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WRITES THE PRIZE PLAY

FRED BALLARD, MEMBER CLASS OF 1909, WINS FIRST PLACE IN CRAIG CONTEST.

WRITING PLAY AS A BUSINESS

Play Favorably Commented on by Boston Papers—Had to Compete With Many Strong Productions.

John Frederick Ballard, a former Nebraska man, has been awarded the John Craig prize for the best play written by Harvard and Radcliffe students, according to a letter recently received by Miss Alice Howell of the Department of Elocution from Professor Daniel Ford, formerly of this University, but now located in Minneapolis.

In addition to the cash prize of \$500, Mr. Ballard receives weekly royalties from his play, which will, after the season is over, net him a nice little fortune. In his letter to Mr. Ford, the playwright also states that the play which took second place was one written by a Kentucky man and himself in collaboration.

Mr. Ballard was a member of the class of 1905 and two years later took his master's degree. While in his senior year he displayed an interest in theatrical affairs, and after entering Harvard became a prominent member of Professor Baker's class in playwriting. In the interim between his college courses he spent in Colorado and Chicago. While in the latter place he served two seasons as a stage hand at the Illinois and Garrick theatres, where he got a considerable amount of his training in the technique of the stage.

The title of the prize play is, "Believe Me, Xantippe," and is an effective and original play of American life and manners. Copies of the Boston Transcript and the Boston Post have devoted considerable space to an analysis of the play and to a sketch of the author. All of these accounts make prominent mention of the fact that Ballard was a student at the University of Nebraska before entering Harvard.

Mr. Ballard is now residing in Cambridge, and is writing plays as a business, having dropped out of college temporarily at least. He is secretary of the MacDowell Memorial Colony, and is prominent in literary circles in Boston.

REITZEL GOES TO CHICAGO.

Will Attend Conference of Y. M. C. A. Secretaries with J. W. Nipps.

Secretary R. J. Reitzel of the Y. M. C. A., and Mr. J. W. Nipps went to Chicago Sunday evening to attend a conference of student secretaries of the middle west. There they will discuss some of the important problems that have come up at the present time. They will return Tuesday.

CONDRA CONSIDERED AUTHORITY

Is to Edit Important Industrial Series—Will Be Up-to-Date Reference Works.

Dr. G. E. Condra, head of the department of geography and conservation recently entered into contract with one of the largest publishing houses whereby he is to edit several volumes in a series of industrial readers. The books, five or six of which will be put out next year, will take up in a systematic way the leading resources of the United States, and their industrial development. Each volume will be written by a competent authority on that subject. The authors are selected from the universities and colleges. Prof. Bengston will write one of the books.

For several years Prof. Condra has been urged to take over this work on account of his close relation to the national conservation work. Moreover, he is considered one of the best posted men on economic conditions in the United States, and is able to speak authoritatively on each subject to be treated.

The books will be similar to those put out by Prof. Tarr of Cornell and will be brought down to date. Besides being books that will appeal to the public they may be used for references and as text books in the schools and colleges.

EXHIBIT NOW IN FULL SWING

Quality and Selection of Pictures Surpasses Previous Exhibits—"The Two Fishermen" Attractive.

The annual art exhibit commenced Saturday evening with a reception for the stockholders of the Nebraska Art Association in the gallery, Library Hall. Professor Grummann, who has been in charge of the hanging of the pictures, says that it is the best exhibit that has been held for ten years. Though there are not quite as many pictures as were secured for the exhibit last year the quality and selection surpasses any seen in the gallery for several years.

The picture that is attracting most attention and is really the masterpiece of the exhibit is "The Two Fishermen," painted by C. W. Hawthorne of New York. The picture is about five feet by seven. It is hung at the center of the north wall and being so large attracts the first attention of the visitors upon entering the room.

During the exhibit, which continues until January 4, there will be several talks made by persons interested in painting and the fine arts. The first of these will be this evening by W. M. R. French, director of the Chicago Institute of Fine Arts, and brother of Chester M. French, the sculptor of the Lincoln monument.—W. N.

Eighty Members and Alumni Gather Around Festal Board For 41st Annual Banquet.

Saturday evening at the Lindell Hotel the Palladians held their forty-first annual banquet, one which eclipsed all former spreads and for which the managers, Sherman Wiebe and Igeria Montgomerie, came in for a large amount of credit. From 6:30 till the time they sat down to the banquet table the parlors were filled with laughter and merriment, the newer members getting better acquainted, the others reassuring themselves that they were acquainted, while the alumni recalled with pleasure those "good old days."

At 7:30 sixty active members and twenty alumni gathered in the banquet hall. Chancellor Avery, toastmaster, before introducing the speakers, proposed a toast to the health of Prof. Caldwell, the guest of honor, who, on account of illness, could not be present.

The alumni speakers, Mrs. F. A. Staff, Prof. Chase, and F. T. A. Williams revived the incidents of the early days of the university. The active members offering toasts were Mabel Daniels, Elsie Embrey, E. C. Gee and M. V. Arnold.

SCIPPIO SAFE IN THE BALKANS

Former Nebraskan Professor Writes That Americans Are Not Affected by Turkish War.

The Balkan war is not causing Professor and Mrs. L. A. Scippio much worry, according to a letter just received by friends in Lincoln. Mrs. Scippio in the course of a letter to Mrs. A. J. Morley of this city says: "No harm has as yet come to us, but for several days the heavy cannonading kept our windows trembling. The American marines have been guarding the college for several weeks, and are keeping us in a good frame of mind."

Professor Scippio was formerly an instructor in the College of Engineering, and last year resigned to accept a position in a college in Constantinople founded and operated by local Americans.

FRENCH TO ILLUSTRATE SPEECH

Founder of Chicago School of Art Lectures at Convocation.

Mr. W. M. R. French, the founder of the present School of Fine Arts in Chicago, a school with a worldwide fame, will deliver a lecture at convocation this morning. The lecture will be one of unusual interest to those whom art in its many forms is a delight, for it will emphasize the striking, interesting side of art. Mr. French will illustrate his lecture with sketches as he talks, showing the transformation that can be produced in a picture by a few simple lines, added or erased.

BACKING ALMA MATER

WITH PUBLICATION OF NEW BULLETIN GRADS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CAMPUS.

PUBLICITY TO BE THE SLOGAN

Alumni Association Will Issue Journal Devoted to News and Boasting for the University's Expansion.

Making its initial bow to the alumni of the University over the country, the first issue of the new Alumni Bulletin came off the press Saturday of last week. It closely resembles the University Journal, the mission of which it is partly fulfilling, in both size, quality of paper, and arrangement of material.

Its appearance, according to the initial editorial, is due to a demand on the part of the alumni, to whom it now belongs. It is dedicated to the upbuilding of the University in all its departments. George W. Cline, the secretary of the Alumni Association, is the editor of the publication, the campus news of which will be under the charge of Prof. A. A. Reed.

The address made by N. Z. Snell, treasurer of the association, setting forth the policy of the organized forces of the alumni, is the leading article in the Bulletin. In effect the article also sets forth the purpose of the paper, which is the official organ of the Nebraska graduates and ex-students. It pleads, first, for harmonious action between the University authorities and the alumni association, second, for the Chancellor and the regents to map out a definite plan of action; third, that the alumni of the state get back of the proposition and give it cordial and hearty support; and fourth, that the legislature and the people be treated with the utmost fairness. Publicity is to be the slogan of the association, so that the people of the state may know the actual needs of the University and the legislature may realize the need of sufficient appropriations.

The Bulletin is to be the means of keeping the alumni in touch with the conditions on the campus and among the "old guard." Articles setting forth the needs or gains on the campus, alumni notes, and current campus notes make up the contents of the paper. It is to be issued semi-monthly.—M. V.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT Y. W.

Girls to Gather This Afternoon For Special Meeting.

The Tuesday afternoon meeting of the Y. W. C. A. girls will take the form of a Christmas program, in which all the co-eds are invited to take part. Miss Claire McPhee will tell a Christmas tale and there will be a special musical program, a string trio and a solo by Miss Longman.