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The Daily Cardinal.

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MADISON, WIS., FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1901.

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THE NEW STAR

PROF. COMSTOCK EXPLAINS IT AT CONVOCATION.

Can be Seen With the Naked Eye—
Appeared First Time Feb. 21—
Decreasing in Brilliancy.

The melancholy weather this noon failed either to lessen the attendance of the students at Convocation or to dampen their spirits. Mr. Ehlman's solo was greatly enjoyed, and Prof. Comstock's simple but scholarly explanation of the new star was listened to with interest to the end.

Prof. Comstock said in part: "On the 21st of February last, Rev. Anderson, a Scottish clergyman who had already found one new star, discovered a new body in the sky. He immediately cabled the news to Harvard Observatory, and from there it was spread by the Sunday papers. At Lick Observatory they first observed it Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in broad day light. It immediately faded, and when it was seen at the U. W. eight hours later, it was no longer conspicuous.

"The night of the 20th was cloudy, and nothing was seen; but the 19th was clear, and the 'Harvard Policeman,' the photographic telescope, used to catch intruding stars, was on duty but caught nothing. So it must have appeared very suddenly. Since the 21st it has faded very rapidly; the color has become ruddy, and the spectroscopic shows chemical combinations, all of which goes to show that the new star was intensely hot and has since cooled.

"This sudden appearance of a new star is not unusual. By a strange coincidence they have appeared at intervals of 314 years, and the Star of Bethlehem fits into this rule. Thus people have come to look for a new star at this interval, and one was expected in 1886, but it failed to show up. These stars all have the same characteristics: sudden appearance, great brightness, and rapid disappearance."

Now for the explanation. It is a strange fact that these stars always appear in the Milky Way or on the edge of it and this gives the explanation for its appearance which is favored by Professor Comstock.

Professor Comstock favors the explanation that some large body came ploughing through the Milky Way and was covered with the intensely heated fragments with which it came in contact. But the body itself was not greatly heated throughout, and thus follows its rapid cooling and loss of brightness.

The extraordinary brilliancy combined with the quick waving lead the Professor to think that it is very close to the earth. He believes that its distance could be determined; and if it remains visible another year, it will be computed. If it disappears before that time all the calculations will be useless.

He advised the students to look at it themselves, for it is a thing that happens only once in many lifetimes, and it is easy to find. Look for the familiar Pleiades in the west, then follow a line toward the north star. You will see three stars that form an equilateral triangle, and right in the center of this triangle is the new star.

SCHMIDT AND RAHR.

Take First and Second in Sophomore Open Contest.

In the Sophomore Open oratorical contest, held before a fair-sized audience in Library Hall this afternoon, W. Schmidt took first place and L. Rahr second. O. L. Stinson took third place and Bishop and Hammersley were tied for last.

The speakers and the subjects of their orations were as follows:

L. Rahr, "Our Destiny;" O. L. Stinson, "Henry Clay;" Edward Bishop, "The Power of the Human Will;" W. Schmidt, "Eulogy on Gladstone;" Chas. Hammersley, "The Greatness of Rome;" W. H. Pyre, Professor Slaughter and Professor Parkinson were the judges on delivery.

ENJOYABLE RECITAL.

Given by School of Music in Music Hall Last Night.

The Student recital given by the School of Music in Music Hall last evening was very largely attended in spite of counter attractions. The entertainment was for a double purpose, to give the pupils practice in playing in public and to show the public what the School of Music is doing. Those appearing for the first time showed some nervousness, but for the most part the recital passed off very smoothly and speaks well for Professor Parker's work. It should be noted that all the numbers both instrumental and vocal were rendered without having the music at hand.

It would be hardly possible to speak of the numbers in detail but some deserve special mention. Among the piano selections those of Miss Pickford, Miss Buhlman, and Miss Walden were especially creditable. Miss Pickart's vocal solo was especially good, Miss Pickart has a very flexible voice and sang the difficult Aria with clearness and much expression. Praise should also be given to Alexander Morgan's playing on the mandolin. Though but a young boy he showed talent and played the "Cavatina" like a little master.

Closing Institute.

The fifteen annual closing Wisconsin Farmers' Institute and Mid-Winter Fair will be held at Oshkosh, March 19th to 21, 1901.

Among the speakers are Prof. F. H. King of the U. W. Agricultural College who will speak at the morning session, the 20th, on "The Silo and Silage up to Date." Hon. H. C. Adams, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, will speak on the evening of the same day on "Education." At the same session Dr. O. G. Libby will give an illustrated lecture on "Our Birds." Supt. Geo. McKerron will speak March 21st on "The Horse."

Additions to Economic Collection.

The economic collection has lately received additional specimens. The Georgia Railway Co. has presented two miniature bales of cotton illustrating the manner in which the raw cotton is compressed for short distance and long distance shipping.

Through the kindness of Magnus Swenson products of cotton and cotton waste have been obtained. These include cotton seed, seed cotton, cotton seed oil, refined and crude cotton seed hull ash, cotton seed meal, and two kinds of cotton "linters" and lint cotton.

The Bureau of Agriculture has sent one hundred samples of cereals.

SUSPEND FOR DANCING

LIGHT FANTASTIC UNDER BAN AT LAWRENCE.

Faculty of Methodist University
Takes Rigorous Action in Cases
of Disobedient Students.

Appleton, Wis., March 8.—A sensation, the like of which has never been equaled in Lawrence university, was sprung yesterday after the chapel devotions, when President Plantz announced the names of six students who had been suspended from college classes for violating the rules in regard to dancing. The trouble was brought about several days ago when a number of the students engaged in an informal dance in the college building and refused to stop when admonished by Vice-President Treat. The matter was brought to the attention of the faculty which at a special meeting decided to adopt rigorous measures to prevent dancing, which comes under the ban of the Methodist church as an improper amusement.

When the names of the suspended students were read the greatest consternation prevailed, as there had been no suspicion that any action had been taken. A big crowd of students soon congregated in the halls, and it was decided that all who had participated in the dancing should confess and take the punishment along with the rest. As a result nearly ten names are now in the hands of President Plantz, who says that they also will be suspended. The period of suspension is in most cases one week, although some are suspended for the remainder of the term. Among those who were suspended are:

Miss Eloise Gardiner, Peshtigo.
Fred. Heineman, Appleton.
Roy Merrill, Appleton.
Milton Wescott, Shawano.
Chockley Slack, Hermansville.
Others who confessed and will be suspended are:
Roy Jones, Appleton.
Francis Nash, Manitowoc.
Robert Bright, Appleton.
Miss Flora Nichols, Wausau.
Miss Blanch Goodland, Wausau.
B. Beachel, Kenosha.

During the year a number of students at the institution, have manifested a tendency toward cigarettes, beer and kindred evils to a greater extent than ever before, and it is understood that the action of this faculty is but one step in a general wiping out of the prohibited practices.

Lawrence is one of the institutions which the honorable Presbyterian elder from Marinette at the Waukesha Synod, held up as a bright and glowing example to the State University and one of the small institutions which is the only salvation for the youth of the state.

—Clara, Isaac and Otto Dahle who have been at Washington visiting their father the last two weeks and incidentally attending the inauguration, returned yesterday.

The Stevens Point Normal School team defeated the University of Nebraska team at basketball last night by a score of 38 to 13.

In the future University of Michigan will have all diplomas in the literary departments written in English "so that the students will know, what they are getting."

U. W. APPROPRIATION BILL.

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Following is a digest of the University appropriation bill which was introduced into the legislature early in the session:

The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Frost of Portage and is now before the Committee on Claims. Section 1 provides that the income of the University from the state shall be increased from \$268,888 to \$300,000 annually, an increase of \$32,000.

Of said increase it provides that the College of Agriculture shall receive \$15,000 annually; the college of Engineering shall receive \$10,000 annually; the new School of Commerce shall receive \$7,000 annually; total, \$32,000.

Section 2 provides for an increase of \$4,000 in the Farmers' Institute, making the annual appropriation \$16,000 instead of \$12,000, as it now stands.

Section 3 provides (a) for construction, furnishing and equipping a new building for the College of Agriculture, \$175,000; (b) for furnishing and equipping the new building, machine shops, foundry, laboratories of the College of Engineering and for founding a commercial museum for the School of Commerce, \$65,000; total, \$240,000.

This section further provides that half of the above sum, or \$120,000 shall be levied in 1901, and the remainder (\$120,000) shall be levied in 1902.

President's Band Coming.

University people are looking forward with much interest to the concert which will be given here April 11th, by the President's Band, of Washington. This band is the largest which has ever traveled, consisting of seventy-four members. The opportunity to hear this band is an unusual one as the band is very seldom permitted to leave Washington. The last furlough granted the band was in 1893, when they played at the World's Fair at Chicago. The band has been granted a six weeks' trip this year and will visit several of the large cities in the west. Lieutenant Santelmann is the leader of the band, which is said to be the best in the world.

Engineering Summer School.

The proposed summer school for apprentices and artisans is beginning to attract wide spread attention. It is likely to be well patronized. A letter was received this morning by Dean Johnson from a man in South Dakota, 36 years old, who is coming to take the work. This summer school is something entirely new and as there is an undoubted demand for it, other schools will probably follow our example.

New Manager of Glee Club.

At a meeting of the Glee Club last evening the resignation of Clifford Ireland as manager was accepted and Allan T. Pray, law '03, was elected to succeed him.

The club voted to sing at the lecture to be given by Mrs. Woodward for the benefit of the Athletic Association.

—Dean E. E. Bryant of the Law School will leave Tuesday for a two weeks' trip to Florida for the benefit of his health. His classes will be taken during his absence by other members of the law faculty. The schedule will appear in the Cardinal tomorrow.

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A Word to the Wise.

With the warm weather comes the ever-present necessity of impressing upon freshmen, and unfortunately also upon those whose freshman days are long past, the fact that the ground is soft and that tramping on it with none too gentle feet will cause one to leave an unornamentally permanent record of his college days. About a year ago an active crusade was started against the men who insisted upon sliding down the sodded banks at the lower end of the campus. After several weeks of exhortation from the faculty, protest from the student publications and the building of various fences, this result was accomplished—and there was no sod left.

This laborious and ineffectual process ought not to be necessary in order to keep the short-cut fiend off the campus. A little care during the spring will insure that the campus will be marred only by the incessant efforts of the sewer-digger and there will be one crime of defacement that cannot be laid at the student door.

Should be Appreciated.

It is to be regretted that the recitals at the School of Music are not more largely attended by students. The attendance last evening was most gratifying, considering the counter attraction, but nevertheless it was evident that the audience was composed mainly of townspeople and the friends of those on the program. The numbers were well rendered as always, and merited the encouragement to be afforded only by a large number of auditors. Students fail to appreciate their opportunities, when they neglect to attend these recitals, as incentives to musical culture as well as being very enjoyable functions in themselves.

Unfortunate Loss.

Students will sympathize with Professor and Mrs. Hobbs in the sad loss of their little daughter, whose funeral occurred today.

The Weather.

Rain tonight and Saturday. Snow west. Cooler Saturday afternoon or night.

Brief College Items.

Forty-five men are out for the Michigan baseball team.

Automobile clubs have been formed at Harvard and Columbia.

Chicago has plans for a new gymnasium to cost \$300,000.

The annual Yale-Columbia gymnastic meet was won by Columbia.

Steps are being taken to secure a Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Illinois.

The University of Glasgow will celebrate its 450th anniversary on June 12th of this year.

Oberlin, always a conservative college, has decided to adopt the semester system, already in use in most colleges.

Pennsylvania is planning to erect a gymnasium three stories high and 80x125 feet in dimensions. The cost will be \$300,000.

A large find of papyrus has been made by Egyptologists excavating for the University of California in Upper Egypt.

It is expected that the Indiana legislature will appropriate \$100,000 for the erection of a Science hall at Indiana University.

President Wheeler of the University of California has recommended that the Russian language be taught in that institution and it is almost certain that it will be done next year.

"The Porto Ricans know more about President Angell than they do of the Goddess of Liberty."—U. of M. Daily. Well, the government cannot educate all the natives at once. They will know better some time.

The Weather.

Wisconsin—Fair tonight, warmer east; Friday cloudy with showers northwest.

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Committee.

Members of any fraternity not represented at the University of Wisconsin will please drop their names with the name of the fraternity and college in any of the "Cardinal" boxes, as the 1902 Badger desires them for statistics immediately. This should be done at once by such fraternity men, either in the faculty or among the undergraduates.

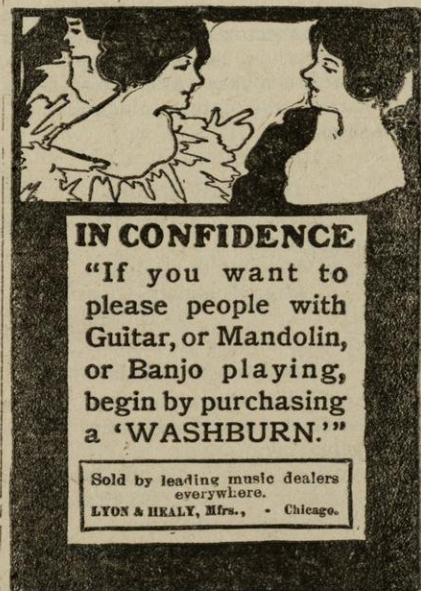
Chairman.

University of California nearly lost its Botany Building by fire recently but it was discovered by the watchman before it had gained much headway and was extinguished with little loss. The most valuable plant collection in the state was in the building.

Walter Camp has been elected a member of the Yale University Council which constitutes the cabinet of President Hadley. Mr. Camp will act as athletic advisor.

The Yale Dramatic Club will present this year, "The Fair Maid of the West," by Thomas Heywood, written about 1615.

California will probably hold track meets with the Universities of Oregon and Washington this spring.



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ercises were conducted in the Scandi-
navian language, but experience show-
ed that many were hampered in ex-
pressing themselves and lost an inter-
est in the society.About three years ago the society
decided to conduct the meetings in
English with special meetings in
which Scandinavian would be used
entirely. This was found to be an ad-
vantageous change, for the efforts of
the society are not for the purpose of
learning to speak Norse but to become
acquainted with Scandinavian litera-
ture. The society has had its ups
and downs like other societies. It
formerly held its meetings on Satur-
days, but Saturday recitations inter-
fered. The membership numbers be-
tween forty and fifty.The present officers are: president,
Mr. S. M. Larson of the graduate de-
partment; vice president, M. J. Berg;
secretary, Miss Luthera Kasberg.
Prof. Olson is a member of the pro-
gram committee and is the leading
spirit of the society. The meetings
are held in the music room of the Li-
brary Hall and one of the objects of
the society is to learn some of the
many fine Scandinavian songs.A meeting was held last evening.
The subject was Longfellow's Rela-
tion to Scandinavian Literature, and
a discussion of the "Musician's Tale"
in the "Tales of a Wayside Inn." Miss
Kasberg gave a paper on Longfellow's
Scandinavian Sources. Prof. Olson
gave a general talk on Longfellow's
Scandinavian Studies. Mr. Wester-
gaard read the Danish national hymn
and discussed Longfellow's spirited
translation. Mr. Berg recited two of
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Tale." Instrumental music was ren-
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