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SEM BOT TO HOLD AN INITIATION TOMORROW

UNIQUE ORGANIZATION TO TAKE IN NEW MEMBERS.

ONLY ONE OF THE KIND IN EXISTENCE

Attempts to Organize Similar Institutions in Other Universities Unsuccessful-Twenty-three Years Old.

New members are to be received into the Sem Bot. This noteworthy event is to occur on Friday evening at eight o'clock in the botanical library.

The members who are to be initiated have become eligible to membership to the organization by examination. This examination is one which is very rigid and covers the ground in botany which is covered by the course in Botany I and II. Then the examination goes deeper and takes in the higher courses in botany. If the person examined passes the examination they are initiated and taken into full membership of the organization.

Purpose of Sem Bot.

The purpose of the Sem Bot is to give to the member a proper scientific and botanical spirit. The scientific spirit is one adapted to the principles of the organization and it is instilled into the members of the Sem Bot.

Last year there were twenty-one scientific meetings in which questions were discussed along all phases of botany, and botanical principles. These questions were discussed by certain members of the organization and after they had discussed them fully they were discussed by the members in general. The discussions were open Experimental Work Meets With Sucto all and the statements of the original discussers were literally torn to pieces by the other members.

The origin of the Botanical Seminar. or Sem Bot, as the organization is more commonly known, was purely among the Nebraska university students. Twenty-three years ago seven men who wished to improve themselves along the lines of botanical knowledge decided to organize a society for this purpose. They adopted the name "Botanical Seminar" for their organization and this name has held to the present day. At the time of the organization of the Sem Bot there were very few students in the university, and today there are more students in the botany department alone than there were in the whole university twenty-three years ago. The men were for a long time banded so strongly together that they often indulged in various escapades and things of the fun-loving type. They soon settled down to serious work and at this time they adopted the custom of having a pie feed at the end of the initiation of new members. After serious work had been adopted these same men organized a botanical survey of the state. They published ten or twelve pamphlets which materially aided them in their work in the knowledge of botany.

For a long time the members of the Sem Bot were very much opposed to the allowing of girls to become members of the organization. Finally they agreed to allow the co-eds to join the organization, and today the girls are nearly as numerous as the boys.

Unique Organization.

The organization of the Botanical Seminar is unique in several ways. There is no other organization in the United States that is in any way similar to it. Dr. Clements of the botanical department of the University of Minnesota, who was one of the early members of the seminar, has attempted to organize a Sem Bot in that school, but as yet his efforts have not been particularly successful.

The secret of the success of the Nebraska organization has been the fact that it was founded by the students and is today conducted mainly by the students. There are, of course, faculty members of the organization, but they do not attempt to control affairs, and this is all left to the students. The success may be easily seen from the fact that the society has lived for the past twenty-three years and today is stronger than it ever was before.

NEW PLANTS FOR NEBRASKA, ACACIA ANNOUNCES PLEDGES

University Herbarium Orders Additional Plants From Philippines.

Between seven and eight hundred plants that have never been before listed in the university herbarium have been ordered for the botany department this week. These plants are to come from the Philippines and are to be listed with the other thousand plants that the department has from that part of the world. Last year the university received about 1,000 plants from the island of Minranao and this year the plants are to come from the island of Luzon. These plants in all will make a fine general herbarium of the Philippine plants.

A RARE PLANT ON THE CAMPUS.

University to Grow a Rare European Plant on the Campus and at the

..... State Farm. The botanical department received this week a small quantity of seeds of one of the rarest plants known in Europe and unknown in America except in the herbariums. The seeds were sent to the department by Professor R. Blanchard of Paris and some of them will be experimented with on the university campus and also on the state farm campus. Some will be sent to different parts of the United States where their growth will be watched with great interest as to the possibility of growing them in this country. The seeds are of the plant eryngium and practically unknown in the United elected. States as a growing plant.

NEBRASKA RAISES RICE.

cess in Raising This Plant.

The university is a rice grower. Experimental work in the growing of rice in Nebraska was attempted on the university campus this summer and Tuesday this small patch of rice was harvested. A small sheaf of the plant was gathered and a large number of the kernels were ripe. These kernels will be planted next year and their growth will be watched with interest. The rice that was planted was common Louisiana rice and an attempt will be made to make this rice adapted to the climate of Nebraska.

GRADUATES ARE SUCCESSFUL

Nebraska Graduates Meet With Success in the Philippine Islands.

A letter from two of the men who graduated from the university last spring tell that they are meeting with excellent success in their work in the Philippines. The men are G. Pagaduan, who has entered the employ of the government as a teacher in the public schools, and T. Tapacaio, who has also entered the employ of the government in the forest service. These men were educated in Nebraska, and upon their return to the far east were tendered a large reception, where they both replied to the toast of "My Impressions of the United States." They were obliged to enter the employ of the government as they had been under contract to do this after receiving their education through the appropriation of congress for this pur-

FIRE ALARM IN MECHANIC ARTS.

Open Steam Pipe Let Clouds of Steam Into Room and Professor Thought It Was Smoke.

Due to a janitor's carelessness in not reporting the loss of a cap on the end of a steam line in the dissecting room of the medical students some excitement was caused in the Mechanical Arts building Monday morning.

Professor Morse upon coming to the building in the morning noticed what appeared to be dense clouds of smoke appearing from the windows of the room. Obtaining aid and a fire extinguisher he rushed upstairs, and upon breaking open the door he found the room full of steam.

Very little damage was done besides a slight wetting of the walls and contents of the room, which were covered with condensed steam.

Masonic Fraternity Will Take in Ten New Men This Semester.

Acacia, the Masonic fraternity, has just announced its list of pledges. Ten men are pledged. The list of names follows: T. L. Griswold, Charles D. Kunkel, Joseph W. Keifer, James B. Harvey, Edwin L. Currier, Royal M. Ravenscroft, Eloise Elwell, L. J. Knoll, Geo. N. Lamb and Millian Scott.

CLUB MEETS TONIGHT. CO. 'A"

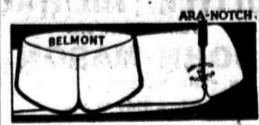
Organization Formed Last Spring Will Elect Officers and Initiate New Members.

Company A will hold their first meeting under their new organization tonight. The organization is known as the "Company A Club," and was organized the evening of competitive drill last spring. At their meeting to night they will elect new officers. All of these officers will be elected from the privates and non-commissioned of gcers of the company. This is done in order that the non-commissioned men may feel that they have more of an active part in the organization.

Besides the election of officers the club will initiate the new members. These new members constitute all of is a pledge to Beta Theta Pi and is the new men enrolled in the company reported to have the backing of a this semester. The evening's program will also include talks by four or five of the old captains of company A and will be closed by a pie feed.

NOTICE, JUNIORS.

All juniors interested in class football will meet in the gymnasium at greaves pledged Sigma Chi last Monalpinum, which is very rare in Europe 11 a. m. Friday. A captain will be day and Saunders joined Alpha Tau



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FOUR FRESHMEN ARE NOW OUT.

Wherry of Pawnee City Last Man to Announce Desire for Presidency.

Arthur Wherry of Pawnee City yesterday announced his candidacy for the presidency of the freshman class, this making the fourth first year man to come out for the office. Wherry number of the Lincoln high school men now in the univeristy.

The other three candidates announced are Richard Hargreaves of Lincoln, Coe Buchanan of Omaha and Thad Saunders of Beatrice. Har-Omega. Buchanan is a "barb."

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