

CHEMICAL SOCIETY MEETING.

The Nebraska section of the American Chemical society opened the fifth year of its usefulness in a very auspicious manner on Saturday evening, October 28. The meeting was held in the chemical laboratory of the state university, and was largely attended, not only by the members of this section, but by many others who are interested in the work this section is doing.

Several papers were presented: one by Dr. T. F. Alway of Wesleyan university, upon Tautomeric compound, giving a description of experiments of the author along that line. M. E. Hiltner gave an interesting description of a new apparatus devised by him for the determination of carbon dioxide, together with numerous analytical results, proving the apparatus to be exact in its working. This gives what has long been needed, a simpler, rapid and exact method for the estimation of baking powders, limestones, chalk, etc. Mr. P. L. Hibbard, chemist of the Argo Starch Manufacturing company, at Nebraska City, sent drawings and descriptions of two pieces of apparatus, which the exigencies of his position had suggested, viz.: a safety pipette for drawing off caustic liquids, strong acids, etc., by which through no possible chance could the liquid get into the operator's mouth, and an automatic burette for measuring and delivering a fixed volume of liquid. Each of the papers elicited considerable discussion from those present.

SECRETARY WILSON RESIGNS.

The university debating association held a business meeting Friday. Claud Wilson placed his resignation as secretary with the association, stating that he would be unable to give the amount of time to the work that the office required. The resignation was accepted and J. F. Boomer elected to fill the vacancy.

A communication was read from the debating association of the university of Kansas asking that a maximum amount for the expenses of judges in inter-state contests be agreed upon. After some consideration it was decided to recommend to Kansas that the charges allowed for the railway expenses of judges be not over ten dollars. If the expenses run beyond that amount the excess is to be borne by the visiting association.

STATE HISTORICAL NOTES.

A new bulletin board of the newspapers of the state is being prepared. Every town of one hundred inhabitants and upward will be on this board. Students are requested to examine this bulletin board, and if they know of a newspaper that is not given on it, they will confer a favor if they speak to the librarian about it.

An exchange of printed matter has been arranged for between the society and Colorado college.

The work of unpacking the 1898 edition of reports from the state board of agriculture is nearly completed.

Prof. Caldwell and Librarian Barrett have completed outlines of the history of the school districts of Lancaster county. These will be sent to the schools and prizes will be offered for the best history of the districts written by the school children.

Owing to the clipping that was done, the *Journal*, *Bee* and *World-Herald* had to be removed from the reading tables. Those wishing to get these papers must now ask the librarian. Some students do not seem to realize that these papers are placed there for historical reference and must not be torn or clipped. In other cases the papers are shoved back so carelessly into the racks that they are wrinkled and

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GRADUATE CLUB MEETING.

The graduate club will meet Saturday evening, November 11, at the home of Prof. Ellery W. Davis, 1545 C street. The program will begin promptly at 8:30 and continue about an hour. All graduate students, and all members of the faculty and their wives are cordially invited. This notice is intended to reach those who may fail to receive a personal invitation on account of the incompleteness of the president's roll of graduate students. The program promises to be of unusual interest. An rushes forced the ball into their option of business of importance to every department offering work in the graduate school will be presented for discussion. We want to make this a helpful meeting. All we need is the inspiration of the presence of one hundred persons.

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FARMER BOYS AT COLLEGE.

Some interesting figures as to the proportion of farmers' boys among college students have been gathered by the *American Agriculturist*. It has returns from 178 universities and colleges reporting an attendance of 62,000 students.

In this analysis of the figures the *Agriculturist* reduces the number of students considered to a little under 52,000, for some unexplained reason, excluding, it says, a few city colleges like Harvard, Pratt Institute, University of Rochester, Fisk University and others. Out of this total of about 52,000 it finds that nearly 21,000 are from agricultural classes. The percentage varies largely in different sections of the country. It is 50.9 in the South, 45.8 in the far West, 40.1 in the central West, 29.4 in the Middle States, and 29.1 in New England. "In no other nation will any such condition be found," comments the *Agriculturist*. "It is a wonderful tribute to the general intelligence of our American farmers' families, and to the high hopes and deep aspirations of their sons and daughters." This exhibit adds mightily to the dignity of agriculture, at least in the eyes of the masses in other vocations.

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