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## DR. WELLMAN SPEAKS

EMINENT SCIENTIST GIVES THE FIRST OF SERIES.

## A NATURALIST IN EAST AFRICA

HAS SPENT MANY YEARS THERE AS HEALTH OFFICER.

Will Speak Today at 11 and Tomorrow at 5 p. m. in Concluding Numbers of Lectures to Nebraska Students.

Dr. F. Creighton Wellman, for a number of years chief officer of Portuguese East Africa, gave the first of a series of three addresses to Nebraska students in N 110 yesterday afternoon. Dr. Wellman spoke under the auspices of the medical college and his lecture yesterday was of a semi-technical nature describing the West African region from the viewpoint of a naturalist. Today at 11 a. m. Dr. Wellman speaks at a special medical convocation in N 110 on "The Diseases in West Africa," and at 5 p. m. tomorrow he will deliver a popular lecture in the Temple auditorium on "Health Problems for Europeans in Colonizing the Tropics."

Dr. Wellman is one of the most eminent scientists in his line of work. He is a graduate of Kansas university. He went to Africa in 1896 and became identified with the health department of the Portuguese colonial government. His work there won recognition and for a number of years he was chief health officer of that section of the dark continent. He returned to Europe a couple of years ago and since that time he has been busy with lecture work and in preparing his writings and collections for public use.

### An Authority on Subject.

By reason of his long residence in Africa and his extended investigations into problems of tropical medicine and natural history, Dr. Wellman is qualified to speak with authority on these subjects. He has the viewpoint not only of the pure scientist but also of the man of affairs who is quick to appreciate the economic value of his discoveries. The last lecture especially of the Nebraska series is designed to present to all students of history, commerce, geography, economics and sociology, a review of the factors which have until now constituted a barrier to the conquest of the tropics by civilization.

At present Dr. Wellman is connected with the American National Museum of Washington, D. C. He is a member of a large number of specialized scientific societies both in this country and in Europe. He has lectured before scientific bodies in England and on the continent, prior to his tour of the United States. He comes to Lincoln directly from Omaha, where he delivered a series of addresses on Monday and Tuesday to the junior and senior medical classes, and during the previous week to the Schoolmasters' club of the state.

### Yesterday's Address.

The address yesterday was chiefly for the benefit of scientific students and was consequently largely of a technical nature. Dr. Wellman first took up the flora of the West African region. As one goes from the coast into the interior the air is at first very moist. Then come the higher lands with a wet and dry season, the former about seven months in duration. Still higher is the dry land, which ends with the fall to the lower interior region.

One of the largest trees of the high-

land region is the "poison test" tree, and in this connection Dr. Wellman told of the testing by poison of natives suspected of wrong. The man who gave the medicine doctor the largest bribe, he said, was the one who usually escaped the test. The other man died. This use of the poison test is the cause of more deaths in this region than any of the feared diseases.

The speaker told of a certain species of bird peculiar to West Africa, wherein the male and female birds sing in harmony. Dr. Wellman is authority for the fact that the birds sing in chords of thirds and fifths. There are numerous other interesting animals, small and large, which Dr. Wellman mentioned. Some of these are extremely poisonous and dangerous; others are largely harmless.

## PRESENT JURY SYSTEM WRONG

Advocates Course in Psychological Study of Evidence.

That the jury system, as it now exists, is contrary to the principles of common sense, is the opinion of Professor Flinn as expressed in a lecture yesterday. He believed it just as necessary to have a body of intelligent men to weigh the evidence as it is to have a bench of intelligent judges and that the jury system is especially calculated to keep people with sufficient intelligence to weigh evidence, out of a trial.

The power of pardon, as exemplified in the pardoning of Mrs. Lilly, ought not to be in the hands of the governor, was his opinion. The fact that, after she sued for insurance money which necessitated a re-trial, she was acquitted on insufficient evidence, whereas she had been previously convicted, the professor considered as illustrating the inefficiency of the present jury system. He thought that a course should be introduced into the law curriculum which would make a psychological study of evidence.

## NUMBER OF SKETCHES GIVEN

Public Invited to Attend Wednesday Morning Recitals.

A number of very good sketches were put on at the regular Wednesday morning recital yesterday by members of the class in rhetoric 36. These recitals are given every Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in U. 106 and are open to the public.

In the past many good programs have been given, notably the one of a week ago, at which time a series of pantomime sketches were put on, each sketch being the original production of the person giving it. Next Wednesday the program will consist of miscellaneous selections and recitals.

Those interested in Shakespeare are also invited by the department to attend the recitals given on Wednesdays at 10 o'clock in the same room, where scenes from Hamlet are put on by members of the class in rhetoric 38.

## RECITAL OF AMERICAN SONGS

Mrs. E. B. Conant To Be at Convocation Today.

At convocation today Mrs. E. B. Conant, assisted by Miss Lillian Parsitt, with Miss Claire Canom as accompanist, will give a song recital of songs by American composers. The program which has been announced is as follows:

A Song from the Rubaiyat, Requiem—Foote.  
April Rain—Woodman.  
Sister, Awake—Willeby.  
Wouldn't That Be Queer?—Beach.  
My Lover, He Comes on the Skee—Clough Leichter.  
The Lark Now Leaves His Wat'ry Nest—Parker.  
Duet: Were All the World Like You, My Dear—Foote.  
Mrs. Conant; Miss Parsitt.

## PLAY LEAGUERS NEXT

NEBRASKA SCHEDULED TO MEET LINCOLN TEAM SATURDAY.

## FIRST GAME OF SPRING AT PARK

Hockenbary, Who Tacked Hoodoo Sign on the Cornhuskers at York Saturday, Will Be on Slab for Guys.

"Guy" Green has chosen to pit his bunch of professional ball artists against the cornhusker squad in a game at Antelope park Saturday afternoon. Play will be started at 2:30 o'clock.

Student tickets will admit to the grandstand and bleachers. Students not holding the annual cornhusker slips and others will be charged the small fee of twenty-five cents to see the round up.

Practically all of the Green gang will be in the city by Saturday and will be ready to enter the game. Hockenbary, the Aurora light who was master of the cornhuskers at York Saturday and who is to tryout with the Guys this spring, will be on the slab for the leaguers. Ward, Olmstead and Mathers will do the twirling for the university men.

This contest will be the last match in which the pupils of Coach Fox will take part before they make their journey south next week, and it is likely to be the final tryout that the cornhuskers will receive.

The youngsters who have not made good so far will be given a chance to show their caliber in this game.

### Track Meeting Today.

A meeting of the track candidates will be held in Memorial hall this morning at 11:30 o'clock to receive instructions from Dr. Clapp for beginning training for the coming meets. Several speeches will be made by men interested in the work.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock the letter men of the university will meet in the University Temple to form an "N" men's association. A big attendance is desired at this gathering, so that detailed plans for the new society may be discussed and good plans perfected for the work for the organization.

At the meeting of the representatives of the Missouri valley conference schools held in Des Moines Tuesday it was decided to run off the annual "Big Seven" track meet in Des Moines on June 5. Detailed plans for holding the games were arranged.

All of the schools in the conference will have teams in this meet this spring and it is believed that the contest will be one of the best held in the valley in years. Ames, Nebraska and Missouri are expected to be the chief contenders. Ames was the winner of the meet last season and is said to be just as strong now as it was then. Missouri is better on the cinder path this year than it has been for several springs.

In the annual dual meet with the University of Kansas held in Kansas City last Friday night the "Show-me" men took first place in all events except one, and won the meet by a wide margin.

Kansas will not be very strong on the track this spring and ought to be easy meat for the other schools at Des Moines.

### Spring Practice at Yale.

Spring football training is to be started at Yale April 19. Monday night Coach Walter Camp and Captain Coy called the candidates together and gave them instructions for the work.

Field Coach Howard Jones will be

unable to be present and Back Field Coach Wheaton will direct the work. Capt. Murphy of the baseball nine tonight added another to his innovations for the season, by telling players that they might smoke a pipe or a cigar once a day throughout the season. He gave strict orders, however, to stop at cigarette smoking.

## FOREST ANNUAL NEARLY DONE

Are to Give Banquet Which Will Become Annual Affair.

Work is being rapidly completed on the first number of the Forest club annual to be published this spring. The editorials and articles are nearly all in and the financial support of the book has been provided for.

The club held its regular meeting Tuesday evening. A large number of visitors were present to hear Professor P. B. Barker of the state farm, who spoke on the "Formation of Forest Soils" and Professor Alvan Keyser, who spoke on "Moisture Studies in Forest Soils."

At the business meeting held after the program it was decided among other things to give a banquet or similar entertainment some time during the spring. For the purpose of making all arrangements for this affair a committee consisting of T. E. Miller, chairman; J. S. Boyce and Clarence Korstein was appointed. This banquet is to be held each year on the same date and so to become an annual institution of the club.

Several students of the department will leave Friday for Halsey, Neb., where they will remain for two or three weeks, getting practical experience in nursery culture and field planting. The largest government nursery in the United States, comprising ten acres, is located there. This trip is made each year by a number of students from the Forestry department to gain the political training there offered.

## "CREAM" SIDE WINS IN CONTEST

Banquet Will Be Tendered the Visitors on Thursday.

The Y. W. C. A. membership contest closed Monday at 6 p. m. with the "Cream" side winning from the "Scarlet" by a score of seventy to sixty.

The contest has been far from a one-sided affair throughout. When it started, March 15, the "Cream" side began to gather in members, leaving its competitor far behind. The "Scarlet" side awoke to this fact after several days and, getting busy, soon had the lead in the race for new members. The "Cream" side worked hard to regain its lost position but the contest seemed as good as lost to them Monday morning. During the last day they put forth every effort, and by 6 o'clock had made up the lost ground and passed the "Scarlet" side almost as "time" was called.

This has been by far the most exciting membership contest ever waged by the Y. W. C. A. Thursday evening the members of the "Scarlet," or losing side, will give a banquet for those of the "Cream" side. This is the penalty agreed upon by both sides previous to entering on the campaign.

## SIGMA CHI WINS BALL GAME

Defeats Phi Kappa Psi by a Score of 9 to 6.

Sigma Chi defeated Phi Kappa Psi by a score of 9 to 6 in a game played at the Vine street grounds yesterday. The game was won in the fourth inning, when the Sigma Chis batted in six runs. Batteries: Phi Kappa Psi, Driscoll and Wangerin; Sigma Chi, Johnson and Smith.

Baked beans, baked on the premises and served hot with delicious brown bread, 10c, at The Boston Lunch.

## BURKETT AT TEMPLE

SPOKE AT SPECIAL CONVOCATION YESTERDAY.

## TALKS OF UNIVERSITY MEN

DECLARES THAT HE BELIEVES IN PARTISANSHIP.

Makes Many Epigrammatic Statements and Uses Stories to Drive Home His Points—Large Audience Present.

Before a large audience of students at a special convocation yesterday morning United States Senator E. J. Burkett delivered an address on the subject "The University Man in Politics." Senator Burkett's address contained many epigrams and proved very interesting to those who heard him. Senator Burkett said in part:

"My presence here today is a result of a promise made two years ago. It seems to be the general opinion that a United States senator always has time to make speeches upon any subject. This is a delusion, however, for such a thing is a physical as well as mental impossibility. A senator's task is very exacting, for he has a million examiners which include those who are able to judge and those who are not. We are always under a scrutinizing observation of the people and we have to come before them for approval at election times.

### Show Great Capacity.

"This is a grand government, and it is grand because the system works. No people anywhere have shown the capacity and the energy that the American people have shown, and it behooves us to seek to maintain this same condition. There is an object behind the bills for the appropriation of money for the support of the schools, and this object is the public welfare. It has taken a long time for this idea to percolate through the heads of people and still even in the case of some United States senators there at times arises some objection to the spending of money for this purpose. It seems that the Western people are more liberal in this respect than the people of the East. No one, to my knowledge, has even been criticized for supporting the appropriations for our schools.

"But I came to talk about the university man in politics. He is in politics already. Nineteen per cent of our presidents and fifty-two per cent of our congressmen are college men. As long as the college man is in politics right ideas should prevail, because of his superior training. However, not all college graduates are good. Senator Platt, republican boss of New York, and Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, were college men.

"I believe that the government has not sufficiently used the pent up energies of our colleges, but college men are very rapidly coming to the front and their influence is spreading. President Roosevelt has been guiding the opinions of the people during the last eight years. College men have been called around him. I will welcome the time when economic rule will prevail and guide men's opinions rather than precedent and prejudice. The departments of our schools should be assisting in the solution of our problems.

### Much Common Sense.

"The university man should not run the government. The common people have a vast amount of common sense.

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