

More or Less Local

A. C. Meier, a former university student, is visiting university friends.

Harry Groff, formerly a university student, is visiting his Beta Theta Pi brothers.

The department of botany received several sets of fungi during the holidays for addition to the university herbarium.

Mr. Persinger lectured in American history 3 yesterday. Professor Caldwell having been called away by the death of his cousin.

Professor Brace will lecture to the class in education 7 next Tuesday on "The Teaching of Physics in the Common Schools."

Professor Caldwell went to Havelock yesterday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Mr. Henry Ewan, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.

During the holidays Professor Bessey attended the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences in St. Louis.

Dr. Cook, of the law school, read a paper yesterday before the Nebraska State Bar association meeting at Omaha on "The Commonwealth of Australia."

P. W. Pepoon, '02, attended the recent implement dealers' convention and was a campus visitor. He is located at Table Rock and is the father of a fine boy, at present about one month old.

The general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. has several opportunities for young ladies to earn a part of their college expenses. All interested should see her at once at the association rooms.

Mr. L. B. Tremain of Lincoln, whose death was announced yesterday, will be remembered by many old university people as the father of Miss Mary Tremain, who attended the university several years ago.

Albert Searle will discontinue his studies in the university next week, when he will move with his parents to Topeka, Kas., where he will attend Washburn college. His brother Ralph will remain in school.

The members of the Y. M. C. A., leaving Temple fund books or pledge cards are requested to report to the secretary at once. It is very important that the association know immediately what has been done in this matter.

Keene Abbot, whose severe illness at his home in Fremont was reported last week, will shortly publish a novel from the press of McClure, Phillips & Co., of New York. He will also contribute several short stories to forthcoming numbers of McClure's Magazine.

Mr. L. Loding, a forestry student, has just returned from the Black Hills. He brought several pine logs containing bark-boring beetles for the entomology department. These beetles are very destructive to timber. A special examination will be made of them by the entomology department.

Professor Hitchcock, expert agrostologist in the United States department of agriculture, has been stationed at Lincoln for the purpose of carrying on some co-operative work with the agricultural experiment station. Professor Hitchcock, who is an accomplished botanist, was many years ago one of Professor Bessey's students.

Additional Alumni Notes.

Ralph Woods, law '03, is practicing law with E. E. Rosling of Tacoma, Wash.

P. P. Duffy, C. C. Telleson and John Forsythe, all alumni students, visited on the campus during the present week.

W. F. Meier, Eliza E. Meier and

Emma N. Meier, all of the class of '03, are in South Bend, Wash., schools. The former is principal of the high school.

Word has come from Ernst Bessey, '96, now in the University of Halle, that a couple of weeks ago he was requested by the United States department of agriculture to proceed at once to Riga and other points in Russia in order to procure certain seeds which the department wanted immediately. His trip into Russia is likely to take him to St. Petersburg and Moscow both of which are very interesting in the winter season.

Battery Practice in the Cage.

Battery practice is now being held in the cage in the basement of the armory, and a number of men are now operating at both the transmitting and receiving end of the line daily. The hour from 2 to 3 p. m. each day has been set aside as the time for candidates for the box and behind the bat to work together. Several men are throwing regularly now. Captain Townsend is now making preparations for the spring practice, and is looking over the grounds for new material.

Kansas Sends Question.

The long awaited question from Kansas was received yesterday afternoon by our debating board. It is now being considered and Professors Fogg, Taylor and Ross, who constitute the debating board, will correspond with the Kansas authorities further.

New Daily at Iowa.

A new daily is to begin publication at the University of Iowa in the near future. Iowa already supports one daily, and it is difficult to see how there is room for another in a school of that size. The Daily Nebraskan wishes "The Old Gold" a prosperous career and trusts that it may prove equal to the usual vicissitudes of a college paper.

How They Were Fooled.

A younger member of the faculty has a strawberry story that he never tires of telling, and in hopes that its appearance in print would put a quietus upon his rantings and secure his friends a much-needed rest, we have decided to give it space in this column.

As the story goes, he was out camping with a friend one fine summer's day on the Blue river. They were just returning to camp after setting their lines, when they met an old farmer, of the bush-whiskers kind, and with an air of simplicity that was simply amazing. Here was a chance for some fun, and the boys did not let it slip. With fine cut sarcasm and pretended good fellowship, they guyed him all out of countenance. And the best of it was, he seemed totally unaware that they were making fun of him, but smiled good-naturedly at their sallies and seemed not at all put out. Finally, removing his pipe from his lips and holding it up in his queer fashion, he gazed into space for a moment and then drawled out:

"I was just a thinkin' that ef you fellers cared a bit for strawberries, you can just take a bucket and go up to my place and get all you can use."

Indicating the direction of his place, he strolled off and disappeared into the brush. The rest we give verbatim:

"Gayer than rabbits, we grabbed up our buckets and lit out, with visions of luscious red berries dancing before our eyes. Sure enough, we found the patch where he said it was. We had just filled our pail, and our pockets, when the worst racket that man ever saw broke loose upon us. A load of bird-shot, a couple of vicious dogs and an old farmer as mad as a hornet lit onto us all at the same time and convinced us we had been badly sold. We tried to explain, but it wouldn't work, and we had to shell out all our loose change to satisfy the avarice of the justice of the peace."

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