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PROSPECTS FOR ST. LOUIS

CADETS GREATLY AGITATED OVER THE PROJECT.

Varsity Rifles Will Probably Represent the University of Nebraska at the International Drill—Expense the Only Obstacle.

The cadet battalion is just now very excited about the picked company which is to go to St. Louis, July 1st to 7th. While the battalion has really not anything to do with it, yet the Varsity Rifles will recruit their ranks from the cadets, as it is this organization which is planning the trip. As far as good will goes, everyone is in favor of going, but the fact that the expenses of each individual will amount to \$40, throws a wet blanket over a good deal of enthusiasm which would otherwise be manifested.

Those most favoring the project have been watching with bated breath the outcome of various arguments and plans which have been tried. Monday evening the adjutant read off a list of about 100 names of the best drilled men in the battalion. From these, which included most of the Varsity Rifles men, it was expected to recruit a company of fifty men. Thirty-six of these expressed a willingness to go into their pockets to the proper extent, but some afterwards dropped out. Wednesday evening the same plan was tried and a list of forty, which includes a few doubtful ones, is now in the hands of the Commandant. This is not enough. It will take fifty men at least to start out with, as the specifications require forty men, at least. An invitation has now been extended to every member or ex-member of the battalion, to join the proposed crack company.

This evening the matter will be talked up at formation, and Monday evening it will be known for certain whether the University of Nebraska is to be represented at the inter-national drill at St. Louis.

If it is decided to go the Lieutenant will drill the men two hours a day the rest of this month and three hours or more during the month of June. A strong argument in favor of going is the manner in which Lieutenant Pershing has volunteered his services as drill master. He has expressed himself strongly in favor of the movement, if it can be done, and says he is willing to work night and day to help the boys out. Untold benefits, he says, will be gained by every person who goes into preparation for the drill which would have to be put up. Even if the prize is not won he thinks that no one would actually be a loser by drilling for such a contest.

The expenses, which have been carefully figured, when examined in the proper light, do not seem so appalling. Each individual will have to have a new dress uniform costing about twenty dollars. This would be the regularly adopted uniform of the Varsity Rifles, and any one not caring to drill further with them could sell it for almost as much as he paid for it. The trousers of course could be worn at any time, as they would be the same as now worn by all cadets. Cost of board while in camp is very small, and the railroad fare would be greatly reduced, probably to less than one fare. This makes the cost practically only for railroad fare, and as nearly every one takes a trip of some sort during the summer, it is not looked upon as so large after all.

The Exhibit Saturday Evening.

To the uninitiated the engineering building has presented for the last two weeks a strange appearance. The boys have apparently been working on all sorts of schemes and building all sorts of apparatus. Any observer noticing the perspiration gathered in big drops upon their foreheads would see that they were not merely tinkering for the lack of something better to do. When men work as they have been working good results must come and those that visit the engineers' exhibit to-morrow evening will testify to that fact. Order is now appearing out of the chaos that has reigned about that department for the last four weeks, and the exhibit as it is now arranged may be briefly outlined as follows:

The electric welding division will have two water pail forges in operation in the forge room, two electric furnaces, two electric welders (using the Thompson process), an arc welder, a rapid soldering device, an electric soldering iron, and an electric pen in operation on the north side of the electrical laboratory.

The electric heating division will have in operation in the drawing room, on the second floor: the latest electric cooking utensils, electrical heated flat irons, and a curling iron loaned by the Western Electric Heating Co., a car heater loaned by the street railway company, and other apparatus for showing the phenomena of heating by electricity.

The electroplating division will have in operation, in the southwest corner of the electrical laboratory, baths for gold, silver, copper, and nickel plating. They will also show the separation of copper and zinc by means of an electric current.

The telephone division, though they have been unfortunate in not receiving apparatus applied for,

will exhibit the principles governing the operation of the telephone. The principle of the induction coil will be shown in a way that can be felt by all interested.

The exhibit will be open to visitors from eight to eleven o'clock.

Interesting.

Those who sat in the gallery at the Michigan glee club concert were surprised to see five Uni boys side by side in the front row reading as intently as a man does who is cramming about three minutes before exam. It seems that Harry D— had thoughtfully brought along a novel of the Nick Carter series. As soon as he had finished a page he would tear it off and hand it to the next one to him, who in turn passed it on. This plan was carried out until the sheets began to arrive to Farmer Martin, of glee club fame. He became so intently interested in the highly probable exploits of the redoubtable Nick that he forgot to take out his pitch-pipe and see how flat the first tenors were. The last we saw of Mr. Martin he was scraping round on the floor of the gallery, after the play was over, for the last sheet of this interesting narrative.

When selecting books for summer reading there is no need of paying the fancy prices charged by the book stores. Herpolsheimer & Co. have a line of paper covered books which they sell for 10 cents and which will cost you 25 cents elsewhere. The list includes works by Conan Doyle, Stanley Wyman, Sarah Grand, Beatrice Harraden, J. M. Barrie, etc., etc.

E. B. Sherman left Wednesday evening for Galesburg, Illinois, where he represents Nebraska in the inter-state oratorical contest Thursday evening, May 2d. Mr. Sherman is also one of the three debaters chosen at the local contest to represent the University of Nebraska in the joint debate between the University of Nebraska and Kansas to be held at Lawrence, Kansas, Friday evening, May 3d. To fill both engagements it will be necessary for Mr. Sherman to leave Galesburg before the contest is finished. He will do direct to Lawrence where he will meet A. J. Weaver and Mr. McNeal the other two Nebraska debaters. Mr. Weaver and Mr. McNeal left for Kansas this morning.

It seems to me that it is the height of idiocy to call these pants ducks, said a sad-eyed private as he gazed ruefully at his white trousers after their first washing. "They certainly don't take well to the water."

FIELD-DAY ARRANGEMENTS

RESULT OF THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING.

May 11 Fixed as the Date—Prospects Bright for a Successful Day—E. O. Pace Elected President.

The Athletic association held a meeting in chapel at 1 o'clock yesterday and transacted some interesting business. The first matter that came up was the election of a president, the vacancy being caused by the departure of Sid White from school. E. O. Pace was unanimously elected to fill this position for the remainder of the year.

The matter of fixing a date for field-day was then brought up. Saturday, May 11, one week from to-morrow, was decided upon. The chances this year are for a very successful field-day. Much interest has been manifested in the bicycle races and the contest for the medal for the best all around athlete is becoming very heated. The committee is securing some very suitable prizes of enough value to cause some good material to be brought out. Many entries for all the events, which have been published, have been registered, and the outlook is very favorable. The fair grounds is the place selected for the exercises.

The matter of the Kansas City meet was not brought up, and an adjournment was taken without anything further being done.

The Single Tax.

The Political Economy club was addressed Thursday evening by Mr. Louis F. Post, the national lecturer for the single tax doctrine. After a few introductory remarks by Prof. Taylor regarding the work of the department of economics, Mr. Post was introduced and for nearly two hours held the closest attention of his audience while he advocated the single tax as a substitute for the present system of taxation.

Mr. Post is a very able, clear, and entertaining speaker. He uses simple terms, does not confuse his audience and talks to the point. His lecture was illustrated by charts which aided him very much in showing his hearers just what his ideas were. Mr. Post advocates the single tax because he considers it just, proper, and the solution of our social evils.

We Win Again.

Our base ball team went down to Ashland Saturday afternoon and secured an easy victory over the High school team there. The score:

Ashland.....0 0 5 0 1 0 0 0 3— 9
U. of N.....0 3 3 3 5 2 4 1 *—21
Battery—Holdeman and Williams;
Friel and Neal.