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Editorial Remarks

A national convention of college editors will be held in St. Louis the latter part of June. This meeting will certainly be a unique one, and the assemblage of such talent will be an occasion of peculiar interest. College journalism is climbing up into an important position, and it is sending its graduates yearly to great newspapers. But with its growth the duties and responsibilities of the college editor are constantly increasing. It is with this fact in view that an attempt is being made to interest all of the college editors in the convention to be held at St. Louis. It will doubtless be a successful affair, and it will bring a large number of students together, representing varied interests and all of the phases of college journalism.

The fact that the law students have a habit of collecting at times after classes, on the second floor of the main hall, and making an undue amount of noise, has called forth considerable complaint from members of the faculty whose classes are disturbed. There is no reason why the law men should find it necessary to argue out their differences of opinion in a place where their action causes so much annoyance, and if they would take cognizance of this fact they would be accommodating others to quite an extent. We have no desire to censure them, but merely wish to remind them of the annoyance that they cause to classes in the course of their recitations.

April 29th—keep this date open. Do not make any advance engagements, such as will prevent you from attending the Kansas-Nebraska mill in Memorial Hall on the evening of that day. Bear in mind the fact the Kansas team is coming here for a purpose, and if this works out to its fullest extent they will bear off the palm of victory. It is indeed full time now that we begin to look forward with active interest to this debate, as it will probably mark the hardest struggle that one of our debating teams will ever have experienced. Every loyal student likes to see victory achieved by Nebraska, and the forthcoming contest will be an occasion for a display of enthusiasm in which we should all take part. Debating has come to mean much in all great Universities, and greater stress is constantly being laid upon it. Each institution that sends a debating team forth to represent it feels that there is much at stake. When we realize how eager Kansas naturally is to defeat our team, having suffered successive defeats at our hands, we can not help feeling a keen interest in the forthcoming trial. Do not, then, forget the important date, the 29th of April.

The Ladies' Minstrel Show promises to be one of the most popular and successful events in which University interests have been represented this year. The task of training those who will take part in the show is no light one, and the efforts of all who have interested themselves in the undertaking should not be allowed to pass unheeded. We hope that everyone will keep the event in mind and turn out and lend the proper encouragement by their presence.

EQUIPMENT INCREASED.

J. A. Waddell Gives Engineering Department Valuable Plans.

Saturday Mr. J. A. L. Waddell spent over four hours explaining to a number of engineering students the chief and exceptional points of a number of the most important works which have been designed by his firm, Waddell & Hedrick. The interest and value of his address realized the highest expectations of the students. He told many of the difficulties encountered in the launching of such an enterprise as a great bridge. Methods of mixing and laying concrete together with some very frank statements regarding the value of various brands of cement were especially interesting to the class in masonry, as were also the descriptions of the sinking of caissons and the placing of the whole sub-structure.

One of the most remarkable bridge spans in the world is the spread span of the Frazer river bridge, which is just being completed. This span is 20 feet wide at one end and 165 feet wide at the other. The object is to accommodate curves of two railroad tracks, one curving in each way from the end of the bridge and running along the bluffs on the river bank.

Before leaving Mr. Waddell presented the civil engineering department with complete drawings of seven of the bridges he had described. Altogether there are 3,750 square feet of these blue prints, and they represent a value for paper and printing of over \$150. As they are very complete in details of every part of the bridge they will prove of immense value to students in the masonry and bridge courses. This value is enhanced by the fact that they represent the practice of the most prominent and able bridge designer of the day, and are the best results of his work.

Among the other things which Mr. Waddell also presented the department, were photographs and perspective drawings of five of these bridges, viz.: The Frazer river bridge in British Columbia, the new Omaha bridge, the St. Charles Missouri river bridge, the Maumee bridge at Toledo, Ohio, and the Index Red river bridge. The drawings for these photographs were made by a Japanese draughtsman, who was educated in Japan, but as his work shows has extraordinary ability in his line of work.

Valuable as these drawings are and highly as we prize them they do not approach in value the privilege of hearing Mr. Waddell speak and being inspired by personal contact with a man whose material achievements rank with those of the greatest engineers in the world. Engineering students of Nebraska have passed a notable mile post in their experience.

Dr. Lees at Chapel Yesterday.

Dr. Lees gave a fine stereopticon lecture at convocation yesterday morning on "Sunny Stilly." His pictures were very select. Among them were some of the ruins and the temple structures, together with amphitheatres and other choice photographs of the island, which were well illustrated and his easy instructive information concerning those ancient historic places was very interesting and a good crowd took advantage of the occasion.

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