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MINSTREL SHOW A SUCCESS

Lady Minstrels Make the Hit of the Season

ENTERTAINMENT NETTED \$300

Armory Was Filled With an Enthusiastic Audience—Plenty of Jokes and Coon Songs—The Program

The much talked of ladies' minstrel show has come and gone, and all that remains as a result of the girls' efforts are the memory of the numerous jokes sprung on innocent victims and the financial result of the enterprise which is especially gratifying and the girls may well be proud of their entertainment.

Friday evening found the University armory well filled, both on the main floor and in the gallery with an audience numbering over 700 people. At the west end of the armory an elaborate stage had been erected with the curtains, footlights and all that pertains to a first class stage.

When the curtain rose it was a pretty picture which met the eyes of the people assembled—about thirty colored beauties arranged in a crescent wearing red checkered waists and white skirts. In the center of the group was the interloctrux, Miss Olive Latta. Then followed two hours filled with jokes and interspersed with twenty coon songs, each one of which was choked. No one was spared from the jokes of the fair minstrels and they sent their humorous shafts right and left among the male contingent of the audience. They seemed to take especial delight in roasting the profs, and they did it in a highly artistic manner. A few of the jokes were too deep for the audience to appreciate, but with few exceptions, every gag which was sprung evoked much laughter and applause.

After the overture Miss Beauty Black, otherwise known as Miss Charlotte Clark, successfully portrayed a genuine African in her song, "I Want a Real Coon." Miss Grace Reynolds, in the role of the celebrated prima donna, Miss Yellow Peach Yaw, rendered "Mah Honey Lu," in true darkie style. Miss Cinderella White made a great hit by her rendition of "No Coons Allowed." Miss Cinderella was recognized by some as Miss Nellie Cochrane and in order to acknowledge her acquaintances they sent her a shower of garden fruit and vegetables.

Miss Annie Stewart as Pattie Brown rendered "Happy Birds" in a manner which brought a hearty recall. Miss Jessie Lansing was unable to hide her identity under burnt cork and the name of Miss Amboluna Snow. Her "Mamma's Little Pumpkin Colored Coon" possessed much merit as well as being exceedingly funny. Miss Bessie Turner, bearing the celebrated name of Lillian Mussel, sang "Constancy" and was obliged to respond to an encore with "Kentucky Babe." Miss Bessie rendered "My Gal's a Red Headed Coon," which fairly brought down the house. The dusky Paulina, was distinguished from the rest of her darkey sisters by her frizzled hair, which in color resembled a brick yard blossom.

Part first closed with a tropical song by Misses Black and White, in which the professors were unmercifully roasted.

The second part of the program was opened by a lullaby, "Little Cotton Bolly," by the Misses Rosina York, Venus Green, Dinah Snowball, Lucy Chicken and Stella Fox. Each carried a rag baby which was carefully rocked to sleep. The dusky belles who took part in this number were ascertained to be Misses Hall, Pentzer, Miner and Wheeler.

Miss Harris led the fancy dance, was the very embodiment of gracefulness and called forth an enthusiastic encore.

The banjo quartet, consisting of Ura Peach, Topsey Jackson, Cleo Merode, and May Uno rendered very spirited selection and were forced to respond with a second number. These darkey maebens in every day dress are recognized as the Misses Pyrtle Shaw, Paddock, and Dewese.

Miss Treat's "Golden Poppies," was a change from the coon songs which had been the style all evening. It is always a pleasure to hear Miss Treat and so the audience gave her a hearty recall.

Then came the cake walk, the intricacies of which the girls worked so hard to master. They did it in style, however, and might easily have been taken for genuine coons.

The following took part in the cake walk: Daisy Bonnell, Bella Bohnes; Miss Barclay, Kinky; Miss Beach, Juno Jones; Miss McMeinimy Marcia Malloy; Elnora Heller, Daisy Cutter; May Dorrington, Martha Washington; Jean Tuttle, Violet Pansy.

The program closed with an instrumental selection which was played by the Johnsing sisters on some wooden bars and instruments which emitted a wheezy sound as if suffering from a severe cold. The Johnsing sisters were the Misses Stotsenberg, Du Tiel and Field.

The credit for this highly successful performance is due the management, consisting of Mrs. W. B. Clark, Miss Charlotte Clark, Mr. G. H. Nelson and Mr. Ed Walt, also to Lieutenant and Miss Stotsenberg. The patronesses were as follows:

Mesdames George E. MacLean, C. E. Bessey, L. A. Sherman, C. R. Richards, W. G. L. Taylor, Willard Yates, Jas. H. McMurtry, W. B. Ogden, Richard H. Townley.

Bust of Senator Morrill Unveiled

Last Friday morning the regular chapel exercises were superseded by the ceremony of unveiling the statue of Senator Morrill of Vermont. A hymn appropriate to the occasion was sung, after which the chancellor read several extracts from the Bible showing the use of stones as monuments. The Chancellor, after a few appropriate remarks unveiled the statue and the students arose and sang a hymn, praying for continued favor on our land. Dean Bessey delivered a short address on the life and work of Senator Morrill and especially as it concerns the State University system.

Senator Morrill was born on a farm in Vermont and in a large measure was dependent on his own resources for an education. He entered politics when the republican party came into existence in 1856. He was a firm supporter of Lincoln during the war. It was in 1862, that critical period of our history, when he introduced his bill establishing industrial schools. His efforts have given a great impetus to science. He is now 84 years old, and the senior of the senate both in age and years of service.

Miss Barr Will Go to Europe

Miss Barr's friends will be pleased to learn that she is soon to take a vacation. She has been granted a leave of absence and will sail for Europe April 2. She will study the system of gymnasium work in Sweden and Germany. She expects to go first to Stockholm where she will attend the Royal Central institute for several months, then she will go on to Berlin.

She will be accompanied by Dr. Seaver of Yale, who is at the head of physical training in this country and who is well known in Europe and America by his scientific investigations and his books on anthropometry.

The gymnasium work here will continue under the direction of the assistants. There will be no exhibition this spring.

Company B Hop Tonight

Already a large number of the students have expressed their intention of attending "Co. B" hop which will be given on Friday evening, March 25, at the Lincoln Light infantry hall. The committee are confident that this will be the most successful social function of this college year. It is not too late to get tickets as there are still a few left to be sold.

Stand up for company B and come out and help to make the hop an overwhelming success. The committee, consisting of First Sergeant Rain, Sergeants Davidson and Law, and Corporals Harman and Smith will be pleased to sell you a ticket.

CLASS BOULDER IS BURIED

Unknown Parties Put It Under the Campus Sod

IT IS A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR

Boulder Was Presented to the University by Class of '92—Short History of This Famous Rock

The only pebble on the beach—the immense boulder presented to the University by the class of '92 has disappeared and all that remains to mark its resting place is a mound of earth.

Last Saturday evening or perhaps Sunday morning, certain parties unknown scaled the fence, and escaping the vigilance of the night watchman, worked steadily for some hours until a good sized hole had been dug by the side of the immense boulder, which, in spite of the fact that it weighs several tons was unceremoniously tumbled into the excavation. The dirt was shovelled back in again and a mound was made over the stone which looked more like a grave than anything else.

It was early Sunday morning when those in charge of the University grounds discovered the new made grave and the disappearance of the boulder. Nothing else was noticed upon the mound. Sunday night came, and the grave diggers, emboldened by their success of the previous night, strange to say, again escaped the eternal vigilance of the night watch, and completed their joke, for such it is believed, was the intention of the perpetrators of the deed.

When Monday morning came, not only was there a mound over the stone but a marble slab rose majestically over the mound. Closer investigation revealed the inscription on the slab "Epes-alone."

It is not certain when this slab was set up. It was not noticed by the University authorities Sunday morning after the boulder was buried, and so it is presumed that the work was completed the following evening.

The inscription on the marble slab gives the only known motive for the deed. Judging from this, it was intended as a joke, or rather a "roast" on Librarian Epes for the recent action of the library board in transferring the students' property from the book room to the basement. If it was a joke, however, the humor is rather too deep for most of the students to appreciate. Few of them are able to see any fun in getting up at an unearthly hour, digging a large hole and then placing therein a huge two ton boulder, all in order to get a chance to make a pun on the name of the librarian. The girls in the minstrel show cracked the same joke with much more effect and infinitely less effort last Friday evening.

All sorts of theories have been advanced to explain the interment of the boulder. The senior class has been accused of committing the act but the members indignantly deny the accusation. It is in deed hard to figure out how there could be any such rivalry between the classes of '92 and '98. It has been suggested by some that if the rock were dug up, there might possibly be found some interesting papers or documents at the bottom of the hole which would throw some light on this strange act.

There are many of the alumni of the class of '92 in the University today who remember when the boulder was brought here and placed in the center of the campus where it has stood ever since. Among these, well known University students are Miss Louise Pound, Dr. Avery and T. F. A. Williams. The boulder was bought by this class at no unconsiderable cost, every member contributing about \$3 towards its purchase. It is an Indian rock and still bears Indian marks upon it. It originally stood at Hartington, Neb., and was widely known in that vicinity as the Hartington rock. In fact it was through the fame of this rock that the town of Hartington was known beyond its own few inhabitants.

After this boulder was bought it was

drawn by a yoke of oxen to the railroad, where it was shipped to Lincoln. The purchase of the rock was a big thing in University circles, and was the sensation of the day. The evening following its arrival, the members of '92 gathered around it and smoked the pipe of peace and had a general good time.

Indoor Pentathlon Tonight

The third annual indoor pentathlon takes place in the gymnasium this evening at 8 o'clock. Everything points to a successful contest and several University records are sure to be hopelessly shattered. Many records have already been broken in practicing in the gym, and they will doubtless be shoved down to the lowest notch this evening. Both the pole vault and the shot put records are sure to suffer from this evening's contest and there is good prospect of other records being broken. Benedict has already in practice gone eight inches over the pole vault record for last year. There is a sort of charm about witnessing the breaking of records and those who attend the pentathlon tonight with such anticipation will not be disappointed.

In order to avoid a crowd admission will be by ticket, and those who desire to secure good seats for witnessing the evening's entertainment may do so by exchanging their admission tickets together with 15 cents at the co-op, and receive reserved seat tickets. As it is the intention to turn over to the cinder track fund the proceeds of the contest, those who purchase reserved seat tickets will have the pleasure of knowing that their money is serving double purpose, building up the cinder track fund as well as securing an evening's entertainment. Following are the events:

Shot put—To qualify, 18 feet; 100 points, 45 feet.

Running hop, step and jump—To qualify, 22 feet; 100 points, 42 feet.

Pole vault—To qualify, 5 feet, 10 inches; 100 points, 10 feet.

Running high jump—To qualify 3 feet, 6 inches, 100 points, 5 feet, 7 inches.

Potatoe race—To qualify, 2 min. 5 sec.; 100 points, 1 min. 40 sec.

The contestants are to be: R. E. Benedict, W. E. Anderson, B. M. La Salle, P. W. Jewett, R. L. Waterman, F. A. Lemar, R. C. James, J. A. Kellogg, L. S. Ryan, M. P. Pillsbury, E. M. Boline, O. T. Reedy, W. R. Hearty. The officials are: Referee, Oliver Chambers; judges, Joel Stebbins, C. M. Story, and W. P. Pepon; measurers, W. F. Krelle, W. R. McGeachin, Adolph Shane; scorers, S. W. Pinkerton, R. A. Drain, J. S. Cutter, E. A. Moore.

The ushers nominated by the athletic classes are: C. J. Allen, C. L. Allen, E. A. Johnson, H. R. Sullivan, C. K. Cooper, J. B. White, C. G. Rochon, M. D. Elson, W. F. Abbott.

First Ball Game Tomorrow

The first ball game of the season will be played on the campus tomorrow between the Varsity nine and a local team known as the Swifts. As this is their first appearance this year, the boys are anxious to show off well before their admirers and students are invited to come out and see what they can do. An admission fee will be charged, but that will not keep away many fans who have the base fever already. As a sample of what the boys will have to play against, Walt Friel, catcher for the Swifts, is a good example. He formerly played on the University team and will play with the Cedar Rapids team this season.

The game will be preceded by the military athletic contest between companies E and F, which are described elsewhere in this issue. With both company contests and base ball games the students are sure of getting their money's worth.

Following is the line up:

U. of N.	Swifts
Moore	.....c
Hyde, Halstead or	.....Friel
Amos Rusie	.....p
Rhodes	.....1b
Reeder	.....2b
Cowgill	.....3b
Wells	.....ss
Rhea	.....r
Gordon	.....m
Bliss	.....1
	.....Elliott

TO HAVE A GIRLS' FIELD DAY

This is the Latest Surprise Sprung by the Girls

PROCEEDS FOR CINDER TRACK

Game of Baseball by the Girls' Teams Will Also be a Feature of the Program April 16 the Date Set

University people may as well prepare themselves for the gymnasium girls are getting ready to spring another mine in their midst. They are somewhat cyclonic in their ways of doing things and and it is only fair that the public should be warned if there is to be another outbreak. This time the event is not to be a basket ball game or another jubilee of colored belles. It is to be something although different though no less novel. The girls are not to have their usual spring exhibition on account of the departure of Miss Barr for Sweden. Instead they are discussing how it will seem to have a real live girls' pentathlon contest, a sort of girls indoor field day with prizes and all. The "real thing," you know, "just as good as the men's."

The plan to have prizes for special events and then one for the girl winning most points in the contest, and proving herself the best all around athlete. Such a competition will be new for the girls of Nebraska and new for the west. Indoor pentathlons have been customary in many women's colleges in the east, however, for some years, and that sooner or later they find their way into girl's gymnasiums in the west, is inevitable.

Though the girls' event may have its comic opera features, there is no doubt but that it will prove a good contest of its kind, for the athletic work done by the girls in the University of Nebraska will take rank with that done anywhere along similar lines, even in institutions having much better equipment and able to offer better opportunities. The girls here seem to set themselves a high standard, probably because this is a co-educational institution, while in purely feminine schools, there is always a purely feminine standard in athletics. Those who know say that the woman's gymnasium here may bear comparison with similar departments elsewhere and come out roseate from the ordeal. Hence, although the girls have not been preparing especially for individual competitions of the kind scheduled for their pentathlon, they may be expected to put up a good quality of athletics when they appear before the public. No doubt a similar contest at Vassar or Wellesley will be tame in comparison.

Let the news be broken gently. The girls' indoor base ball teams are to play a match occupying twenty or thirty minutes between events. A contest between these teams is said to be one of the most remarkable spectacles a mortal could witness. The exhibition of batting, pitching, sliding for bases and novel team play that will accompany this event, will be such as the veteran walls of the armory never shut in heretofore. If the base ball girls are to play in public at last and to play for "blood," these are momentous tidings. One of the girls said yesterday, "Goodbye, Kinder, Wells, and the rest may as well steal away and hide their heads if we play. They couldn't learn to catch on and throw in our style even if the whole National league came here to coach them."

The five events in the pentathlon will be the running broad jump, running high jump, 25 yards dash, long run and hurdle race with mats. Probably there will be prizes for each event, but the requirement is that any one entering for one event must enter for all; for this contest is to be a premium on all around work rather than specializing.

Only the second year girls are to enter in these events; for they require endurance no less than skill, if the contestant is to enter all of them, and

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