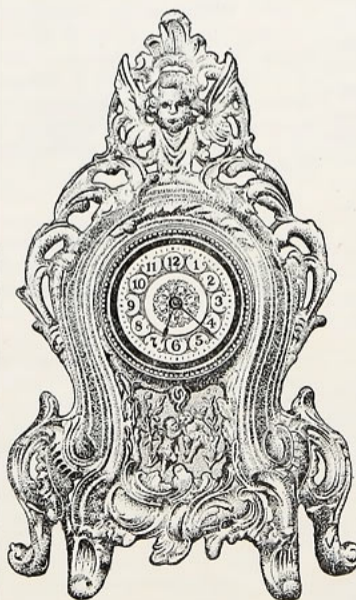
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Net policy reserves.....	\$420,094,742.00
Other liabilities on policies.....	5,532,879.69
Premiums and interest paid in advance...	1,828,360.34
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STOCKWELL PRIZE DEBATE.

All Contestants Must Be Listed By Thursday.

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Prof. Arvold announces that all contestants must have their names in not later than Thursday, April 2nd. Any student at the College of the rank of Freshman or higher is eligible to enter this contest. It is expected that this will be one of the interesting events of the spring term.

MORTON STATE INSPECTOR.

It was recently announced that the general government has seen fit to transfer our genial food inspector, Mr. Lynch, to another field and he will leave for the east on the 12th of April. Mr. Lynch came here as Government Inspector, from Massachusetts, last summer, where he had seen several years experience in state inspection work and his record here is extremely satisfactory.

To fill this position Prof. Ladd has chosen Mr. Grant Morton, who has been engaged in post graduate chemical work at the College during the present year, as a fellowship student.

Mr. Morton has secured the confidence of Prof. Ladd and there is no doubt but that he will be successful. Mr. Morton's friends at the College extend congratulations.

At present Mr. Lynch and his successor are making a tour of the state which will enable Mr. Morton to gain an acquaintance with his duties.

Our outlook for a track team is very good. Haskins is the heavy weight lifter. Eakens held the 100-yard dash record. Berg can put the 16-pound shot. Canton can make a broad jump that is hard to beat.

PREPS. EXCLUDED.

Athenian Literary Society Passed an Amendment Excluding Preps. From Their Ranks.

At the business session of the Athenian Society held March 20, the amendment to the constitution which has been under consideration for some time, passed its third reading and was unanimously adopted. The result of this action will be the exclusion of preparatory students from membership in the society.

This action has been deemed advisable on account of the excessive number of applications for membership that have been received during the past year. The society already numbers sixty members and no more could work together to advantage. It is expected that the change will promote higher standards in the society work and add to the interest taken in the work by the upper-class members.

HIGH RATE ON SULPHATE.

Prof. Bolley has used considerable effort to get a different freight rating upon iron sulphate so that it could be shipped at a cheaper rate than is now the case. At present it is freighted on the basis of a chemical rating making the price of shipment of large quantities quite excessive. Prof. Bolley believes that this substance is no more difficult to handle than lime, salt or cement, and eventually the railroads will see it to their advantage to put a cheaper freight rate on this substance. Efforts have been made to induce the classification committee to place a better rating upon this cheap substance. A letter from Chairman Becker shows that there is no hope of getting a lower rating for the present season, but that the committee meets in July and may act upon the matter at that time.

Verne Aiken, formerly of the class of '08, visited at the College on Friday. He has been working with the state examiner for over a year and is now on his way to Bismarck. He is greatly pleased with the improvements on the campus and expects to be back next fall to complete his course in civil engineering.

INTERESTING COINCIDENCE.

While examining some sections of cat tissue prepared for use in the zoological department Dr. Bell discovered some excellent specimens of trachina, the parasite, which, by reason of its frequent occurrence in the hogs of certain localities, makes pork a rather questionable luxury. The infected tissue came from the tongue and esophagus. Beside the above mentioned parasite the cat was also the host of bacteria of tuberculosis, and therefore seemed particularly designed for laboratory use.

WALDRON TO WILLISTON.

Prof. Waldron left for Williston Saturday for the purpose of laying out the grounds of the substation recently established there.

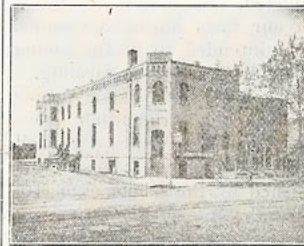
Engineer Anderson and Mr. Hannon have been thawing out the ice from the culverts and manholes by using steam from a portable engine. It is to be hoped that we will soon have less water on the campus.

HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT BUSY.

In order to accommodate all those wishing to take work in horticulture, Prof. Waldron is obliged to go through one continuous performance throughout almost the entire day. There are several different classes taking this work, and in order to help out those whose work conflicts, persons taking the same work are met at different hours, thus requiring an extra amount of time on the part of the instructor.

A report says that it is fortunate for Magill that he took the mumps while in his room. It is certain, by careful estimates of a good engineer, that the average door is three inches too narrow to admit of the passage of John and his mumps.

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PERSONAL

Mr. Magill has been confined to his room for several days with the mumps.

Mr. Clayton Briden is spending a week visiting his parents. He expects to be back about April 9.

Mrs. Armstrong, who has been visiting her daughter and with Pres. and Mrs. Worst, has returned to her home.

Prof. Ladd spent Monday in Grafton looking after matters in connection with the food and flour investigations.

Mr. Leo Schmidt, an old student, was a College visitor Wednesday.

Mr. P. W. Miller, a former student, was visiting on the campus last Thursday.

Miss Pearson, State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., has been a pleasant visitor at the Dormitory during the past week.

Miss Emily May was absent from the campus on Friday and Saturday on account of the illness of her mother.

Miss Emma Eastgate of Mayville is visiting her mother and sister at the Dormitory. She will return Wednesday accompanied by her mother.

Mr. Ed. Horner was a College visitor Friday.

Mr. W. P. Hinz, a former engineering student now with the American Bank Protection Co., was a College visitor last Saturday.

Mr. Scott Stambaugh was seen on the campus last Friday.

COEDS. IN THE WOOD SHOP.
 A class of about twenty young legislation. There is at present a saw at 3:30 p. m. under the direction of Mr. Tibert in the wood shop. The ladies will take the regular course in wood work and already some have shown marked ability in handling the carpenters' tools. Mr. Tibert remarked that "the girls are doing better than three-fourths of the boys who usually take the course."

GOES TO WASHINGTON.
 Prof. Ladd expects to leave for Washington, D. C., the later part of the week where he will appear before a committee of the House in the interests of national paint legislation. There is at present a paint bill, modeled after the North Dakota law, before the committee and it is in regard to this that they will consult the commissioner. While in the east the professor will take the opportunity to consult the government officials on matters of vital importance in connection with our food law and expects to gather considerable data to be used in the bleached flour case.

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conservative. In connection with this it is interesting to look back and count the times when a ring of three or four influential students, feeling no responsibility for its actions, has elected its candidates without consulting the sentiments of the students as a whole. Witness the election of our present editor by the clever engineering of three or four upperclassmen.

Another favorite argument of the opposition is that the system proposed in the amendment is unfair to the lower classmen. We have already stated that we fail to see the justice of giving the greater portion of the power into the hands of students who have been connected with the institution for but one or two years at the most.

Probably the most imbecile of all arguments is that the amendment will increase the amount of red tape, when such an argument comes immediately after a squabble like the one that ensued at the last session regarding the eligibility of certain voters.

In concluding we should like to state distinctly that the amendment is not against the best interests of the under-classmen, for the underclassmen of today, be he a student worthy of the name, will be the upper-classman of tomorrow, and will then view things from the standpoint of a wider experience in College life and a broader outlook upon College questions.

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than if he voted for them directly?

As for the effect of such responsibility in compacting the classes we are still more at a loss to see any real gain. One might search the pages of history until he became blind as John Milton and he would not find a solitary instance of any people that ever united into a solid, compact body on account of a passing responsibility. If there isn't enough class spirit in any of our classes the only sure way of increasing it is by bringing outside pressure to bear upon such a class. Why, as a matter of fact, if each class held a meeting each week to elect a director, the chances are that there wouldn't be one-half as much feeling aroused during the entire year as we witnessed in one day last spring. How, then, would five elections, held a year apart, increase or even help to maintain any genuine, enthusiastic and healthy spirit in any class?

"But," we hear insisted, "This will shut out graft; and the Seniors, numbering only two or three dozens, will have the same voice as the Senior Preparatory students who may be counted by the hundred."

Very well. Are we in such danger of political corruption even here that we must catch, like a drowning man at a straw, for this new and practically untried experiment? And even though such a state of affairs existed, would the proposed remedy not merely increase rather than diminish the opportunities for crookedness? No one would be so foolhardy as to run for any office without some backing, and, in our case that support must come from the students. Now it might easily happen that some fellow of inferior ability would be "solid" with two classes by a narrow margin. Then he and his friends would only have to swing a wavering few in any one of the other three classes in order to make his election certain, when, if his name were brought up before the entire body of eligible voters it would scarcely be considered at all.

Here is still another point to be considered. Is it right, just and advisable for us to give the Senior who is about to leave our institution five times as great a voice in our affairs of the coming year as the preparatory student who is going to be with us for the next four years? The parting influence of Seniors has not always been the best in the past; is it likely that it will always be so in the future?

In conclusion we would say to those who have not thought much about this matter: Think of it now and consider it carefully for it is a question of considerable importance. It has been a universal experience that when a measure is once adopted it is a very difficult undertaking to get rid of it again, no matter how absurdly it works in practice, for there is always a certain number who will advocate it even for its defects. And to those who advocate this amendment we wish to say: Don't jump at rash conclusions and look at the few fanciful advantages through a magnifying glass while regarding the real disadvantages from a distance with the naked eye. Remember that we have very little evidence that this measure has been tried with success in any other college of note, and that little is from those who, in almost any event, would naturally be expected to indorse it.

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