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# The Daily Cardinal.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

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MADISON. WIS., FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1901.

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## Base Ball. CAMP RANDALL, To-Morrow Afternoon

### Wisconsin vs. Dixon,

#### ANONYMOUS ATTACK

##### CIRCULAR TO LEGISLATORS CRITICISES FRATERNITIES.

Refers to University Society as "A Poisoned Spring"—Suggests Withholding of Appropriations.

Every member of the legislature received in the mail yesterday afternoon a circular entitled A Poisoned Spring and referring to the social life of the university as antagonistic to "the upbuilding of that cultured and virile democracy which has made this nation unique among the nations of the earth." It also suggests to the legislature that the pending appropriations be made contingent upon the abolishing of the Greek letter fraternities.

The circular is neatly printed on bristol card board, the words A Poisoned Spring being in large red letters, with the sub-head reading "In Ibsen's most powerful play An Enemy of the People he deals with an unhealthy social condition under the guise of a poisoned spring." The full text of the circular follows:

"Your attention as a legislator is invited to the fact that the state of Wisconsin is maintaining a poisoned spring. That spring is the fount of knowledge known as the state university. The poison is that of aristocratic exclusiveness, mainly introduced through certain associations known as Greek letter fraternities, which are composed of a comparatively small number of individuals, selected by reason of wealth or influence, who have combined and arrogate to themselves the control of social life in university circles.

"The youth, not of these elect, seeking true culture and a higher manhood or womanhood and believing the portals of the university gateways to such, finds himself or herself rated as a social inferior by these pets of the institution. He or she finds that these fraternities not only arrogate to themselves the making of the social atmosphere, but the lists of those who are permitted to breathe it. Having come to know that social contact is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of educative forces, he learns that from this he is practically debarred and that the president and most of the members of the faculty, being members of these societies, not only do nothing to prevent it, but are actually participants in the disbarment. Once in a long while he may be invited to a reception at the president's house, to which none but social outcasts such as he go, but should he have the temerity to purchase a ticket to a junior prom or any other function in which the elect participate he will find these petty cliques stalled off by themselves and all social contact denied him or the lady who may accompany him. And woe be unto the member of one of these fraternal (?) associations who dares bring with him into the sacred precincts one not of the elect.

"Of eastern institutions, Princeton has purged herself of this poison and Yale university is now engaged in doing so through an effort recently initiated by its new president. The university of Wisconsin bears one of the worst reputations in this regard of any western institution. All good citizens wish to see the state university occupy a truly high place in the upbuilding of that cultured and virile democracy which has made, and we hope

will long continue to make, the nation unique among the nations of the earth. Give it your best help, but make the conditions of that assistance the complete and permanent removal of this poison from the spring. This matter deserves your most earnest consideration. Ascertain the facts."

Some of the solons who received these threw them in the waste basket and paid little or no attention to them. Others after reading the contents remarked that an anonymous attack such as this was should receive no serious attention, while still others were inclined to lend a listening ear to the protest against fraternities.

#### HEBREW LECTURES

Series of Addresses by Famous Jews to be Commenced Next Thursday, May 2.

Arrangements are being completed for the lectures to be given under the auspices of the department of Hebrew and Hellenistic Greek, and definite dates for the lectures will be announced soon. The lectures will be of especial excellence, the men chosen being all good speakers and authorities in their lines of work. Rabbi Hirsch of Chicago will be one of the speakers. Rabbi Hirsch, who is the head of the largest Jewish congregation in Chicago and also a professor at the University of Chicago is probably the greatest representative of his race in America. The other speakers, Dr. Meyer of Milwaukee and Dr. Robinson of Chicago, are also men of wide reputation and are known as orators of unusual ability. Dr. Robinson has recently completed a trip of exploration in the land of Moab and will speak of this work while there.

Rabbi Meyer will be the first speaker, and the probable date of his lecture will be next Thursday, May 2. Following him will be Dr. Robinson and Rabbi Hirsch will close the series.

The lectures will be held in room 16, Main Hall, and the admission will be free. On account of the limited space admission will be by ticket, which can be obtained by any who wish them at places to be announced later.

#### MUSICAL CONVOCATION.

To-day's Gathering Consisted Entirely of Song.

The convocation this noon was exceptionally well attended. The entire program was devoted to singing. Mr. Edward C. Kuss of Chicago was secured by Professor Parker for the following solos:

Bondolero—Stuart, Thy Beaming Eyes—Macdowell, Gipsy John—Fred Clay, Ich Grolle Nicht—Schumann, Spielman's Abchied—Soleberg, Two Grenadiers—Schumann, Double Loss—Meyer Helmund.

Mr. Kuss was formerly solo basso with the Royal Carl Rosa company, of England, and has studied in Heidelberg, Germany, and Berne, Switzerland. The expression in his solos was especially good, and they were vigorously applauded.

The Girls' Glee Club sang a cradle song, and the Varsity Glee Club sang "The Storm," both numbers were well received.

Professor Olson introduced a new German song, "Lebewohl," and the audience sang together some other German and English songs. The good singing and large attendance made this one of the most successful convocations of the year.

#### UNIVERSITY IDEALS

##### PROFESSOR M. S. SLAUGHTER MAKES ABLE ADDRESS.

Speaker Treats of Democracy, Intellectual Curiosity and Culture Training as Highest Ideals.

The seniors formally assumed the sombre uniform of learning last night at the Swing Out and hereafter these flowing robes of black and the mortar board cap will make all seniors look alike. This morning a considerable number of prospective bachelors of arts, letters or science were seen on the campus in the new garb. It is even reported that in some cases the folds of black serge did not shield the senior dignity from an undignified "flunk" in the class room.

The Swing Out exercises began with the usual procession to Library Hall where the Girls' Glee Club delighted the audience with a selection entitled "Little Boy Blue." Later in the course of the program they sang a humorous song which captured the audience. Both selections were heartily applauded.

Lyndon H. Tracy, although apparently nervous from his great burden of responsibility, delivered a graceful president's address. Professor and Mrs. Sharp acted as chaperones. Dancing followed the program until nearly midnight.

The address of the evening was delivered by Professor Moses Stephen Slaughter who spoke on "University Ideals." Professor Slaughter prefaced his address with a number of references to the cap and gown which were given in his usual witty and captivating way. The address was in part as follows:

The cap and gown stands for one of the fundamental principles upon which a university, such as ours, is based—the principle of equality and fraternity. The equality of rights and privileges of all who for any length of time find a home within her walls and the inculcation of a belief in this principle in the minds and hearts of those who enter her courts is the first duty of a university. The university is no place for artificial distinctions resulting from accidents of birth or wealth or social standing. The spirit of democracy must be carefully cherished. There is nothing aristocratic in the cap and gown. The loathed form of exclusive aristocracy could hardly feel comfortable under a seven dollar class gown and her proud head would hardly be willing to be covered by a dollar mortar-board. These are the only signs that democracy is dead—sleeping an unbroken and unending sleep—unless perchance her stalwart supporters, clad in linen dusters and straw hats hired from a Kansas populist, may charm her back to rustic life and ways idyllic.

An aristocracy of brains is the only one that has a place in a university—an aristocracy resting on genuine, individual worth. Such an aristocracy is not only tolerable but is to be desired.

The first and perhaps the greatest function of a university is to awaken an intellectual curiosity. To become vitally interested in something—intellectually interested—is a lasting salvation for any man. The value of a University to the state is in proportion to the number of men so stimulated; her value to the men is in proportion to the number of men so stimulated.

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#### Girls' Glee Club.

The Girls' Glee Club, whose work at the Swing Out last evening and again at today's convocation was so well appreciated, is now in a most gratifying condition. The club practices at intervals in Music Hall under the joint direction of Professor Parker and Miss Anna Gapin who is the club leader.

The personnel of the club is as follows:

First sopranos: Edith Rumsey, Ruby Peck, Edith Bakely, Anna Gapin.

Second sopranos: Laura Sage, Blanche Clarke, Edna Zinn, Harriet Sawyer.

First altos: Edith Patten, Lulu Anderson, Esther Donnelly, Elsie Sawyer.

Second altos: Ethel Moore, Esther Concklin, Grace Goddard, Avis Hughes, Louise Foote.

#### GIVES LOVING CUP

Mrs. Thos. Gill of Milwaukee Offers Prize for Best Football Kicker in Spring Practice.

Mrs. Thomas Gill of Milwaukee will present a loving cup to the best all-round foot-ball kicker of the University. Any student enrolled in the Varsity is eligible for this contest, which will be held about the fifteenth of May. It is hoped that this prize offer will arouse much interest and enthusiasm in spring practice. So far almost all the members of last year's team have turned out for work, but underclassmen and inexperienced men have been conspicuous by their absence. All men who intend to try for positions back of the line, also all inexperienced line men should report. Practice at Camp Randall, 4 p. m., daily.

Arthur Curtis, Captain.

#### Dixon To-morrow.

Dixon College is the next opponent for the Badgers on the diamond. The Illinois boys as usual have a plucky team and give the opposing aggregation a stiff game wherever they play. Yesterday they went down in defeat before the Rockford "Three I" league team in a closely played contest. The Rockford team played a series of pre-season games with Beloit in which the honors were about equally divided. Beloit's well known strength on the diamond places the Rockford team well up among the minor leaguers and a defeat by such a team cannot be taken as an indication of weakness. Dixon occupies much the same position in western athletics as does Beloit. Bound by no iron-clad amateur restrictions, the Illinois college has been noted for the plucky teams which are yearly turned out. Their high standing is quite remarkable when their limited facilities for training and meagre attendance are considered.

Wisconsin will remember Dixon as the college team on which "Chuck" Metzler, one of the hardest hitters a Wisconsin pitcher ever faced, formerly played. Mathews will probably be in the box for the Badgers.

The management is quite discouraged by the poor attendance at the games so far this season. Up to this time every contest has proved a losing venture and the department cannot help running behind if it continues thus. Considering the article, of ball the Varsity are putting up, it seems as though better support should be given the team. With the exception of the P. and S. game, every contest this season has been close and exciting, and extremely interesting from a spectator's point of view.



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### Attend the Games.

With a winning ball team playing exciting games at Camp Randall several times a week, the spectator should not be treated to a view of bare seats in an empty grand stand. Every branch of athletics at Wisconsin is supposed to pay its own expenses but the baseball department will never do it unless it has better support. It deserves the support of the student body because it is playing good ball and it is to be hoped that from now on the home games may be generously attended.

### A Little Misconception.

The Green Bay Gazette in an editorial headed "Wise Men Playing with Fire" protests against the action of the faculty of the state University in having Prince Kropotkin lecture before the students. It says that a man who professes the doctrines and has lectured in this country upon the doctrines of anarchism has no right to speak among a collection of comparatively immature minds liable to be led astray. It says, "It is bad enough that government should be derided and murderers and conspirators sanctified in Chicago, but when the University of Wisconsin affords an opportunity for such utterances the time seems to have arrived when a halt should be called," and further on, "The only hope in such cases as the present is that the student body will show greater wisdom in digesting Prince Kropotkin's lecture than the authorities did in granting him Library Hall."

The Cardinal feels assured that the Gazette is utterly mistaken in its conception of the facts or it would never have made such radical statements. It seems to labor under the impression that the noted Russian stepped upon the platform with his pockets full of bombs and gave vent to incoherent denunciations of government in general. What his audience actually heard was a careful, intelligent review

of the career and works of two eminent Russian novelists, Turgenev and Tolstoi, treated entirely from a literary point of view with the necessarily accompanying exposition of their doctrines. The discussion was exactly such a treatment of the subject as would be given in the class-rooms of every college and university, public and private, in the country, but with the added prestige of intimate knowledge on the part of the speaker. Prince Kropotkin's writings are among the lists of assigned readings given to students of philosophy in every college.

Far from seeming an indiscretion on the part of those under whose auspices he lectured here, the enterprise was commendable in every regard as emphasizing the spirit of the University in reaching out towards whatever is prominent in the thought of the age. Prince Kropotkin came as a teacher of literature and a student of morals and not as a rabid, red-shirted, pyrotechnic-distributing engine, bent on destruction as the Gazette seems to imagine.

### The Weather.

Fair tonight and Saturday.

### Nora Samlag.

The authors discussed at the meeting of Nora Samlag last evening were Asbjornson and Moe. The program was carried out in Norse. It consisted of songs by the society, the biographies of the authors discussed and the reading of several of their stories and poems. Professor Olson read several letters from the correspondence of Grimm, the German folk-lore author, and the Scandinavian and authors. Mr. P. O. Stromme was elected an honorary member of the society. A committee was appointed to arrange for a picnic, which will take the place of the next regular meeting.

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Madison Audubon Society.

The annual meeting will be held Saturday, April 27, in the parlor of the Unitarian church at 7:30 p. m. All members of the society and others interested in its work are cordially invited to be present.

## Local and Personal.

—Miss Mollie Strong, '00, is a visitor at the Theta House.

—Professor Turner will speak at the convocation next week.

—Ray Chapman, Morton Johns, D. R. Mathews and Irvin J. Beule left today for Fox Lake to attend the funeral of the late H. E. Clausen.

—Mr. Neely E. Pardee, '01, has left the University to take charge of the drug business of his father, the late E. D. Pardee, at Wausau. He will retain his standing at the University and graduate with his class in June.

—The seniors of Chadbourne Hall celebrated the eve of the 'Swing Out' by a dinner at which they made their first appearance in cap and gown. Everyone in the dining room rose when the seniors entered and sang the Varsity toast in chorus until the seniors had taken their places. The song was followed by the 1901 yell, in which the seniors in spite of their dignity could not refrain from joining.

—Of the one hundred and twenty students who attended the dairy school this year nearly all are at present employed in creameries and cheese factories. Over one hundred and fifty applications for butter makers, cheese makers and dairymen have been received at the Dairy school in the past four months. The new instructions provided in the use and repair of dairy machinery and in the making of foreign cheese is popular with the students and adds to the advantages gained by the teachings of this school. At the present time plans are being prepared for another addition to the dairy school building. In this extension there will be installed an artificial refrigeration plant, a butter making room, and a room equipped for instruction in pasteurizing milk and cream for retail trade.

## PROF. LOCY ON BIOLOGY.

Discusses Century's Progress Before Science Club.

At a very well attended meeting held in the lecture room of the engineering building last evening, Professor William A. Locy of Northwestern University addressed the Science Club on the subject of the "Century's Development in Biology." In introducing the speaker, Dean Birge referred to him as a naturalist who had searched past history not with a view to stumbling upon some obscure name that would only confuse what is known, but as one who had studied it with the view of showing the development of science.

Professor Locy followed the different phases of biology through their stages of progress, step by step, from the general toward the minute, typifying each step by the names of the men connected with it. As he spoke, the portraits of the great naturalists he named were thrown on the screen. Professor Locy closed his lecture with an explanation of what Darwinism and natural selection really signifies.

Professor Locy declared that Darwinism and organic evolution were not the same; that the latter is a theory long established and proven beyond a doubt. The controversies we hear are all concerned with the

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factors not the facts of evolution. Natural selection, on the survival of the fittest means not necessarily the persistence of the more powerful animals, but that those species will be perpetuated which are best adapted to their own peculiar surroundings and best able to evade the dangers threatening their existence.

The Professor in summarizing named as the great things in biology during the 19th century: first, the establishment of the cell doctrine; second, the discovery of protoplasm (the life-principle of the cell) and the part it plays in life; third, the establishment of the doctrine of organic evolution. Pasteur and his researches in bacteriology might make a fourth great advance in the science.

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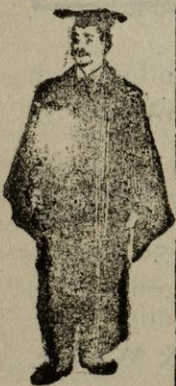
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portion to the degree to which this  
faculty of the mind is stirred. The  
University can have no higher ideal.It should be an ideal of the true  
university to develop its product sym-  
metrically. The demand is made  
that the University meet and cater to  
the practical spirit of the age. This  
practical spirit has invaded the univer-  
sities unquestionably to their good  
but there is a real danger that the  
movement may be carried to excess.  
In the university, if anywhere, are to  
be cherished those ideals which rest  
on grounds more of man's supremest  
good. He is more than a tool to be  
sharpened and made ready for immed-  
iate and practical use. Here is the  
place and here the opportunity to foster  
the claims of man's highest nature.  
Shrewdness and levelheadedness are  
desirable qualities and the training  
that nourishes these should not be  
neglected, but they should not be made  
the highest object of man's ambition.  
They are distinctly inferior to those  
qualities that make for character. The  
training gained here should be shaped  
to meet both ends—to fit man for  
service and equip him for happiness.  
To do this the University must fur-  
nish opportunity to meet the ends of  
culture, while not neglecting the de-  
mands of the practical spirit of the  
age. The one without the other re-  
sults in ineffectiveness—or unattrac-  
tive capability. To train a man to cope  
with the problems of modern civiliza-  
tion, to make him a good citizen are  
worthy ideals even of a great univer-  
sity, but there is something that is  
worth as much, if not more, than this  
—to equip him with the means for the  
satisfaction of his spiritual nature, to  
fill his mind with ideals above all  
questions of policy and expediency; to  
give him a sense of his importance in  
the world, along with a realization of  
his limitations—to teach him to say  
with Clough:"This that I see is not all, and this  
that I do is but little.Nevertheless it is good, though there  
is better than it."Her highest command can be no less  
than—"Go from the East and the West, as  
the sun and stars direct thee,Go with the girdle of man, go and en-  
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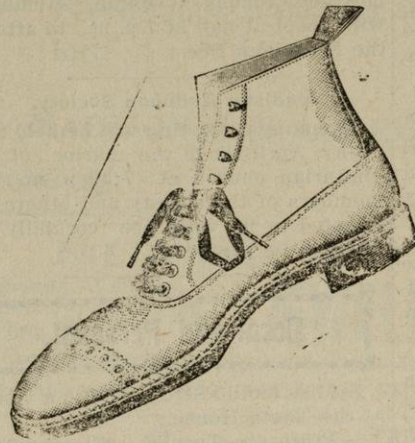
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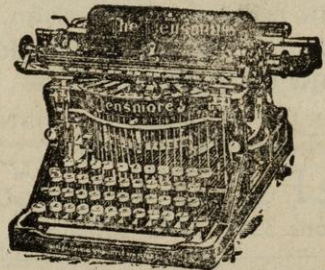
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