

museums will be thrown open and the general public is cordially invited to be present. Apparatus and other educational appliances will be displayed and the members of the Faculty and all instructors earnestly desire all persons interested to make themselves entirely at home and feel free to enter at once into conversation with those in charge of the different rooms, without the formality of an introduction; letting question and answer give the largest possible information as to the work and methods of the University. At three o'clock, if the weather permits, the Cadet Battalion will have its first dress parade for the season. The buildings and grounds will be closed again promptly at six o'clock.

At exactly eight o'clock the sittings not already taken in the Lansing opera house will be thrown open to the public; and shortly thereafter the Charter Day oration will be delivered by President Low. His theme will be "The American University."

The disposition of sittings has become more and more a problem as the numbers in the University increase. This year the state officers will be assigned the lower boxes and loges; the ladies of the Faculty will be assigned the balcony boxes; the stage will be occupied by the Faculty and by the Faculties of other colleges, and invited guests; the parquet will be given to the Legislature; the dress circle to the alumni and members of the senior class; and the remainder of the house to the students and their immediate friends—all unoccupied sittings being given to the public, as above stated, at eight o'clock. This seems to be the only feasible way in which the audience can be cared for. It is impossible, of course, for all who desire to hear President Low to find sittings or even standing room in even the Lansing; which gives sharp emphasis to the need in Lincoln of a convention hall capable of seating from three thousand to five thousand people.

The purposes of the reunion on the evening of Tuesday are such as to preclude its being thrown open to the public. Otherwise, of course, the invitation would be extended, without formality, to all citizens to be present. The general public reception, however, must necessarily be deferred until the afternoon of Charter Day, Wednesday.

Musical Notelets.

Orchestra practice for the May festival will commence this month.

Nineteen operas have been written with Christopher Columbus as the hero.

Ovide Musin and his company have commenced their tour of this country.

The programme of the first concert ever given by the Abbe Liszt was sent to the musical exhibition at Vienna. It was dated 1820.

Clementine De Vere, Italo Campanini and Edward Remenyi have joined forces for a concert tour. It will be a strong combination company.

Mascagni has finished his fourth opera, "William Ratcliff." After finishing two single act operas, he will begin a grand opera, "Nero."

A recital will be given about the third week of February by the music department. The programme will consist mostly of selections by the younger members of the department.

Last week the people of Lincoln had the opportunity of hearing Pauline Hall in *Erminie*. Miss Hall is a talented singer and her support is splendid. Her chorus is exceptionally fine.

Gotlieb Kreiger, the veteran musician, friend of Spontini Wagner and other noted musicians, on his retirement, after fifty years of active labor, was decorated by the King of Wurtemberg.

The outlook for the coming musicale season is very encouraging. Societies are being organized in every section of the country. The programmes that have been announced are splendid.

A splendid account of Master Cyril Tyler, the boy soprano who has captured the East, is given in the January "Music." It says that no child as gifted as he has appeared since the days of Patti.