

## LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

C. F. Schwager who was in the university in 1896 and 1897 was seen on the campus a few days ago. He recently sold his creamery at Fort Calhoun and is now running one at Omaha.

The gymnasium class which meets at five o'clock has been given exclusively to men who intend to compete in the pentathlon and spring meets. The base-ball and other men meet at four o'clock.

H. G. Shedd, and J. W. Crabtree, were in Chicago last week in order to take in the program of the department of superintendence of the national educational association which was in session.

The arrangements for commencement orator are about completed. The senior class recently suggested several names to the acting chancellor, and it is now quite certain that one of these will be secured.

Harry Jones who played half back on the varsity team in '95, '96 and '97 was in the city Sunday attending the funeral of Schwartz, of company D, first Nebraska, to which company Mr. Jones also belonged.

The Northwestern line and the F. E. & M. V. R. R. announce to the traveling public that they will make the low rate of \$17.50 to Hot Springs, S. D., and return on February 6 and 20 and March 6 and 20.

On Monday evening, the athletic board elected Walter P. Booth, the Princeton center coach for the football season of 1900. At the same meeting C. E. Bullard was made assistant manager of the football team.

During the past week a large number of people visited the new experiment station building on the farm, and every one seems to have been well pleased with the solidity of the building and the perfection of its appointments.

Mrs. Joan A. MacMurphy, who is engaged in institute work for the university, called a few days ago at the chancellor's office, and reported that a great deal of interest has been aroused in domestic economy in the institutes.

The library board held an important meeting on Friday afternoon and discussed plans for the coming year. Reports were received from the librarian showing the prosperous condition of this important department of the university.

The faculty of the graduate school held a prolonged session on last Wednesday afternoon and engaged in the discussion of some modifications of the rules governing entrance, and the kinds of work to be done in securing higher degrees.

The heads of departments are now rapidly sending in their estimates for the salaries and expenses for the coming year. As soon as these are in they will be tabulated in order that the regents' committee may take them up for adjustment.

J. S. Dittmar is back in the university taking a special course. He attended the summer school of the university up to last September when he was compelled to leave on account of sickness. Since then he has been visiting his parent at Des Moines.

On the evening of February 24, after the readings given at the Oliver Mrs. Manning entertained Dr. S. H. Clarke at supper. Dr. Clarke is the author of "Practical Public Speaking," the book which is proving so satisfactory in the men's classes under Mrs. Manning.

A state conference on household economics was held one day last week in the chemistry laboratory, at which about one hundred ladies were present. Among the papers read was one by Mrs. Pugh, vice-president of the

national household economics, and one by Miss Rosa Bouton, on domestic science in the schools; after which discussion followed. To complete the program the ladies made a visit to the kitchen, with which they were very much pleased.

A movement is on foot to secure certain trophies to be offered as prizes for athletic contests between the young women of the university. Thus far the prizes have all been for the young men, and very properly the young women feel that this is not quite fair.

At the regular Friday morning musical, the usual excellent program was rendered, followed by an address in chapel. It consisted of soprano solo, "In The Woods," Franz, Belle Warner; "Bercause" fr. Jocelyn, Godard, "Du bist du Ruh," Shubert-Liszt, Grace Smith; contralto solo, "The Worker," Gounod, Ethel Galley.

The electrical engineering department will soon add to its laboratories an important electrical furnace. It will be the largest size made for experiments and with a current of fifty volts a very high temperature can be obtained. By means of this furnace aluminum carborundum and calcium carbide will be manufactured in small quantities.

Dr. Bessey has received a notification that the next meeting of the American Association for the advancement of science, of which he has been a member for nearly thirty years, will hold its next meeting in New York City, June 25 to 30. The usual time of meeting is in the latter part of August, but on account of the Paris exposition the time has been set earlier.

The committee of the faculty appointed by the regents to take up the question of agricultural education in the university with reference to bringing it up to a higher state of development has issued a series of questions intended to bring out the opinions of those interested upon various phases of the question. It is hoped that they may be ready to make a report by the April meeting.

Miss Mae Chamberlain, recently connected with the German department of the University of Nebraska, and now studying at the University of Berlin reports that the Nebraska contingent there often compare the work in education of that institution with the work of our own, and there is sometimes a difference of opinion. However, the University of Nebraska is compared favorably by all.

The Delian boys debating club are to have a debate with the Everett literary society, of Wesleyan university next Friday evening, upon the Transvaal question. Delian girls will accompany the boys to cheer them on to victory. Special cars will leave Lincoln about 7:20 that evening. After the debate the Everett society assisted by the ladies of the Willard society will give an informal reception to visiting Delians.

A plan is being considered for changing the Haydon art club from a study club to a legally incorporated organization which will give art exhibitions and encourage the growth of art. By this plan, the beneficial influence of the club would be much extended and local artists would be given an opportunity to compete for prizes. A proposition has been made by the state teachers' association to the Haydon art club to have exhibitions in connection with its sessions.

An interesting new book on "North American Forests and Forestry" has been received by Dr. Bessey for notice and review. It is one of the most modern of recent attempts at producing a book on this very important subject. Since it was written by Ernest Bruncken who was for a time

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secretary of the Wisconsin state forestry commission, it has a western trend which is quite unusual in books on forestry, which to a large extent have been written by men living in the extreme east.

Officers of the experimental station have been notified that their departments shall not be exempted from the general cutting in expenses which the regents have found necessary.

Last week an accident happened to the 200,000 pound testing machine used in testing the strength of building materials. The casting through which the load is applied in determining the strength of a beam, broke at a pressure of 195,000 pounds. On analysis the casting was found to be defective. Prof. Chaburn designed a new one. The pattern was made in the mechanical engineering department and in a short time the foundry force turned out a new casting.

We are selling some special things in our Book & Stationery Department this week at ridiculously low prices. These are "remnants" so to speak, "odds & ends," all first class goods, but being the end of the line going for about one-half their original cost. Just think of 100 sheets of Writing Paper and 100 Envelopes for 25c. 1 lb box of Irish or Scotch Green Writing Paper for 12½c, or a box containing 1 gr. good paper and 24 envelopes for 5c. In books too we have some good things. We are clearing out a lot of copyright \$1.00 and \$1.25 books at 50c. Peloubets Notes for 1900 at 48c, and paper covered books at 8½c. Book and Stationery Department, Herpolsheimer & Co.

Next week commencing Monday, 12th inst. we will inaugurate a sale in our Music and Picture Department. We will put on sale about 5,000 pieces of sheet music at 5c and 10c each, which are usually sold by us at 20 and

25c and at double that price in Music Stores. This is not the usual cheap 5c and 10c music but the publications of such well-known houses as John Church & Co., S. S. Brainard & Co., Schirmuer's, Dutton's, Lyon & Healy, Schuburth's and others. We will also commence a sale of picture mouldings on the same day when we will sell moulding from 3c per foot upwards. Look out for Monday, March 12th. Music and Picture Department, Herpolsheimer & Co.

Fussy Seems to Be a Hoodoo.

From the Victoria Times: If over the tug Lorne picks up another derelict, and there happens to be a black cat on the abandoned vessel, the chances are the feline will be allowed to remain, for the cat taken from the wreck of the Jane A. Falkenburg seems to have been a hoodoo of the most pronounced type. Storms followed the tug all the while the cat was on board, and many other things have transpired on the tug that were certainly not to the increased benefit of those on the vessel. That was because of the hoodoo brought from the wrecked barkentine, said some, and when Capt. Locke shipped the feline to her little mistress at San Francisco by the Walla Walla on her last trip down from here it was thought that all the trouble was ended; but no—two of the officers of the tug are now no longer connected with the vessel, and other things happened. The steamer carrying the cat to San Francisco broke down when off the entrance to the Golden Gate, and had to be towed into port. As will be remembered, the cat was taken from the wreck by the Walla Walla when that vessel rescued the shipwrecked men, but jumped into the sea and swam back to the wreck, and remained on board until the tug found the derelict.

The professional picture-hanger is now a regular adjunct of art in large cities.