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U. W. DRAMATICS

FAVORABLE PRESS COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Haresfoot Club a Dramatic Organization Unrivalled in the West—What "The Dramatic Mirror" Says.

Perhaps no line of work in the University this winter has aroused so much interest and notice as have University dramatics. The most commendable work that has been done in dramatics this season by our students has not only secured much local attention but has also commanded the notice of the people generally throughout the state. The persons to whom the obtaining of these honors for the University are due, are to be highly complimented for their successful efforts. Every student is anxious to see Wisconsin rank in all lines of University work with the foremost universities of the country, and at present undoubtedly there are no other western universities who can rival us in dramatics.

The success in this work this season is due in great part to the Haresfoot Club. While the trips taken by their troupe in the presentation of "A Colonial Girl" to various cities, were in a measure a new adventure, the more than gratifying success the troupe met with has dispersed all fears as to the possible failure of such trips. This year the "Haresfooters" have established a precedent in dramatic undertakings which cannot help but benefit University dramatics in the future.

The following press comments are a few which the Haresfoot company has received this season:

The New York Dramatic Mirror says: "The Haresfoot Club gave a finished and elaborate production of 'A Colonial Girl' to an \$800 house. Walton H. Pyre deserves mention for his fine interpretation of Godfrey Remsen, as well as his successful management of the production. Miss Case made a hit, although Judith Danvers was not exactly suited to her capabilities. The Mollie Heddin by Jennie Butt and the Lady Sarah Ketteltas of Miss Scribner were played with good effect."

From the Winona Morning Independent: "The acting was that of professionals rather than amateurs. The part of the leading man, Walton Pyre as Godfrey Remsen, and the leading lady, Jennie Butt as Molly Heddin, deserve much praise for the able manner in which they took their parts; the ordinary critic would be unable to find a flaw in their acting. The supporting company were all good from Capt. Beaufort to Lady Danvers. Probably no play presented in Winona this winter has pleased an audience more."

From the Appleton Daily Post: "The finest treat in a theatrical way that Appleton has enjoyed this season. Miss Anne Scribner was signally successful in Lady Sarah Ketteltas. Miss Jennie Butt in the title role held the sympathies of her audience. Miss Laura Case was an admirable Lady Danvers. The general success of the play was undoubtedly due more to Mr. Walton Pyre than to any one person. Mr. Pyre took the part of Godfrey Remsen which Sothorn made famous a few years ago, and people who have seen both gentlemen play say that Mr. Pyre's work is equal to that of Sothorn. Especial mention

should be made of John Brennan as Giles, Edward Jenner as Jack Osborne, Edwin A. Snow as Capt. Lovelace and E. T. Fox as Col. Carteret.

From the La Crosse Daily Republican and Leader: "No one unacquainted with the origin of the company would have suspected for a moment that the presentation was unprofessional. Miss Butt as Mollie Heddin and Mr. Pyre as Godfrey Remsen, merited and received the larger honors, but discrimination in any sense would be unjustified."

These notices are characteristic of those received wherever the "Haresfoot" company appeared and are indicative of the merit of their work.

TWO SMALL FIRES.

Narrow Escapes in Student Quarter of Town.

Two fires occurred in the neighborhood of the corner of State and Lake streets last evening. The first was a blaze which started at 6:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. H. E. Faulkes, 438 Lake St., by a student lighting a match when searching under a couch for a book. In a moment the couch was afire, but by prompt action of those in the room, the fire was soon extinguished. The damage was slight.

Fire caused by an overturned lamp started at the students' boarding house conducted by C. S. Burnham, 631 State street, at about 7:30 o'clock last evening. The Fire Department made quick work of the blaze and little damage was done. Hamlet J. Barry, '03, and E. B. Cochems, law '03, were the heroes of the occasion. They rushed in through the flames and smoke and carried Mrs. Burnham, who was ill, to a place of safety.

Lyndon H. Tracy, President.

The Senior class held a meeting yesterday afternoon for the election of officers. Lyndon H. Tracy of Madison was elected president. As this is the last semester for the Senior class Mr. Tracy will be the last president of the class of 1901. Other officers elected were as follows: first vice-president, Miss Frances M. Wilcox; second vice-president, Harry E. Carthew; secretary, Miss Clara L. Stillman; treasurer, Thos. M. Priestly; sergeant at arms, Eric W. Allen.

Lectures on English Literature.

Professor John M. Manly, Head of the English Department of the University of Chicago, will give a course of four public lectures on "Expressions of Unrest and Aspiration in English Poetry of the Nineteenth Century." The lectures will be given March 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th, at 4 o'clock in room 16, University Hall.

—Robert P. Kraus, '03, has been unable to attend classes for a few days on account of illness.

—Governor and Mrs. La Follette held a reception to the Wisconsin Press Association at the executive mansion last evening from 8 till 10.

—Messrs. James I. Drought, law '96, attorney and counselor at law, Milwaukee, and George B. Hall, president and manager of the Milwaukee Daily Reporter, were visitors at the Daily Cardinal office to-day.

—Professor R. W. Wood, who was called away on account of sickness will return to-night and will meet his classes to-morrow.

—William E. Smith, '02, Philomathia's representative in the inter-collegiate debate with Iowa, will leave to-morrow morning for Washington, D. C., where he will spend two or three weeks in the interests of the debate.

ENGINEERS RECEIVE

2,000 GUESTS VISIT NEW BUILDING LAST NIGHT.

Great Interest Manifested in Laboratories and Testing Machinery—Students Act as Guides.

The reception at the Engineering Building which was so successfully held last evening proved a revelation to the 2,000 or more guests present. Visitors began to arrive at seven o'clock and continued to come until long after ten, many coming at the later hour from the reception at the Governor's mansion.

Guests were met at the door by students who handed out printed directions. About 200 students acted as guides to conduct the visitors through the various laboratories and departments.

Great interest was manifested in the steam and testing laboratories, especially the laboratory for testing the strength of materials. Here the upper classmen were busily engaged in operating the machines for testing the strength of building material, the resistance of trusses, etc. The exhibition of civil engineering and mining instruments was also very interesting. Such a complete outlay of mining instruments is seldom seen outside of a mining school.

The methods of lighting the auditoriums and draughting rooms attracted much attention and elicited the highest praise. In the draughting rooms the incandescents are arranged so that the light is diffused and does not cause shadows upon the desks. This is accomplished by shielding the lights from below and covering the ceiling with a white zinc coating.

Governor La Follette was unable to be present on account of the reception given at the Governor's mansion to the State Editorial Association. This also kept many members of the legislature from attending.

The reception committee consisted of Dean and Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Professor and Mrs. Slichter, and Mesdames Richter, Bull, and Swenson. The members of the engineering faculty also acted on the reception committee.

Many of those present expressed themselves as delighted and surprised both at the building and the work carried on in it.

It is probable that such an exhibition of work will be given at every commencement and also during every legislative session.

Dean Johnson wishes to thank the students who assisted last evening. Their considerate treatment of the visitors was not the least pleasing part of the entertainment.

—Acting President Birge returned to Madison this morning from the meeting of the representatives of American universities at Chicago. The representatives will be in session until to-morrow, when Prof. Smith who has also been in attendance will return.

—In the legislature yesterday, the committee on public health and sanitation reported adversely upon the bill forbidding the manufacture and sale of beer or liquor within a mile of the University or the state capitol and within 500 feet of any school building or church in the state.

ORATORICAL CONTESTS.

Will Open one Week From Tomorrow in Library Hall.

The season for oratorical contests is now at hand. The first on the list is the sophomore open, which takes place in Library Hall, at 2 p. m., one week from tomorrow. The senior open comes the Monday following, March 11, and the junior open on the succeeding Wednesday. The Junior-Ex. takes place Monday, March 15; on the 29th, the Final Contest will occur.

The three open contests may be entered by any one in the respective classes, whether they be members of literary societies or not. The winners qualify for the Final Contest. The winner of the Junior-Ex. also qualifies for the Final. The winner of the latter represents Wisconsin in the annual contest of the Northern Oratorical League.

There is a uniform system of judging in the case of all five contests. Briefly stated, three judges judge the orations on delivery and three on thought and style. The latter three judges are each provided with a type-written copy of each oration 5 days before the contest. The marking is by percentages. If any contestant receives a first rank from four of the six judges, he is winner. Otherwise the ranking of the contestants as given by the various judges are added; the one having the lowest total is declared winner. In case of a tie, percentages are referred to, and he is first who has the highest total percentage.

As incentives for a high grade of excellence there are two cash prizes for the two standing highest in the final contest: the Capital City prize of \$100 and the Lewis prize of \$18. Besides these cash prizes, there is a banner awarded by the Oratorical League to the society whose candidate wins in the Junior Ex. Three victories give a society permanent possession of this banner. Hesperia and Athenae have each won it once.

All these contests are attracting more than usual interest this year. This is due to the large number of entries.

At yesterday's meeting of those entered in the Senior Open the following judges were chosen: on Thought and Style—Senator Stout, Judge Winslow and Professor Bashford; on Delivery—Rev. E. G. Updike, Professor Monaghan and Assemblyman Hall. The Seniors who have so far entered in this contest are Beule, Baldwin, Nielson, O'Brien, Rounds and Sargeant of Athenae, Maurer and Stover of Philomathia, Carr and Schubring of Hesperia, Regner of Forum and McMillan of Columbia.

The judges chosen for the Junior-Ex. are as follows: On Thought and Style—Judge Winslow, Professor Reinsch and Rev. Bigler; on Delivery—Rev. Updike, Professor Jones and Mr. E. Ray Stevens. The contestants in this event are from the six literary societies and will orate in the following order: Miss Loeb of Castalia, Sauthoff of Philomathia, Bucklin of Hesperia, Miller of Athenae, Abel of Forum and McKeson of Columbia.

The Sophomore Open entries are Bishop, Johnson and Stinson of Athenae, Rahr of Hesperia, Schmidt of Philomathia and Hammersley. On Thought and Style the judges for this event are Rev. Updike, Professor Reinsch and Dean Johnson; on Delivery Mr. Walton Pyre, Miss Butt and Professor Parkinson.

The list of entries and judges for the Junior Open will be announced later.

Yale freshmen defeated Harvard freshmen at basketball last week by a score of 15 to 6.

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Engineers' Reception.

The reception given by the engineering department last night was to the two thousand or more visitors, a splendid exposition of the extent of this department. It was the first time that it has been completely thrown open to the public and the crowds which it attracted were abundant evidence of the interest taken in its work. Taking into account the completeness of the department as it stands at present and the hopes for its further extension, it ranks among the very first.

Professor Ira Remsen.

When Dr. Daniel C. Gilman was made president of Johns Hopkins University at its founding in 1876 he selected at first four professors to help him in inaugurating the unique institution he had in mind. Among these Professor Remsen who is to speak before the Science club tomorrow night was one. Their great work has been that of investigation, of publication of scholarly journals and especially the teaching of graduate students who desired to become themselves teachers. Professor Remsen has been very active and successful in all of these departments. As an investigator his work has been of such a specialized nature that, while of the greatest scientific value, it does not for the most part appeal to the person not a chemist. Through this research he has not only opened up new fields of knowledge but has been able to train man in the methods of research so that they might along independent lines work under the principles and inspiration gained through him.

When President Gilman was put on the Venezuela arbitration commission, Professor Remsen was made Acting-president and whenever a permanent successor to Dr. Gilman is discussed

one of the names sure to be mentioned is that of Dr. Remsen. The recent resignation of Dr. Gilman again brings up the question of the presidency but it is not yet settled and probably will not be for some time.

The Science Club is fortunate in securing to address it so eminent a man, one who combines such scholarly attainments with the power of presenting in a clear and attractive manner the aspect of his science which is of more general interest.

The Weather.

Snow flurries tonight, followed by fair and warmer tomorrow.

Communication.

To the Editor:—

Would it not be a good thing for the Law School to select a yell which could be given whenever the Laws are in evidence. The absence of a yell was most noticeable at the indoor meet last Saturday evening. While the Engineers were making themselves known in their usual noisy fashion, the Laws had no yell which they could give although they had, I think, as much reason to yell as the Engineers. Let the presidents of the various classes call a joint meeting and let something be done to remedy this state of things.

—Law.

Work of Science Club.

Dr. Ira Remsen of John Hopkins University will speak before the Science Club Friday evening. The Science Club has this year been very prominent in University affairs. Professor J. M. Coulter of the University of Chicago spoke last fall and last year Professor T. C. Chamberlain, formerly president of the University spoke under its auspices.

The Science Club was organized in November, 1896 with Professor George C. Comstock as president. Succeeding presidents have been Professor Babcock, Professor Van Hise and Professor Birge. The present officers are President, E. A. Birge; Vice President C. S. Slichter; Secretary and treasurer, Edward Maurer.

The purpose of the Club is to promote a knowledge of Physics and Natural Sciences, and the useful application of these sciences. Monthly meetings are held at the call of the president where matters of a scientific nature are discussed and prominent men on scientific subjects are heard.

Each year the club awards a medal for the best thesis written by a senior on some scientific subject. Last year the medal was awarded to E. A. Wolcott, while C. A. Hambuchen won it the year before.

Engineering Lecture.

The next lecture in the biographical series upon the famous engineers will be given Friday afternoon at the auditorium of the Engineering Building. Professor Trowbridge of the Physics department will speak on William Thompson, the present Lord Kelvin. Lord Kelvin is undoubtedly the highest authority on electrical matters and combines in a remarkable manner the knowledge of the theoretical and practical scientist.

Professor Trowbridge will dwell chiefly, in his lecture, on Kelvin's contribution to Engineering and will illustrate the salient points in the work of this great scientist with numerous lantern slides. All are invited.

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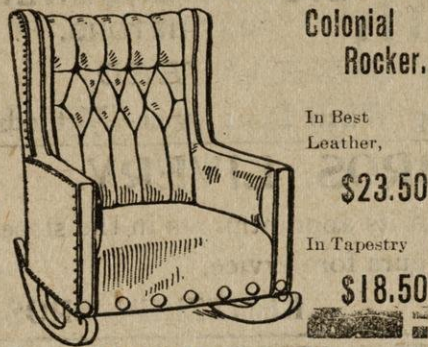
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J. B. Parkinson.

Student Notices.

'Varsity Crew Candidates.

A meeting of candidates for the 'Varsity crew will be held in my room at the Gym., Sunday, March 3rd, at 3 p. m.

Andrew M. O'Dea.

Sophomore Orators.

Those intending to contest in the Sophomore Preliminary will furnish me with three typewritten copies of their oration, not later than noon, March 3.

J. C. Morgan, Sec., 712 Langdon.

Y. W. C. A.

It is said that the present age is fast slipping away from the spirit of reverence which characterized our forefathers. The subject at Y. W. C. A. on Friday next is "Irreverence." Leader, Miss Merle S. Pickford. Meeting at 5 p. m. in Music Lecture room, Chadbourne Hall. Please notice change of day from Thursday to Friday.

Freshmen Notice.

There will be a freshman class meeting Saturday at 4 p. m. in room 16, Main Hall.

Temp. Chairman.

Swimming Tournament.

It has been decided to hold the swimming races on the afternoon of March 2nd, instead of in the evening, as originally intended. The races will start punctually at 3 p. m., so that those participating may have a chance to go to Milwaukee for the indoor meet.

Admission will be free and if sufficient interest be manifest, there will undoubtedly be another meet of a more elaborate nature later on.

The coxswains race has not filled out well, and there seems to be a disposition among the prospective steersmen to cut this affair. I want to take this opportunity to impress upon the coxswains the necessity of being able to swim, and swim well. Crew men are all required to be able to swim, as from the nature of the sport, this accomplishment may be needed at almost any time.

I want the coxswains to understand that speed is not considered essential in their race. The principal object being to give them an opportunity to improve themselves in this branch of athletics.

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(2) Each competitor shall keep a straight course, parallel with the course of the other competitors, from his starting station to the opposite point in the finish line. Competitors will be started 6 feet apart and each one is entitled to a straight lane of water 6 feet wide from start to finish. Any contestant who when out of his own water shall touch another competitor is liable to disqualification.

(3) Each competitor shall have finished the race when any part of his person reaches the finish line.

Andrew M. O'Dea.

Local and Personal.

—"The engagement of Miss Mary Ward, '97, of Hillsdale, Mich., and Mr. G. S. Phelps, '99, of Madison, Wis., is announced."—University of Minnesota Daily, Feb. 20.

—All women of the University are urged to attend the meeting of the Y. W. C. A. on Friday at 5 in Chadbourne Hall. Subject, "Irreverence." Leader, Miss Merle Pickford.

—An article entitled "The Rare Elements" by Victor Lenher will appear in "The Mineral Industry for 1901," published by the Scientific Publishing Co., at New York. This book is published every year, containing articles by the scientific men of the country. Mr. Lenher has contributed to this publication for a number of years past and this year his article on "The Rare Elements" is of special value to the reader.

Powers, captain of the Notre Dame track team has been declared a professional by the Amateur Athletic Association. He has been at Notre Dame for the past two years and is one of the best all-around athletes in the college world.

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THE NEW STAR SEEN.

Visitors at Washburn Observatory Enjoy New Sight.

There were many visitors at the Washburn observatory last evening and those coming out were repaid with excellent views through the great telescope of the moon and the new star which Dr. T. D. Anderson of Edinburg discovered in the constellation Perseus, Feb. 22. This new star which is attracting so much attention in the scientific world was first seen by the Washburn observatory officials last Saturday and has been closely watched ever since. It is of the 2nd magnitude and is said to be the brightest discovered in three centuries. It is almost directly west of Capella and nearly as bright as that star. On the night of the discovery, Dr. Anderson found its magnitude to be 2.7 or about as bright as the north star. It has apparently flared up suddenly since. The history of such stars is that they generally fade out. The constellation Perseus may be readily seen with the naked eye early in the evening rather high up in the heavens to the northwest. The brightest star in the group is now Algenib. Formerly it was surpassed in brilliancy by Algol, which is, with one exception, the most noted variable star in the heavens. Algol—the Demon—changes in brightness through seven magnitudes, a recent observer having advanced the theory that its variability is due to a nebulous satellite which revolves about and obscures it at times.

Several years ago the Harvard astronomers discovered another star in Perseus which proved to be a double star. The star discovered three centuries ago, with which the new one is said to rank in brilliancy, was Tycho Brahe, in the chair of the constellation Cassiopeia. It was discovered on Nov. 8, 1572, by Cornelius Gemma. It was visible for sixteen months, and then disappeared in March, 1574.

ENDOWS ORATORICAL LEAGUE.

Col. Frank O. Lawden Gives \$3,000 to Encourage Public Speaking.

Colonel Frank O. Lawden has endowed the Northern Oratorical League with a \$3,000 fund, to be used for the purpose of stimulating interest in public speaking among the university and college men of the middle West. Word to this effect was received at the University of Chicago yesterday from Professor T. C. Trueblood of Michigan, who has charge of the archives of the Oratorical League.

The interest on the fund provided by Mr. Lawden will be used to purchase the testimonials of the league, amounting to \$150 a year, \$100 being the testimonial given to the prize winner and \$50 to the second. The members of the league are the following universities: Michigan, Minnesota, Northwestern, Wisconsin, Iowa, Chicago and Oberlin.

The next contest will be held in Iowa City May 3. It is probably on this account that Mr. Lawden has been interested in the league, for he is a graduate of the University of Iowa, and gained some of his first successes in oratory there. The treasurer of the league is C. H. Laartz of Iowa, and it is Iowa's duty to provide for the testimonials for this contest. Mr. Lawden has not only made provision that will serve for this year, but for years to come. The universities are preparing to choose their representatives for the contest. The home contest at the University of Chicago will be held in ten days.—Chicago Times Herald.

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