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FIRST A SUCCESS

Gymnastic Exhibition Given to a Good Sized Audience.

Men Who Took Part Showed Excellent Training.

A good-sized crowd, but one which in view of the extensive advertising which had been done and of the character of the program was somewhat disappointing, witnessed the Big Gym Exhibition last night in the Armory. This was the first exhibition to be given by the classes in physical training since Dr. Clapp became head of the department three years ago, and the showing made last night constitutes a glowing tribute to the efficiency and energy with which he has directed the work in physical training.

The men in each event were all in the same kind of a suit, a marked and most favorable contrast with the nondescript costumes worn by the men in gymnastic exhibitions of earlier days.

The program consisted of ten exhibitions and races. In accordance with the customary promptness with which functions at the University—with the sole exception of basketball games—are begun, the first drill began sharply at eight o'clock, and all tiresome delays between subsequent events were almost entirely eliminated.

The first exhibition was a drill in light gymnastics by over fifty members of the first year class under the leadership of Mr. Lane, the efficient instructor in the department. Miss Jansa accompanied the movements on the piano. The exercises were simple, but well adapted to building up work and were gone through without a hitch.

Next was an exhibition of class apparatus work by forty of the first year men. Different squads worked upon the horizontal bar, parallel bars, long horse, and side horse. The exercises were of a much more difficult sort than those given to first year men last year, showing the advanced standard of work now prevalent in the department.

Some fancy tumbling was then done by Lane, Johnson and McDonald. Their work was very fine and brought forth round after round of applause.

A Hamburg Drill by twelve members of the second year class, attired in white ducks, then followed. The men went through a ten minute drill without an order, simply following the piano. This was one of the finest events of the evening, and evidenced the expenditure of much time and patience in drilling the men.

Then men of the second year class under Mr. Graves afforded some little amusement by work upon the "elephant," which consists of parallel bars covered with mats. The only thing lacking to make this work exactly like a circus was the fact that by some slip or other the clown had been left out.

The sixth event was a double header. The first part was a human wheelbarrow race between representatives of the three sections of the first year

class. By means of clever sliding for home plate, Carr and Miller walked off with first prize. The other part was an obstacle race, and this furnished more amusement for the audience than any event of the evening. Each runner had to go twice around the hall, making a long dive, then climbing through a barrel, making a high dive over a hurdle, climbing over the "elephant" or circling through it, another high dive and barrel, and then to the starting point. The first year class was represented by Harvey McDonald, Marsh and Haggard, and were defeated by the second year class team, composed of Wilson, Heath, Neider and Campbell.

Johnson, Copeland, Pipal and Pospisil, the contestants in the recent gymnastic contests for University Gymnast, then gave an exhibition of advanced work on parallel bars, the long horse, and the flying rings. The parallel bars and flying rings work especially pleased the spectators, who applauded each man generously as he finished each stunt. These men will probably represent the University at the contest this spring in Chicago, and from their work last night they will doubtless land among the blue ribbon winners.

Dr. Clapp and Mr. Lane then did some fancy and dangerous work on the horizontal bars, and it was easy to see where the skill shown by their pupils came from. For fifteen minutes they kept the audience intensely interested, and were heartily cheered after each performance.

A picked squad of about fifteen men then formed a series of pyramids around the parallel bars. Despite the fact that any one man could have spoiled the whole formation by a false movement, every figure was perfectly formed.

The final event was a relay race between the different sections of the first year class, and proved to be extremely exciting.

This exhibition was given for the purpose of raising money for the expenses of the gymnastic team to be sent to Chicago, and its success is due to the combined efforts of Dr. Clapp and the members of all the classes, who joined in the work with great enthusiasm.

The strike of the local painters, which has been on since the first of the month, has been called off and the painters began work again yesterday on the new Farm building. The strike resulted in a loss for the men. They struck for 40 cents an hour, and got 31 cents, an increase of three quarters of a cent over the former sale.

The breaking of ground on the Administration Building site has necessitated the replanting of some of the trees on this plot. One twenty years old was replanted yesterday. The tree is a scrub pine and its size gives no hint of its age. It was placed near the Library. Another tree, the cottonwood which stands just to the inside on the left of the east 11th street campus gate, is of considerable age. This tree was planted by Professor Caldwell in 1870. It is one of a number planted by him at that time, but is the only survivor.

Chris' Bath House, corner 11th and P streets.

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SENIOR BOOK OUT

Senior Class Publication is in the Hands of the Binder.

Will Be Put on Sale Tuesday—Contains Many Excellent Features.

The Senior Book is out! It will not go on sale until next Tuesday, but the entire edition is off the press and in the hands of the binder. The first copy has been looked over by a number of people who have been acquainted with a number of previous publications, Junior, Senior and Law, and they pronounce it undeniably the best annual ever produced at Nebraska. Instead of a hundred and fifty pages as the previous Senior Annuals have contained, there are in the present book 212 pages of which 183 are reading matter—not reading matter either, for there are twice as many cartoons and more illustrations than any book has ever held. The photographs of the class are Albertypes, of a brown tint instead of the green as was used in the Law Book last year.

The Josh Department is larger and better than has before been the case. The faculty especially come in for their share, and the editors appear to have been free from the usual fear which has hitherto entered into faculty roasts, for as one of those who have seen the book expressed it:

"Those faculty joshes are vicious."

Reception To-night.

The annual reception to the Seniors given by the Juniors occurs to-night in the Art Hall. When this reception was first given it was given by the Junior Class to the Senior Class and only members of those classes were allowed to attend. Of late years, however, the affair, while given under the auspices of the Juniors to the Seniors, is made a University affair, and attendance is not limited to the two upper classes but all classes are invited to make the reception a more representative University function. A program of fourteen numbers has been arranged and Eddie Walt's orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock.

The Student Volunteer Movement has again favored our university by sending us one of its strongest representatives in the person of Miss Estella Paddock. The only meeting open to the general public will be on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. We owe it both to ourselves and to others to take advantage of this last opportunity of the year to hear a Student Volunteer Secretary.

Attention is called to the announcement that the Pershing Rifles will meet on Tuesday evening of next week instead of Thursday evening.

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Chicago Meeting.

The meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, just held in Chicago, marks the completion of the first decade of history of this educational body. The Association seems to me to suggest the spirit of co-operation rather than domination which has been too prominent in the past relations of the two educational institutions represented. A question which ought to be before it constantly is: How can we popularize higher education and give it vital contact with life?

On account of a late train I missed the report on college entrance requirements in English, by Professor Scott, of the University of Michigan. Of the remainder of the program the two most vigorously discussed topics were athletics in the high school, and graduate study in the university. As to the first there was a new attempt made to define legitimate athletics—to set a new standard, encouraging games as sports and trying to limit opportunities for professionalism and for making athletics the main object rather than an incident of a course of study as may be done according to present printed regulations. The age limit for secondary school contests is to be fixed at 20, and the amount of work to be carried with credit, as a condition for participation, represents serious study, while a sentiment was expressed in a resolution, though not in the body of the new statutes, that professional coaching should be abolished. In the course of the discussion the thought was suggested that it might be well for colleges to admit to athletic contests only those who are under 52.

Probably the matter of graduate study has never been so carefully discussed at any convention. Views ranged from the restricted idea of picked graduate students working out substantial problems for their own sake to the idea of a democracy of graduate work, sifting itself by a process of natural selection and applying itself intimately to the social and industrial needs of the people. But all the discussions represented a high ideal of genuine graduate work. It seems to me that Dean Birge, of the University of Wisconsin, came the nearest to a scientific expression of a true American ideal.

A phase of the professional training of secondary school teachers was discussed by Professor Hill, of the University of Missouri, recently with us in Nebraska, and President Jones of the Ypsilante Normal School. The general conclusion was that under present conditions the better normal schools have a part to perform in the matter. But it is interesting to note that President Jones, a normal school man, readily concedes that the final solution of the question rests with the college. It is a question of ability to supply all the teachers needed. Dean Hill emphasized the need of Schools of Education to meet the just requirements for such training in colleges.

The meeting as a whole was very interesting and profitable.

FRANK W. SMITH.

Professor Smith was one of the delegates to this association.