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COLLEGE LIFE ATTRACTS HIM
Farmer at Vandalia, Missouri, Sells His Farm and Goes Back to School With His Son—Is Popular With Students.

At the agricultural school of the University of Missouri they are witnessing the strange spectacle of a father and son both registered as regular students and both taking the same work. Elmer E. Vanatta, a farmer of Vandalia, Mo., 46 years old, became so interested in the letters that his son wrote home from college that he sold the homestead and himself became a student. He has done more than "catch up" with his son. He has been so good in his studies that he was elected a member of the honorary fraternity of his department, although his son has not been able to win that honor and has been there three years.

There in the 80's. "Vanatta, Senior," was a student in the University of Missouri in 1883-4, but married a girl in Stephens college, and did not finish his course. They returned to his home at Vandalia, Mo., and bought a farm. When Earl S. Vanatta, his son, had finished high school he sent him to Columbia, his alma mater, to take the agricultural course. When Earl wrote home about the course at the university, he could not stand the temptation, so sold his farm, moved to Columbia, bought property and entered the university. He obtained special permission to take extra work, and ever since has carried a third more studies than the ordinary student.

In his freshman year, he made the highest grades in his class, and thus received the benefit of the extra credit for excellence of work. He was even excused from the examination in chemistry, the hardest course the freshman "farmer" has to take, because of the high grades he made in the course.

Undecided As to Future. Mr. Vanatta is undecided as to what he will do upon graduation from the university. He has already had the experience that the other students have to get and on graduation will probably specialize in some line of agriculture, and become a teacher.

COMMITTEE SUGGESTS SUBJECTS

Questions for Prize Contest Announced by Prof. Laughlin. The committee in charge of the Hart, Schaffner & Marx prizes of \$300 and \$200 for undergraduates of American colleges have announced the subjects which are suggested as appropriate ones to be worked up. These subjects are not, however, compulsory and any economic subject may be chosen by the student if so desired. The seven subjects which have been recommended are as follows:

1. The effect of labor unions on international trade.
 2. The best means of raising the wages of the unskilled.
 3. A comparison between the theory and the actual practice of protectionism in the United States.
 4. A scheme for an ideal monetary system for the United States.
 5. The true relation of the central government to trusts.
 6. How much of J. S. Mills economic system survives?
 7. A central bank as a factor in a financial crisis.
- The winning essays will be published in book form at the discretion of the committee, which consists of Professor Laughlin, of the University of Chicago; Professor J. B. Clark, Columbia University; Professor Henry C. Adams, University of Michigan; Horace Wright, Esq., New York City, and Edwin F. Gay, Harvard University. The papers are to be handed in by June, 1910.

University Forum

Lincoln, April 19, 1909.

To the Editor of the Nebraskan: In the Saturday number of the Nebraskan appeared a quotation from one of our most loved and lovable faculty men to the effect that it is not only emphatically true that college students are extremely selfish as a class, but that the individual student ought to be self-centered, and must be so, if his school work is to be successful.

The harshest criticisms are often passed upon universities by people who have discerned the veiled presence of this feeling in university life, and now so frank a statement has been made of it by a man whose utterances are so esteemed I think if is reasonable and pertinent that an opposite thought of student life should be presented quite as frankly and earnestly by some one also a part of the university life.

I believe that selfish self-centeredness is absolutely fatal to the true university spirit and to the realization of the university's highest aim in its students, and for three seasons.

First. I take it that the essence of culture is included in a living interest in human life and all its forms and manifestations. How absurd for a student to "grind" and "dig" at history lessons, trying to find out what people did and how society developed a hundred years ago, and pass by with indifference all his opportunities to observe the history now in the making and the development of the society about him as it is now going on.

Second. The professor referred to admits in a way that self-centeredness is fatal to these important things, but says let the student leave the attitude behind him as he leaves the college doors. Will that work? Are not the days in college those which are most formative of character and especially of mental bent, of one's general attitude toward life?

Third. The reason the state of Nebraska or any other state supports a university is because it expects of it service, and the highest quality of service, in return. But surely it is self-evident that no matter how much of intellectual training a man receives he is not thereby fitted to serve anyone if he has diligently refrained from cultivating the "spirit" of "service." Our country needs leaders, but it needs big-hearted, sympathetic leaders, able to understand the problems of all classes of men. How are our university graduates to be of any use in solving the negro problem, the immigration problem, the labor and capital problem, if during their "learning" years they have purposely neglected to learn the ways of men and women, their prejudices and their feelings?

Respectfully,
AN UNDERGRADUATE.

HAS ANNOUNCED HIS SUBJECT

Theme of Commencement Oration Announced by Mr. Williams. Word has been received from John Sharpe Williams, who has been chosen as commencement orator for the class of 1909 that his subject will be "Dixie Land, Its Place in the Union—Past, Present and Future—And Its Problems."

Mr. Williams is particularly well qualified to speak upon this subject as he has been identified with the progress of the South for many years and has had a broad experience in all lines of public activity. Mr. Williams has been a member of the house of representatives since 1893 and has recently been elected to fill out the term of H. D. Money in the senate, whose term expires in 1911. Mr. Williams studied at the University of Virginia and later graduated from the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He studied law at the University of Virginia, and at Memphis, Tenn., being admitted to the bar in 1877.

Miss Howell, of the department of elocution, went to Omaha last evening, where she will deliver a reading of Jeanne D'Arc, at the opening of the new Y. W. C. A. building in that city.

At The Play Houses


The Majestic.

High class acting and a keen perception in the interpretation of characters in "The Comstock Mystery" by Miss Charlotte Parry and her company at the Majestic this week, produce a skillful delineation of diverse persons such as is seldom seen on a vaudeville stage. Miss Parry is an actress of high dramatic sensibilities and she brings out the smallest touches of character. In "The Comstock Mystery" she assumes the role of seven different people, all with equal display of high class acting. "The Comstock Mystery" has its plot in the murder of a man by the young girl whom he has compromised. Several witnesses are called in by a great detective in running down the crime. Miss Parry works opposite the detective in the seven roles.

Dan Roby, hailed as the black face Harry Luder," pleased last evening's audience even more than Billy Van did last week's crowds. Roby has several new, clean jokes and a good voice for his class of work. He was vociferously applauded last night.

Maxim's Models, being four women and one man, reproduce with much accuracy and vivid detail a series of the world's greatest paintings. Millet's most famous work and a picture of a bath scene took very well.

Valadon, the best magician seen at the Majestic this season, accomplished several puzzling tricks with great rapidity. Hermann's famous lifting trick was done much better than the originator was ever able to do it.

Other numbers on the bill were Mille La Tina, the physical culture girl, and the American Virtuoso.

TO CAMP AT ASHLAND
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the winners of the district contests will fight the championship battle. It is possible that a banquet will be held at 6 p. m. similar to the union school banquet last fall. If this is done the event will take place in the auditorium and will be made one of the features of the day. It is as yet undetermined, however.

SENIOR CONVOCATION TODAY

Annual Program in Memorial Hall at 11 a. m.

At 11 o'clock this morning the senior class will give its convocation program. The exercises have been arranged by a committee of the class and the program is given entirely by class members. The usual freak stunts are not to be had this year and a strictly musical program is provided. Following are the numbers listed:

- Tenor solo—John Ketrledge.
- Trombone solo—S. S. Davis.
- Piano solo—Miss Hilda Chowins.
- Soprano solo—Miss Lorraine Hempel.
- Violin solo—Miss Genevieve Fodrea.

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