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STRANGE SITUATIONS OF CHRISTOPHER JEDBURY, JR.

THE TRIALS OF AN EXTRA- VAGANT STUDENT.

A QUIET MARRIAGE BY PROXY

The Appearance of the Loved One and
Discovery of the Unknown Wife
Make Interesting Plot.

"Christopher Jedbury, Jr.," the play which will be presented by the Dramatic club on Saturday, April 8, is of a type which has not been acted by university Thespians in recent years. The play itself is the usual farce-comedy, but the plot turns around a very unusual situation and is laid in climates not often visited by members of the University of Nebraska.

Christopher Jedbury, Jr., is the son of an irascible self-made Englishman. He has been drawn innocently into an entanglement, and as a result is married without knowing more of his wife than her name, in fact, since the marriage was by proxy, without even seeing her. In this marital position, his father sends him to London to study for the bar, in order that the family of Jedbury may become of genteel rank.

A Student's Poverty.

The play opens with the father's visit to London, caused by his son's extravagance. The lad, wisely, has prepared for the visit, and the poverty of his rooms gives no key to the manner in which his funds have been spent. The lad is told that his only escape from debt and his father's displeasure is marriage. He is told to give his answer next week. In despair, he asks a friend, a rising young barrister by the name of Bellaby, to ascertain the whereabouts of his wife.

In the second act, Jedbury, Sr., receives a letter from Bellaby intended for the son which discloses the secret marriage. In anger he disowns the son, but relenting, sends him to India to work out his fortunes under an assumed name. Before Christopher leaves the house, he meets his intended, who is also going to India with her uncle, and falls desperately in love with her.

The Long-Lost Wife.

The last two acts bring the story to a happy ending. Christopher discovers the misconduct of the Bombay manager of his father's firm and wins his forgiveness, while in Dora Hedway, his beloved, he finds his long-lost wife. These two acts are laid in India and the staging of them is a difficult task for an amateur performance.

Comedy is lent to the farce by the amusing by-play between the father and mother of the hero, who always speak to each other through the medium of a third person, and by the Glibbs, the husband small, unassuming and meek, who speaks but once during the piece, and the wife, large and imposing, with a tongue of the slippery kind, who talks continually of her husband's virtues.

Clarence Clark, who has proved himself a most efficient stage manager for previous productions of the Dramatic club, the junior play and the Glee club concert, will handle the same position on "Christopher Junior." F. C. McConnell is the director of the play and has been assisted in the coaching by Miss Howell and Searl Davis.

Tickets for this play are now on sale

at the book stores and by members of the cast. The usual prices will prevail. Reservations may be made at the Temple box office today.

PLEASANT SONG RECITAL.

Mrs. Lillian Helms Delights Audience
With "Songs of Spring."

Mrs. Lillian Helms gave a very pleasing song recital at convocation yesterday morning. Mrs. Helms has appeared often before university audiences and seems to grow in popularity each time. Her recital was composed of "Songs of Spring," and each number was received with great applause.

RELIEF FOR CITY CAMPUS

SENATE FAVORABLE TO AN AP-
PROPRIATION AMOUNTING
TO \$150,000.

The state senate has passed favorably on an item of \$150,000 to be used in constructing new buildings or adding to others on the main campus as the board of regents may determine.

It is exclusively for construction that will afford relief from the congested conditions with poorly-ventilated basement rooms and from dire necessity should Nebraska hall need much repairing—or tumble—within the next two years.

This amount is entirely separate from the amount appropriated out of the income from the one mill levy which is for maintenance of the present plant.

It is hoped that the house will concur in this action of the senate. If it does not, the board of regents will be compelled to limit the attendance or to rent buildings now standing or to put up new temporary structures to house the students. Even if the university is eventually removed, the erection of new buildings justifies itself in affording relief for a few years.

Some of the legislators are led to believe, however, that the institution can be served best by building solely at the university farm. The principal advocate of this theory is one of the agricultural professors who is owner of considerable real estate near or adjoining the farm, and who has been lobbying for removal of the university even since the defeat, according to reports that are rife about the campus.

Touching this point, has there not been a direct violation of the regents' rule prohibiting university professors from lobbying? The authorities refuse to say anything in answer except to admit that complaints have been made and that the matter would be investigated.

BETAS HOLD CONVENTION.

Delegates from Four Schools in Lin-
coln to Attend Gathering.

The local chapter of Beta Theta Pi, one of the oldest and strongest of the

many national fraternities, is entertaining the annual convention of District XI of the fraternity. The chapters included in the district are: Minnesota university, Minneapolis, Minn.; Iowa university, Iowa City, Iowa; Iowa state college, Ames, Iowa; Iowa Wesleyan, Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Nebraska university, Lincoln, Neb. E. E. Nicholson of Minneapolis, the district chief, is here for the reunion. Many chapters have sent large delegations in addition to the official delegates and many alumni from Iowa and Nebraska are in the city for the convention.

Friday night the local chapter entertains the delegates and alumni at a party given in their honor at the Lincoln hotel, and the reunion banquet is to be held Saturday night at the Lindell.

The fraternity was founded at Miami, Ohio, in 1839, and includes among its members a long list of men of public renown. Four of the members of the supreme court of the United States, Harlan, Lurton, Vandeventer and Lamar, are Betas, as is also U. S. senator from Nebraska, Norris Brown, Iowa '83. Alpha Tau, the local chapter, was established in 1888 at Nebraska university, and is one of the oldest fraternities in the school.

HOUSE UPHOLDS M'BRIEN

TIBBETS RESOLUTION IS VOTED
DOWN 61 TO 29
THURSDAY.

The house of representatives yesterday afternoon refused to adopt the resolution by Senator Tibbets which proposed to deprive the extension department of maintenance funds. The vote was decisive, 61 to 29. The action of the house virtually ends the anti-McBrien agitation. Had the house concurred in the resolution the regents would probably have had to find other means of paying Mr. McBrien's salary. This could have been done with funds secured from the federal government in case the regents did not wish to offend the legislature by using state funds for the purpose. However, this would not have changed the moral effect of the measure.

Early in the session a house committee investigated the extension department and made a report favorable to it.

SPECIAL MUSICAL AT VESPERS.

Convocation Program This Afternoon
a Good One.

The special music for vespers tomorrow will consist of a violin solo by Professor August Molzer of the university school of music, "Romanza," from the second concerto by Wieniawski. Owing to the illness of Mr. Walt, Professor Molzer will also play in the string quartet, whose number is to be a movement from Gieg's Peer Gynt suite. The chorus will sing "The Palms."

SWEELEY AND COFFEE WIN IN ELECTIONS

McBRIEN DEFEATED 180 TO 130
AND FITZGERALD 172 TO 138.

PERSONAL ELEMENT FIGURES

Bitter Fight for Managing Editor and
Dinsmore is Overwhelmed by
Alpha Theta Chi.

Yesterday at the sophomore meeting Ralph C. Sweeley of Omaha was elected for managing editor of the 1912 Cornhusker. He defeated Dean McBrien by a vote of 180 to 130. Harry Coffee of Chadron was chosen for business manager over J. M. Fitzgerald, the vote being 172 to 138. Both men elected have had experience in newspaper work and are capable young business men.

Freshman Law Caucus.

The freshman laws held a caucus before the meeting, and, after a heated debate and some charge of machine politics, decided to endorse Sweeley and Fitzgerald. The fraternities and sororities had been thoroughly canvassed and classmen turned out en masse. A number of upper classmen, mostly fraternity brothers and close friends of the candidates, sat in the gallery to witness the lively proceedings.

The campaign was one of the hottest that has ever been waged at the university and many upper classmen took part. Both sides were well organized and used every reasonable, and some unreasonable, means in forwarding the interests of their favorites. The McBrien forces seemed to be under the leadership of A. H. Dinsmore, while Sweeley's band was under the personal direction of the Alpha Theta Chi fraternity.

Personal Feeling Ran High.

Personal feeling was everywhere evident, not so much between the candidates themselves as among their supporters and friends. All morning every device from intimidation to persuasion was used to weaken the opposing side. This undoubtedly accounted for the fact that it was necessary for President Phillips to call on a number of "sophomores" to move to the gallery.

In one instance objection was raised to one man for the reason that he was a junior. The accused party was not convinced, and upon further questioning admitted that he was a member of the junior debating team, although he had worked in a couple of outside credits in order to be eligible. "All right. You're a traitor; go to the gallery," was the decision of President Phillips, and the balloting was begun. In spite of the fact that Fitzgerald ran closer to Coffee than did McBrien to Sweeley, there was less interest in the election of manager and the personal element did not become a factor.

HOLD BI-MONTHLY BANQUET.

Mystic Mugs Meet at Festal Board
and Discuss Wills.

The Mystic Mugs held their bi-monthly banquet last night at the Lindell hotel. H. Bloedorn presided as toastmaster. The meeting was given over to a general discussion of the subject of wills and the following toasts were responded to: "Making of Wills," Dale Boyes; "Form of Wills," C. M. Sommerville; "Attestation," W. J. Scott; "Publication," Jack Christmas; "Revocation," H. R. Ankeny.

The Dramatic Club

Presents

'Christopher, Junior'

TEMPLE THEATRE

APRIL 8