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Charter Day.

The birthday exercises of the University of this year passed off very pleasantly for the most part. Tuesday was not a holiday but there were many visitors in the different departments. In the evening the Society of Electrical Engineers gave their annual reception and their exhibition of electrical phenomena was excellent. One thing that was beautiful was the arrangement of electric lights in the flag and by passing the current over them the flag seemed to wave in the breeze. In one corner there was an exhibit of wireless telegraphy. Several graphophones were kept playing, an electric fountain was flowing and a motor car made frequent trips from one part of the hall to another.

At eight o'clock on Tuesday at the University School of Music five seniors were initiated into the Phi Beta Kappa. They were Bertha Quaintance, Mabel Cleveland, C. E. Doran, J. L. Kind and J. P. Cleland. Prof. Fossler conducted the exercises. Dr. C. E. Bessey as president of the society gave the annual address.

WEDNESDAY.

Many visitors thronged the different departments Wednesday. Each department had arranged some suitable display so that a round of pleasure was prepared for visitors. The domestic science department where hot biscuits and maple syrup were served proved to be very popular.

At two o'clock occurred the dress parade of the battalion and inspection by Gov. Poynter. The battalion was then dismissed and the Pershing Rifles gave an exhibition drill, closing in a spell-down in which Joel Stebbins was the winner. The judges were Capt. Hayward of Nebraska City, Capt. Straight and Lieut. Bolshaw of the Lincoln Light Infantry.

CHARTER DAY ATHLETIC EXHIBITION.

The annual Charter Day Athletic Exhibition took place in the armory Wednesday afternoon from four to six o'clock and was attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd. Tickets had been distributed among the numerous friends of the contestants and also among many of the legislators, and the small gallery which had been reserved for the latter and their families was soon filled to overflowing. Standing room could hardly be obtained.

Since the first of December last, men have been training for this contest and for several weeks special class work has been given in order to give the contestants an opportunity for thorough preparation. The preliminaries, which have been coming off every Saturday afternoon for the past two months, decided who the twenty-four contestants should be, and they were well chosen. Hard work and careful training had put the men in excellent condition and some excellent records were made. The first thing on the program was a short talk by Chancellor MacLean, in which he gave a short description of the proposed new building and showed the great benefits which the University would derive from it. He also called attention to the magnificent pipe organ, recently presented by the Alumni association.

The first contest was for the running high jump. The three entrees were Pillsbury, Waterman and Mauck. Pillsbury won first, clearing the bar at 5 feet 4½ inches; Waterman second at 4 feet 8 inches and Mauck third. In the standing broad jump, Moore won first covering 9 feet 2 inches; Cowgill second at 8 feet 11½ inches, and Hoard third at 8 feet 4 inches. The three standing broad jumps were contested by Hoard, Pillsbury and Waterman. Pillsbury won first, breaking the University record by jumping 31 feet 1 inch; Hoard second 28 feet ½ inch, Waterman 28 feet. Mr Bullard won the twenty-five yard dash over W. E. Andreson and Moore, time 3 sec. The horizontal bar snap, which was to be contested for by R. D. Andreson, Moore and H. P. Smith, occasioned one of the severest accidents which has taken place in the gymnasium for some time. Mr. Smith, in his first leap over the bar, became somewhat overbalanced and struck the floor with a severity which fractured both bones of his right leg a little above the ankle. He was carried out on a stretcher and doctors were summoned immediately. After a little delay the contest was renewed, Mr. Andreson winning over Moore by covering the bar at 7 feet 11 inches.

In the contest for the running high kick were Hewitt, Swallow and Smith. Mr. Hewitt won quite easily, kicking 8 feet 6½ inches in height, which is not far from the college record. Swallow won second, kicking 8 feet ½ inch. Standing hop, step and jump was won by Pillsbury who covered 28 feet 1¼ inches. Hoard won second in this contest, covering 25 feet 5½ inches.

The standing high jump was the last thing on the program. It was won by Pillsbury who cleared the bar at 4 feet 10 inches, breaking all previous records held in the University. One feature of the program which deserves mentioning was the fifteen minute drill by the base ball class. The class went through the different movements in fine shape, making but few errors.

As a whole the exhibition was a complete success and its managers deserve considerable praise for their care and labor in making it so. Mr. Smith was the only person injured in any way and at last report he was getting along nicely.

Palladian Contest.

The sixteenth annual Palladian contest was given in the chapel last Friday evening. Five members of the society contested for the first prize of ten dollars given by Messrs. C. M. Skiles and T. F. A. Williams and the second prize of five dollars given by the Palladian society. H. R. Tucker, who won the contest last year, was given first place, and Howard H. Hanks second.

In spite of the bitter cold, the lower part of the chapel was quite well filled. The Union society adjourned and came in a body from its hall. Several of the Delians were also present.

Miss Bertha Johnston, president of the Palladian society, called the