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GLEE CLUB TRIP A SUCCESS

A Good Venture Financially, as All Expenses Were Met.

DETAILS OF THE R JOURNEY

The Boys Were Greeted with Crowded Houses at Every Point Along the Route. The Boys were Treated Royally.

The glee club returned to Lincoln last Wednesday evening after a successful trip over the state. Crowded houses greeted the club all along the way and the boys were royally received in every town where they stopped.

The club left Lincoln on Wednesday, March 17, and gave its first concert at Fairbury, where the house was crowded with an enthusiastic audience. The boys were shown every courtesy by the railroad, and were sent back to Lincoln by a special train. On the next day they went to York where a crowded house awaited them. In the afternoon the club was tendered a reception by the P. E. O. society. The boys stayed over here one day and on Friday went to Ravenna. Although this is but a small place, the people were enthusiastic and hungry for music, and consequently the church was filled.

The club then came back to Grand Island the next morning and on Saturday evening gave a concert and drew out the usual large crowd. They stayed over Sunday here and by invitation gave a sacred concert Sunday evening at the First Methodist church. The boys were also tendered a delightful reception at the Palmer house.

Columbus was the next stopping place. Miss Laura Beecher a former student of the university was very active in working up the concert. The Cecilia club had also taken up the matter and the result of their efforts was seen in the large attendance at the concert.

After the concert a dance was given at the home of Miss Gerrard. Columbus is the home of many of the university students and the stay there was made unusually pleasant and enjoyable.

A great reception was accorded the club at West Point. The people there seemed to have the proper university spirit, and the large hall in which the entertainment was given was profusely decorated with scarlet and cream. The audience here was large and particularly enthusiastic, encouraging almost every number rendered. It seemed also that the boys sang better here than at any other point on the trip. In fact their voices improved from the very first as they went along in spite of the fact that there was so much of the social element connected with the trip. This was the last concert given and the club then returned to Lincoln.

Besides furnishing a good entertainment, the club was a good advertisement and the trip will probably result in some material benefit to the university.

To say that the boys enjoyed themselves would be putting it mildly. They had a delightful time from one end of the trip to the other and to quote the language of one of the members of the club, they were "dead snuck" on the way in which they were treated in the different places at which they stopped. The boys seemed to take a great liking to the towns along the road, or to be more definite the fair inhabitants of those towns. This was no much the case that Director Kimball, who exercised a sort of fatherly care over them had hard work to persuade them to leave, as they wanted to settle down and live right there.

Every member of the club expressed himself as anxious to go on another trip if he could enjoy himself as thoroughly as he did this time. Gillespie, however will get his hair cut before he starts on a second tour. While stopping over in a little town, he hunted up a fifteen cent barber shop. A raw Irishman manipulated the shears and instead of only trimming Bud's fair locks, he took off about a dollar's worth of hair and when he got through his victim had no hair to spare.

The club took occasion to let everybody know that some college boys were in town by giving the university yell. This together with Lehnhoff's horse laugh, somewhat startled the natives.

In some of the towns they were regarded with great fear. On their approach, the merchants locked their doors and looked through the windows with a frightened glance at the roly visitors.

Norton was the ladies' man of the crowd and outshone all his rivals in that line. In order to make sure that the boys got up and retired at the proper time, Reedy always sounded the reveille and taps with his life.

The boys created a great deal of amusement at Valley where they stopped off for a short time. They found an old boat lying in the street and with this realistic stage setting, they dramatically sang "Ship Ahoy" which was greatly appreciated by the onlookers. Another source of amusement was the manner in which the members of the club greeted an old friend at every station. Just as the train slowed up, Porter would get off the front end and wait on the platform. When the train came to a full stop, the rest of the boys got off and rushing up to Porter, greeted him as an old friend whom they had not seen for years, while the farmers looked on in wonderment.

Mueller seemed to have been seized with a mild attack of kleptomania and when the trip was ended, he had accumulated a large tin horn, and old gun and a cow bell. These articles he says he will ever cherish as dainty souvenirs of the trip. While on the train the boys passed the time, singing and playing on harmonicas and in other ways making the lives of the rest of the passengers as miserable as possible.

Director Kimball expressed himself as highly pleased with the result of the trip which was a financial success, all the proceeds of the trip being enough to defray the expenses incurred. Professor Kimball is very desirous of giving a concert in Omaha and expects to decide upon a date there if possible. The recent action of the faculty in changing the spring vacation will necessitate a change in the time set for the Lincoln concert. It will in all probability be given on April 5, instead of April 2, as previously announced.

NOTES ON THE TRIP.

As a result of acquaintances formed on the trip it is rumored that Lehnhoff will reside at West Point, hereafter.

When Assistant Manager Cooley roused the members of the club out of bed before 6 o'clock in order to catch the train which did not come until six hours later, they sang a different strain from that usually heard at their concerts.

The boys speak in highest praise of Director Kimball's management. They say that he always saw that they had the best there was to be had. As the professor generally knows what is the best, they consequently always got it.

It took the combined efforts of the glee club and Director Kimball to prevent Norton from stopping off permanently at Grand Island where he had formed a delightful acquaintance. However, he soon got over it, and when the next stop was made he was in cover again. The rest of the boys say that he didn't give them half a show.

TO EXTERMINATE GRASSHOPPERS.

Prof. Bruner of the department of entomology has been commissioned by the government of Argentine Republic, to investigate the causes for the serious grasshopper raids that are becoming alarmingly frequent in that country. Professor Bruner received notice of his appointment through L. O. Howard chief of the United States entomological department, to whom the matter had been referred by the president of the Republic. The government has also placed one thousand dollars in gold with the United States consul as surety of its intentions to have the investigation pressed to the uttermost. The damage done to the wheat crops by these grasshopper raids is no inconsiderable amount. Last year there was a yield of 23,000,000 million bushels less than the year before. The situation of the whole country is favorable to these grasshopper invasions. Mountain chains stretch along the whole western coast. The grasshoppers breed in the mountains, and come down in swarms on the open wheat lands.

Mr. Howard has considered this a matter of such importance that only the most experienced man should undertake the investigation. Professor Bruner has made a study of the grasshopper question ever since he was a boy. At one time he was appointed by this government to investigate the causes for the Rocky mountain grasshopper raids. Without doubt he is the most experienced man in this country in investigations such as these.

Mr. Bruner has not yet cabled his acceptance. He has asked leave of absence for a year from the regents of the university and is waiting their decision. Should it be granted, he will start July 1st. His expenses down and back will be paid by the Republic, also the cost of the investigation, and in addition he will receive a good salary.

TO PLAY HARE AND HOUNDS

A Great "Pack" of Hounds Expected Out this Afternoon.

WILL START FROM THE ARMORY

The Familiar Game Is Being Renewed as a University Sport—The Rules Which Govern the Game as It is Played Here.

A large turn out is expected at the hare and hound chase Saturday afternoon.

The familiar game of hare and hounds that is played all the year around is a sport that takes high rank in all the leading colleges of America.

The delicate can engage in the run as well as the strong. The pleasantest feature of the sport is the social intercourse and the feeling that one is not compelled to endure the hardships of a contest.

Men training for field day events can not afford to miss this extra training for the legs and wind, while those going in simply for exercise will derive the greatest benefit from the runs.

At the end of the year a grand chase will be held and the first and second prizes will be awarded the winners. Those wishing to compete at the end of the year must show a good attendance at the practice chases.

The runners will meet at the armory at 2:00 p. m. The start will occur at 2:30 p. m. sharp. The run will be finished and baths can be had at 4:00 o'clock.

RULES OF THE GAME.

1. There shall be a master of the pack, a whipper in, three hares and any number of hounds.

2. The master shall have control of the hounds shall select the pace-maker and change him as often as he thinks best. When the scent is lost he shall apporportion the hounds to a certain work in finding the trail. He shall see that the rules are not violated by the hounds.

3. The whipper in shall see that none of the hounds are left behind. He shall carry a small flag which he shall set up at the last place where the trail was seen, and shall remain there himself until it is again found.

4. The hares shall be given five minutes' start of the hounds.

5. They must lay scent as provided by rule: (a) They need not lay scent as long as they remain within eight feet of water, (b) They need not lay scent when doubling on their own track. (c) In doubling, one hare only need run on the track, the others waiting until he returns.

6. The hares cannot double on a cold trail, that is, one over which the hounds have passed. They must cross a cold trail at right angles and lay scent the regular distance.

7. The scent must be laid not more than four feet apart.

8. When leaving the trail after doubling the scent need not be nearer the trail than eight feet.

9. The hounds must follow the trail and no spread more than four feet on either side of it.

10. Hounds must remain in the pack until the command is given to break, when they shall do their best to catch the hares.

11. When the trail is lost, the hounds shall be arranged by the master so as to find it in the most expeditious way. The finder of the trail must wait for the pack to come up and then the master shall give the command to go forward.

12. If the hares are sighted at a distance not greater than fifty yards, the hounds must follow the trail. This does not interfere with rule 10.

13. After the hares have run a course from five to fifteen miles they srew a profusion of papers on the ground in the form of a complete circle of about fifteen feet in diameter as the signal for the "break." When the hounds reach this point, they line up, wait while the whipper in closes up the pack and at a signal from the master of the pack, break for home. The first and second hounds will receive appropriate prizes.

14. The hares must make up a time allowance of seven minutes, that is, they must reach home twelve minutes in advance of the first hound, otherwise they are caught.

15. The scent is carried in canvas bags slung at the side and consists of scrap paper torn or cut into pieces of convenient size.

BASEBALL BOUNCES.

Of last year's team, only Friel and

Thorpe will not be with us. They are both good men and no team could well afford to lose them, but the new men seem to be strictly in the same class. Kenagy, who will do most of the catching in Friel's place is regarded as one of the best in the state. He has a wide reach, likes a pitcher with lightning speed, and throws true to the bases. Pitcher Wells comes with a good record and we are expecting much from him. His brother handles himself like a true ball player. Green of the law school has the experience and size to hustle "Deacon" Kindler for first base. Creigh is too well known to require introduction. He covers more ground than any in-fielder in the west. He hits clean and runs bases fast and with judgment. True of Tecumseh has played in fast company and held his own. Garrett of the football team is working hard to bring up his pitching. His work thus far is more than satisfactory. There are other good new men, but the writer is unacquainted with their work.

The six class managers met Wednesday and arranged a schedule of games. All classes were represented by the following managers: Seniors, Packard; juniors, Porter(proxy); sophomores, Garringer; freshmen, Andreason; senior law, Hayward; junior law, Dennison. The following schedule was arranged:

Saturday March 27, 2:30 p. m. senior law vs. junior law.

Tuesday March 30, 2:30 p. m. freshmen vs. sophomores.

Thursday April 8, 2:30 p. m. seniors vs. juniors.

Tuesday April 13, 2:30 p. m. winners of second and third games.

Saturday April 17, 9:30 a. m. winners of first and fourth games.

All disputes are to be left to the board of managers above named. The registrar is to decide to which class a man may belong. The class teams have not yet been chosen, but the candidates for positions are numerous and give promise of some good local games for this spring. The men will be selected as soon as the weather permits the candidates to show what they can do.

The minstrel show is going to be a "corker", as is everything which is managed by the original and only Bob Manley. The elocution department under Mrs. Manning is drilling a splay play to close the program. The jokes will be local and new, and the singing the best in the university. The whole glee club aided by soloists will take part in the minstrels. The show will be the best twenty-five cent entertainment ever placed on the boards. If the base ball team does not reap a handsome sum from the show, it will be because some miracle prevents. Several of the fraternities will go in a body.

Pitcher Wells has received final orders from his physician not to play baseball this season. It is a great loss to the team.

Everybody is cordially invited by Captain Packard to come out on the field and watch his colts practice.

A class team never won a game where the co-eds of the class failed to turn out and cheer.

THE MINSTREL SHOW.

There has been no event that has had more heraldry than the minstrel show that is to be given for the benefit of the base ball team. The date has been set for April 10, and now that the glee club boys are back the work of rehearsing has begun in earnest. In the case of most entertainments of this nature tickets are usually bought simply to aid the cause and not with the expectation of having any enjoyment out of the performance, but in this instance it is quite different, for there would undoubtedly be a great crowd that would witness the show in any case. The price of admission will be within reach of everyone, and the entertainment will draw fully as much from the fac. of its being an entirely new departure carried out by a crowd of people well known in the university, as for its benefit of a worthy organization. The glee club boys will be of great assistance in the musical numbers while there will be a number of surprises in the way of original specialties and local hits. A number of songs are promised that have never been sung in the city and a new farce comedy will be produced in connection with the minstrel show. Every one is keeping such close track of the show, that it is almost useless to speak of progress of the performance. There is hardly a doubt but that the capacity of the chapel will be taxed on that evening.

STATE UNIVERSITY WINS

Mr. R. C. Roper Succeeded in Winning First Place.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONTEST

The State University Again Succeeds in Excelling her Competitors in Oratory—Decision and Markings of the Judges.

The state oratorical association sends R. C. Roper as the representative of Nebraska to the interstate oratorical contest to be held at Columbia Mo., next May. Mr. Roper proved his ability as an orator against the three other leading colleges of Nebraska. He is no longer the imagined orator of Nebraska that the Palladians have been heard to talk about. He is now Nebraska's college orator.

The contest was the best held for years. The four orators were all on their mettle, each doing honor to himself and the college he represented. The chapel seats on the first floor were almost filled. Doane filled the back half of the east side, while just in front were three rows of seats filled with visitors from the university of Omaha. Near the front and close to the centre aisle was a small band of Grand Island collegians, who were very quiet and modest, except when one gentleman student was unable to stand the pressure, and he would break out with the G. I. C. yell, which although quite long, was quite catchy, and brought out applause from the others.

As the orators lead by Mr. Roper took their places on the stage the winner would have hard to select. After the applause ceased, President W. H. Hotze announced the first number on the program, a piano solo by Miss Anna Molar. The music throughout was well received by the audience.

The first orator not only on the program but as proved by the marking, then delivered his impressive oration, "The author or hero of the Revolution." Mr. Roper's oration improved considerably since the local contest. His manner was quiet, with but few gestures, his voice full and strong with his pronunciation clear and distinct. His whole oration was forceful and emphatic demanding the attention of all. Mr. Roper was the least embarrassed, clinching every point with that determined nod of his head. The closing remarks of his speech were so impressive that no person could keep from extending his sympathies to the author hero of the Revolution, Tom Paine.

A synopsis of Mr. Roper's oration, has been published before in these columns, and it is not necessary to give again here.

The second orator was F. W. Christener of Doane college. Mr. Christener is a large, well proportioned man. His gestures and movement are performed with ease, while his voice is strong and full, it is hard for one unacquainted with it, to follow him, on account of a peculiar accent. Mr. Christener said in part: "What name shines with more brilliancy than that of Gladstone? The times demanded a man of strength and it found it in Gladstone. It was left for his century to develop democracy, democracy is an organized growth of Christianity.

"To have applied the Golden Rule to foreign nations, would have been an erring policy. In him was placed a guardian over self. Deep moral conviction has characterized every action of his life. "If we view his life by results, who is equal to Gladstone? Home rule, that message of hope and peace to Ireland, was his last effort. Gladstone, the great humanitarian—it is in this cause that Gladstone fought. Gladstone loves humanity."

The violin solo by Prof. August Hagsnow was pleasing and well rendered.

Mr. G. R. Lunn, the third speaker, was at home on the stage. His delivery was must better than his manuscript. His speech was slow and very distinct. His manner was easy and pleasing.

Mr. Lunn said in part: "The trend of history tends toward ideal, the facilities of every civilization are in constant demand. The principle of selfishness is in the state as is in the individual. Progress deepens our interest." At this point, Mr. Lunn came to his character, or "The Aspiration of National Life" He finished with "Oh, martyred Lincoln, for you, echoes all humanity—sublime."

The fourth orator, Miss Anna Abbott, of Grand Island college was exceptionally good. Her voice was perfect. It was

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