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IL TROVATORE

In this day of ballyhoo where such phrases as "the best ever", "absolutely the only thing of its kind", etc., are so abused, the general public takes such statements with a grain of salt. It is for this reason, perhaps, that many do not appreciate the greatness of the approaching musical event in which the Chicago Civic Opera Company will present "Il Trovatore" at the Coliseum Thursday evening.

It is seldom that a city the size of Lincoln is able to offer such a musical presentation. The seating capacity of the Coliseum together with the co-operation of the citizens of the city with the University are the unique features which make such a presentation possible.

Such a combination has enabled those sponsoring the event to offer tickets at an unusually low price. Where the general admission tickets are placed at \$2.75 at Denver and \$3. at Tulsa, they are being sold at \$1 here. If the Coliseum is filled Thursday evening it will be the largest crowd that the company has played to.

The "Il Trovatore" given here is identical with the performance given in the Auditorium Theatre at Chicago. It has received the hearty approval of the University and students are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to see one of the world's greatest operas.

Announcement is made of a new \$5,000,000 university to be built near Hollywood, Cal. But probably the directors will go right on making pictures of college life according to the ideas they got from the funny papers of 1898.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE STUDENT WHO FAILS

In the pursuit of extra-curricular activities there is, oftentimes, a student who, through politics or personal prejudice, is deprived of the position for which he has been striving. Campus recognition, which seems teasingly near as he had labored hour after hour in completing the duties assigned as preparatory to the coveted position, now spurns his efforts and heaps its superficial honors on the favored aspirant. The praise and congratulations bestowed on the victor seems to him an indication that he is already an outsider. The sympathies and compensations offered by friends are blows to his wounded pride.

Usually, the student, misunderstanding sympathy for pity, withdraws entirely from campus life to reflect upon his personal grievances and assume a "sour grapes" attitude.

But once in a while there is one that refuses to be deprived of his right to participate in activities. He conquers his injured pride and turns to other fields where, though perhaps in a smaller measure, he may seek distinction and friendships.

He does not always achieve one of the "big" positions. He is not always considered by those-about-campus as one who "controls things". His friends who have reached the goals for which they were striving think of his former fruitless efforts and say "Too bad! He is a failure!"

But has he failed? Perhaps his reward is greater than that of the prominent activity man who had attained popularity through the efforts of others. For he goes out into the world experienced in the ignominy of failure, the fickleness of popularity, and the satisfaction that comes in the difficult struggle back to success.

The Cynic Says:

"Lindy May Be Here in April" says the Lincoln Star. Will the Corn Cob publicity men please note?

In Other Columns

ST. PATRICK

Ireland is said to be one of the very few places on earth where there are no snakes. According to popular tradition, St. Patrick, the Apostle of Erin, found the lovely little emerald isle overrun with the slimy, crawling creatures and drove them out.

He used prayer to do so; and, so, he accomplished a two-fold object; he demonstrated the power of prayer, and also gave convincing proof of the fact that there isn't anything so venomous and vicious but must yield and succumb to properly directed effort.

Whether the snakes banished from Ireland were actual, physical ones, or of the more insidious spiritual kind, history does not make clear. For the purpose of this editorial, however, it will be just as well to assume that they were of the spiritual type, such as the "snake" of Selfishness, the "snake" of Injustice, and the "snake" of Cruelty. Selfishness, of course, is the biggest one—the mother of practically all the other "snakes."

And this makes St. Patrick's achievement of significance for this and any other country, no less than for Ireland. For just as soon as some divinely inspired apostle is able to make the people realize that less blunf and more prayer is needed to counteract the all-prevailing selfishness which is the besetting sin of the human race, the other "snakes" will slink away and leave the world a reasonably pleasant place to live in.

For instance, there wouldn't be so much trouble

for nations to get together to scotch war and put it out of commission if some modern St. Patrick taught the world to make in genuine sincerity some universal prayer such as the following:

Almighty Source of All,
 increase my faith and sympathy,
 and direct my selfishness,
 that I be not unjust or cruel
 to any creature,
 but helpful if possible,
 and thereby merit health,
 peace and happiness on earth
 and eternal rest in Thee.

It was our own great Washington who said that nations can never be of a higher morality than the individuals who compose it. If this is true—and there is no reason to doubt it—the dream of a world-wide permanent peace will probably never be realized until the spiritual "snakes" which writhe and wriggle in the hearts of individual men are driven out by another St. Patrick.

Until that day arrives, the most solemn treaty is liable to be regarded by almost any nation as "a scrap of paper", when in a grave crisis the treaty is thought to be the one insuperable obstacle to the national well-being.

So, let us pray! —St. Bona Venture.

If you want to save money on toilet articles trade at the Book Store—Advertisement in a mid-western college paper. Likewise, we urge, if you want to save money on books, trade at the Drug Store. Or if you want to save money on liquor, go to church. —Intercollegiate Press.

EDUCATIONAL IMPOTENCE

Considerable thought and discussion in colleges has recently been devoted to the rather extraordinary views expressed by Robert Cooley Angell, assistant professor of sociology at the University of Michigan, in his article "Roots of College Evils", which appeared in a current number of the Forum magazine. He listed several reasons which he asserted to be causing the so-called impotence of higher education.

From the text of the article the principal reason for educational impotence as advanced by Mr. Angell is the "absence of any firmly established cultural background in American family life." Doubtless this is more or less fundamental, and gives rise to a number of immediate causes which are quite apparent to the undergraduate onlooker. Such causes center in the theme of "the American devotion to the immediately practical."

Few people will contradict the universality of the "practical American," and they will accept his demand for an education along practical lines as consistent with a logical social development. However, those educators who have fully acquired their literary tendencies, love of ideals, and general viewpoints on higher education, are naturally reluctant to accept even slightly revolutionary changes in the system. If the college is performing its function of preparing young men and women "to meet actual situations arising out of contact with others in every day life" intelligently and unflinchingly, is there more than a slight evidence of impotency either expressed or implied?

As it has so often been said that a small number of fleas are good for a dog, it is equally true that the few admitted evils of the college are not causing its ruin. Student thought, though it may be more disorganized than seventy-five years ago, at least can be defended as capable of recognizing the changing needs in social development.—Syracuse Daily Orange.

AMONG MY SOUVENIRS

I've quite a few things here
 From days I hold so dear;
 Towels from far and near
 Among my souvenirs.

A silver spoon or two
 Tarnished now, 'tis true,
 And marked "Hotel Depeux"
 Among my souvenirs.

Knives and forks as well
 From every swell hotel
 Where I have chanced to dwell
 They hold no consolation.

But I shall never rest
 Until my hand has pressed
 A Ritz head-waiter's vest
 Among my souvenirs.

—Syracuse Daily Orange.

Remember, knees are joints, not entertainments.
 —Wisconsin Cardinal.

WHO'S TO BLAME?

A recent survey at the University of Kansas, made in an attempt to discover reasons for certain courses being boring or valueless, brought out the fact that it is not merely the students who are to blame. Certain objections were made to the professors themselves. Among these were: that the instructor did not know how to get his material over to others, that he did not organize his subject, that his personality was distasteful, and that he was too theoretical.

Now, it is quite well recognized that many of the best authorities are men who cannot lecture; but it also is true, as was recently pointed out by one of the Bull Session splashes, that there are numbers of men who have a general scope of a subject, and can present it in such a way as to get the elements over. In regard to organized material, it seems that anyone who sets himself up as a college professor should have learned to put his subject in order. But this is often not the case. As a result, students listening to his lectures don't know just where he is headed. He may have a very potent point to bring out, but if he doesn't bring it out, what good is it?

Professors might do well to look in upon themselves once in a while when they find that a heavy percentage of their students are flunking or getting exceedingly low grades. Some are proud of these low grades, but they should see the marks as a reflection on their own as well as the students' work. Some teachers would be very much surprised to find that the members of their classes give them a low grade. The trouble is that instructors too often fail to apply the same criteria to themselves and their courses that they apply to the work of the pupils.

It might be interesting to see what students think of specific professors and classes. We prophesy that the ones ranking highest would be the professors who deal with their students as individuals, not as mirrors reflecting the words of a lecture back upon a blue book. —Stanford Daily.

Notices

Tuesday, March 27

Democrat Student Voters
 Meeting of Democrat student voters in S. S. 301 Tuesday 7 o'clock. Purpose, Organization—Ethics for National Councilman.

Pershing Rifle Club
 Pershing Rifle Club volunteered to type letters during the coming week meet in Nebraska Hall, room 202, at 4:30 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon.

Sigma Delta Chi
 Regular meeting, Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock in University Hall, room 195A.

R. O. T. C. Parade
 R. O. T. C. regiment will have a parade Tuesday evening, March 27. It will form in line on the north side of the drill field facing north. First call will be blown at 4:30 and assembly at 5 o'clock. Members of Pershing Rifle will drill with their respective companies. All cadets will attend unless properly excused.

Delta Omicron
 Delta Omicron will hold a meeting for pledges and actives at Ellen Smith hall at 9 o'clock this evening.

Wednesday, March 28

Alpha Kappa Psi
 Alpha Kappa Psi will hold an initiation and banquet Wednesday, March 28, at the University Club. The initiation will begin at 4 o'clock and the banquet at 6:30.

Green Gobins
 A meeting of Green Gobins will be held Wednesday evening, March 28, at 7:15 o'clock, at the Delta Upsilon house.

Friday, March 30

All Baptist students are asked to attend the annual B. Y. P. U. banquet at the Second Baptist church, Friday evening, March 30, at 6:30 o'clock. Plates fifty cents.

ing in the executive line, as welfare director in a large department store, as a combination between a social service worker and a nurse, and in connection with editorships of medical magazines for the girls with a nursing diploma, a University degree, and an interest in journalism.

The idea of double professionally trained and interest women was brought out by the speaker in a discussion of library work. Banks and large concerns are putting in a library department and any girl who has correlated library training with a study of romance languages is in great demand as a director.

In speaking of the general business field, Mrs. Robnett stated, "stenography is a stepping stone in almost any field in the business world. The college graduate who knows stenography can always find a position. Those women who have not prepared for any special practical field are the ones that are unable to find jobs. It is not the fact that there are no positions, it is the fact that you have had no practical training," the speaker brought out.

Be Well Dressed
 In closing, Mrs. Robnett again stressed the importance of personality and also the problem of dress. "Business or professional women of today have to, not only be the part, but look the part."

At 2 o'clock Mrs. Robnett led a round table discussion on journalism, at 3 o'clock a round table on library work, and at 4 o'clock a discussion of the field open in cafeteria and tea room management.

Tuesday at 10 o'clock, the round table discussion will deal with the topic of Laboratory work, at 11 o'clock with secretarial work and at noon Mrs. Robnett will address the College of Agriculture in the Student Activities building on "Phases of Home Economics."

"Interior Decorating" will be the topic of the group conference at 3 o'clock Tuesday at Ellen Smith Hall, "Social Service" will be discussed at 4 o'clock, and Mrs. Robnett will speak at Vespers at 5 o'clock on "Personality in Business."

The members of the Associated Women Board will entertain at dinner for Mrs. Robnett, at 6 o'clock at Ellen Smith Hall, and leave the early part of Tuesday evening for Chicago.

Personal conferences may be arranged for, Tuesday morning, at Ellen Smith Hall, for those who wish to talk with Mrs. Robnett on professions which have not been discussed in Round Table.

Mrs. Robnett was brought to the University of Nebraska campus by the Associated Women Student Board because of the felt need among women students, not only seniors, for advise and general information concerning possible professions and vocations and the qualifications necessary. This is the second year that the board had sponsored such a vocational guidance program. Mrs. Robnett leading a similar conference meeting last year the second week in May.

Glee Club Has Booked Towns

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 decided upon. Two towns are bidding for this open date.

May Take Freshmen
 Upperclassmen, for the most part, will make up the personnel of the Glee Club that goes out to represent the University. However, a few exceptions may be made in case of a shortage of voices in certain sections of the musical ensemble, and in this case freshmen may be allowed to fill in. The total number making the trip will probably not exceed twenty-four.

All traveling will be done by train this year. This is an innovation, as in past years the club has usually been transported throughout their trips by automobile. Private homes in the various towns will furnish the lodging and entertainment for the members of the club.

In announcing the proposed program to be presented, Herman T. Decker, director of the vocal unit, stated that it would be featured by several new arrangements. The program itself will be divided into units with the Glee Club, the University

of Nebraska Male quartette, Verne Laing, Charles Calhoun, and Joseph Van Clee, instrumental soloists, and Herman Decker, each taking one or more of the units for their various presentations. Mr. Van Clee is also one of the accompanist for the club.

Below is the program in preparation:

- Unit I—The Glee Club
 Stars of the Summer Night
 Woodbury
- The Heart of You Dvorak
- Sweet Lil' Women Bartlett
- Hark, Hark, the Lark Schubert
- The Volga Boatman Old Russian
- Unit II—Verne Laing, tenor
 Solos Selected
- Unit III—The University of Nebraska Male Quartette
 The Male Quartette Parks
- Honey Town Parks
- Medley from the South Pike
- Unit IV—Charles Calhoun, trombone
 Spirit of Joy Smith
- The Message Brooks
- Joseph Van Clee, piano
 Solos Selected
- Unit V—The Quartette
 Invictus Huhn
- Lullaby Brahm
- Johnny Schmoekler German Student Song
- Unit VI—
 Herman T. Decker, baritone
 John E. Decker, piano
 Solos Selected
- Unit VII—The Glee Club
 Proudly as the Eagle Spohr
- Loves Greeting Elgar
- Peter and his Teeter Tauter Bliss
- Plantation Love Song Taylor
- Drontheim (A Cantata) Protheroe

Work on Mall Moves Rapidly

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 cleared, and fills made with the dirt that is being scraped from the plot. Plans for a larger and more beautiful campus are being realized as the work of excavating goes on, and something can be seen of the mall area as it will appear in finished form.

Earth is Moved
 Twelve thousand cubic yards of earth will have been taken from the plot when the project is completed. Much of this surplus earth is being graded in about the coliseum and will be used in leveling and smoothing up the entire mall plot. The two houses remaining on the corner south of the coliseum have been vacated and will be removed soon. The excavating and grading of the

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contracted by the A. T. Stewart Company of Lincoln, will be completed by the first week in May, at a cost of \$3,000.

Memorial Mall, according to O. A. Ellis, engineer of the project, will extend from the north line of Bessey and Morrill halls to the south line of the Coliseum. The east face of the stadium will overlook the mall on the west, and the area will extend as far as Fourteenth street. This comprises an area of nearly 350,000 square feet, 900 feet long and 388 feet wide.

Two drives will traverse the entire mall area, extending east and west from Twelfth to Fourteenth street. The drives will each be forty feet wide and 140 feet apart. The North drive centers on Vine street. Both drives will be paved eventually according to Mr. Ellis, and there is a possibility that the paving will be completed this summer. No grading will be done south of the South drive to Bessey Hall. Engineer Ellis has drawn complete and comprehensive plans of the mall project.

The plots between the two drives of the mall will be pleasantly verdured with grass and shrubbery. The entire mall landscape, will produce a quadrangle that will rival that of the College of Agriculture campus for beauty and appropriateness, and a most decorous spot on the newer city campus development, according to the engineer. The east wall of the stadium, the coliseum overlooking Thirteenth street, Bessey and Morrill Halls, will front the mall and the drives extending from Twelfth to Fourteenth streets. Future building plans of the University will be in accord with the development of Memorial Mall.

Players Will Present Great Drama of Life

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 a year, and their efforts should prove one of the high lights of the season. The Players have gone to great pains this year in securing plays which are as remarkable for their worth as their distinctiveness, for the whole season of productions thus far offered, has included plays which were entirely different from all the rest.

'Old English' is being presented in a time when very few stock companies in the country are lucky enough to have it, which should make it all the more worth while.

To avoid a conflict with 'Il Trovatore', which is being presented Thursday evening, 'Old English' will be given Wednesday evening, Friday and Saturday, with the regular Friday and Saturday matinees at 3 o'clock, night showings at 8:20. Season tickets will admit. Tickets to all performances may be obtained at the Temple box office or Ross P. Curtice Co.

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Women Hear Mrs. Robnett
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 professions for which they had had little or no training. The third era, in the present one, when women must be trained for the professions which they wish to enter.

Specialized Training
 "The profession for which one has had training is the one she should get and stay in," advised Mrs. Robnett, stressing all through her talk the need today of specialized training.
 In reviewing some of the fields that offer the greatest possibilities today, Mrs. Robnett first spoke of nurses training accompanied by a University degree. Giving an example from graduates of such a school as Yale, she stated, that there were at least ten offers for each girl who graduated from this school last year, most of the positions open be-