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CHARTER DAY WAS A SUCCESS.

Electrical Display Proves Very Attractive--Electric Flag and Wireless Telegraphy Features.

ATHLETIC EXHIBITION IN THE GYMNASIUM.

Two Records Broken By Pillsbury--Dr. Nightingale Speaks at the Oliver to a Crowded House.

Charter Day exercises occurred last Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Every event passed off in a successful manner, excepting an accident in the gymnasium exercises Wednesday afternoon.

General University classes were not dismissed for the Tuesday portion of the program, since it concerned only the agricultural department of the institution.

Both morning and afternoon sessions were held at the state farm, being devoted to explanations and exhibitions of the progress made in the agricultural department during the past year.

The morning program, given before a large audience of legislators, and the general public, consisted chiefly in such exhibits and experiments as illustrated the scope and intention of the work.

The experiments of most interest were those of milk-testing, butter-making, stock-scoring and soil analysis.

Also in the afternoon the association of the agricultural students held a session in the lecture room of the dairy school Chancellor MacLean made a strong address emphasizing his keen interest in the welfare of the state along agricultural lines.

A number of the senators and representatives present were called on for remarks. Governor Poynter was present and said, among other things, that he was proud to claim the farm as his home, having lived there for twenty years past. He believed that nothing so broadened a man as an agricultural life.

In the evening a large "electric clock" thrown on a screen placed upon University hall announced the time as "Charter Day, '99."

The evening program was in charge of the society of electrical engineers, being given in the armory between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock.

Before the hour of admittance a large crowd had congregated about the doors eager to view the electrical display within. During the entire evening the crowd was so large as to almost impede the performance of the experiments. The University cadet band furnished the musical part of the program.

Many attractive things had been skillfully designed from electric bulbs, the society's name being spelled with small globes.

A peculiar effect was given by a small globe of light imbedded in a clear cake of ice.

The phonographs attracted much attention, being kept busy relating more or less remarkable productions to the listeners.

Two especially fine designs were shown. The flag done with some 200 lights gave a brilliant effect, particularly since the currents were so arranged as to give the appearance of movements in a breeze. A beautiful star in colors showed unusual ingenuity and attracted a full share of attention. The electrical fountain suggested the beautiful and instructive results of a knowledge of the electric fluid. Among the more technical and scientific ideas illustrated were the wireless telegraph instrument, Faraday's motor and a huge magnet.

The exercises of the afternoon were opened by battalion drill at 2 o'clock.

The companies and cadet band, under command of Major Weeks, proceeded to arrange themselves on the west side of the parade grounds and then to pass in review before the governor and his staff.

After the review, the battalion was dismissed and the Pershing Rifles, under command of Major Weeks, gave an exhibition drill of half an hour's length, closing with a spell down. The judges were Captain Hayward of Nebraska City, Captain Straight of the Lincoln light infantry and Lieutenant Bolshaw of the Lincoln light infantry. The contest was close and exciting,

tended to show a little of the daily practice done in the gymnasium. It is the really practical work, which must be taken by all students who take work in the physical training department. No student may enter any contest without the preliminary training. The Charter day celebration was most fittingly ended at the Oliver theatre Wednesday evening. The building was completely filled by a representative university crowd, which was liberal with applause and characteristically enthusiastic.

The program was opened by the orchestra rendering Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" with a swing and a go that would have pleased the composer himself.

Rev. Hindman invoked divine blessing.

The University double quartette then sang "Loud Echo, Mighty Shouts of Joy," by Eskel. It was rendered in a manner which does great credit to Prof. Kimball, who trained the voices on so short notice and to the singers themselves. The close harmonies in the piece were rendered with a precision and feeling that indicates great possibilities for the club.

Governor Poynter was then introduced by Chancellor MacLean. He announced the signing of the university bill whereat the university yell was raised and given with a will. The chancellor expressed the thanks of the faculty and students in an appropriate manner.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. A. T. Nightingale, superintendent of high schools, Chicago, was then introduced and made a notable address. His subject was "Wendell Phillips," the same lecture that he delivered in this city not long ago and which made control of Director Kimball furnished such a lasting impression upon those who heard it, he was asked to repeat it on this occasion. It was without doubt a notable oration, demanding the closest attention of the audience from start to finish.

At the close of the address, the University mandolin club, consisting of eleven members, rendered Johnson's "Gayella waltz." It was executed excellently, the different mandolins being well balanced, and the volume of the guitars being well proportioned to that of the mandolins. As an encore they gave "Georgia Camp Meeting."

The program was closed by the singing of "America," by the audience led by Prof. Kimball.

ALUMNI.

Among those alumni who have distinguished themselves in scholarly lines Per Axel Rydberg, '91, is by no means least. While here he stuck closely to his work, and was known to but few outside of those with whom he came in contact in his chosen line of work. He took a B. Sc. in '91, then taught in the Luther Academy at Wahoo during the next winter. He was a graduate student at the University from '93 to '95 holding an assistant's place the last year, and taking his M. A. in botany in '95.

In practically every summer since his graduation, Rydberg has been in the employment of the Department of Agriculture, having been sent in '91 to western Nebraska, in '93 to the Sand Hills, and in '94 to the Black Hills to collect for the Division of botany, and in '95 to Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado, and again in '96 to Montana for the Division of Agrostology. In the summer of '98 he was again in Montana for Columbia University.

Part of his time in '99 was spent in study at the herbaria in Washington and at Harvard University. From '95 to '97 he was a student at Columbia University, holding a fellowship and taking his doctorate there. While there he supported himself by teaching in Upsilon College in New Jersey. In July of this year, Dr. Rydberg becomes assistant curator of the New York Botanical Gardens under Dr. Britton.

While here the doctor published Part 21 of the Flora of Nebraska upon Rosales. As a member of the Botanical Semina he worked actively on this publication for the society. A "Monograph of Physalis" and in '96, a "Report upon the Sand Hill and Black Hills," the latter a summary of his work in the summers of '93 and '94, are two more of his publications. His most important work, however, is his doctor's dissertation, "Monograph of the Potentillaceae," now just published. Their work has attracted much attention for itself and to its author. It is a very careful and accurate work and is held by botanists to be the authority in its field.

At Cape Town, South Africa, an association of Princeton Alumni has been formed.

NEW APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE.

Regents Meet Immediate Necessities at a Meeting Thursday--Letter From Secretary Meiklejohn.

PHI BETA PHI ENTERTAINS AT THE LINCOLN.

A Brilliant Affair--Many Guests From Neighboring Cities Enjoy the Sorority's Hospitality.

The board of regents of the state university met Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The meeting had been adjourned from the previous morning, when only a short session had been held for conferring degrees upon those who were to graduate upon Charter day. All members were present. Appointments to meet immediate necessities in different departments occupied the greater part of the meeting.

Jessie Willis was made assistant in the chemical store room. Jennie Fox and Harriet Cooke were given places as undergraduate readers in English literature. This was deemed necessary on account of an increase of fifty pupils in that department at the beginning of the second semester. Messrs. Elston, Turner, Fisher, Stoltz, Hall and Rose and Misses Post, Redfield and Stringer were approved as assistants in geology. H. N. Feldman was given classes in mathematics. A. L. Hoaglin was appointed to the place recently vacated by H. Mueller, who was called to Chicago to accept a position with an electrical company. Bruce V. Hill a fellow in physics, was promoted to the rank of assistant. E. V. Capps also received an assistant position, and Z. E. Crook was raised from scholarship to a fellowship in this department. Daisy F. Bonnell was made a recognized tutor in botany. A zoology Caroline E. Stringer, David C. Hilton and A. S. Pease were made assistants and R. A. Lyman a fellow by courtesy. W. R. Johnson was appointed fireman temporarily to succeed Henry Overman, resigned.

A report was read from T. F. Godfrey upon the condition of the vertical tubular boiler in the engine house and the repairs needed were ordered purchased. A letter was read from G. D. Meiklejohn, assistant secretary of war, in reply to a request from the board of trophies of the recent war with Spain. It stated that he would be willing to do all in his power for the university, but this was out of his jurisdiction, as such trophies were government property and could be disposed of only by an act of congress. A net was ordered purchased to protect the new pipe organ in the armory during basket ball games. The committee of the faculty appointed last fall to investigate the subject of a university infirmary for care of sick students, reported. The board decided the matter out of their jurisdiction. To fill the necessity, President Morrill offered to give \$200 for the present building which was to go to help needy and sick students. Disposition of the money was left to the chancellor. The gift was accepted with resolutions of thanks by the board.

Room 3, university hall, was assigned to the young women of the institution, to be converted into a parlor.

PI BETA PHI ENTERTAINS.

The prettiest dance of the season was given last Tuesday night by the members of Pi Beta Phi. The rotunda of the Lincoln was a bewildering maze of colors, and the ball room was never more elaborately decorated; but the coziest and daintiest place of all was the refreshment room where Mrs. Sumner presided, assisted by Misses Florence McGahey, Ada Waugh and Maude Dutton. The receiving line, consisting of Misses Lulu Wirt, Anna Stuart and Lulu West introduced Misses Vera Wattles, Sue Ashmun, Margaret Custer, Katherine Thomas and Evangeline Hazlewood as new Pi Beta Phi's.

The members of Pi Beta Phi proved themselves well trained entertainers. They were everywhere all the time and left nothing undone which might add to the pleasure of their guests. The unique feature of the occasion was the omission of the grand march, which is supposed to have received its death blow in Lincoln with this party, since it is already a thing of the past in the east.

The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morrill, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Kimball, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond. Those

who responded to the neatly engraved invitations were:

May Dorrington, Maude Wylie, Maude Jussen, Falls City; Gertrude Branch, Omaha; Belle Reynolds, Jannette Post, York; Helen Hoover, Jannette Miller, Cora Cropsey, Fairbury; Louise Gilbert, York; Helen Woods, Gladys Henry, Miss Perkins, Lillian Landell, Ella Raymond, Dora Harley, Maud Dutton, Mable Richards, Joy Webster, Bessie Turner, Grace Broadly, Clara Hammond, Grace Bennett, Minnie Morrill, Maude Graham, May Biltgen, Helen Harwood, Edna Polk, McMenimy, Ethel Luckey, Daisy Minor, Ellen Gere, Frances Gere, Adoloyd Whiting, Nellie Griggs, Miss Lash, Mabel Hayes, May Lansing, Jennie Barber, Katherine Sedgwick, Anna Stuart, Lennie Stuart, Miss Lane, Ella Harper, Emily Weeks, Mayzie Ames, Anna Barrows, Blanche Garten, Sue Ashmun, Quete Haskell, Chancellor and Mrs. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weaver, Prof. and Mrs. Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Lahr, Mrs. E. W. Thomas, Mrs. Andrews of Fairbury, Vera Wattles, Lulu Wirt, Grace Andrews, Derleen Woodward, Margaret Custer, Katherine Tuomas, Lulu West, Grace Reynolds, Evangeline Hazlewood, Amy Robinson, Florence McGahey, Ada Waugh, Anna Lyman, Mrs. Closson, messrs. Branch of Omaha; Earl Williams, York; Edgar Shaw, Greenwood; Jim Burks, Beatrice; Earl Wehn, Saunders, C. Mudge, L. Mudge, Lafferty, Adams, Blackman, Marley, Hackney, Bissler, Whitmore, Hastie, Stratton, McDonald, Edmiston, C. Barber, Watkins, Hayes, Dr. Jones, Harksworth, Max Westerman, Liebman, Cosgrove, Davidson, Dales, Humphrey, Ralph Rainey, Frank Rainey, Simms, McCreery, McKillip, Baldwin, Reed, Thomas, Folsom, Ricketts, Reshlander, Seldon, Sherman, Henry, von Mansfeld, Matson Teeter, Bischof, Kind, Cleland, Fisher, Kimball, Weaver, Turpin, De Hansen, Gregory, Richards, Clapp, Sawyer, Virgil Barber, Watkins.

JERRY REBMANN WRITES.

Jeremiah Rebmann, now in Manila with the First Nebraska, who is well known in the university, in a letter to a student here, makes some references to the trouble with Colonel Stotsenburg which may be of interest. The letter is dated Manila, January 1, regarding the Colonel he says: "The boys kick a good deal about Colonel Stotsenburg. I believe they are much in the wrong. They lay everything laid on him. They say he is responsible for everything. They say he is responsible for that we are yet in Manila and not at home. They say that he is responsible that our Christmas presents were sent to Mexico or Texas or nobody knows where."

But then I hate to see them all cast slurs on Stotsenburg simply because Stotsenburg is a soldier and allows no monkey work, and because there is a little politics behind it. (Here follows some references to Lieutenant Colton.) I prefer Stotsenburg as an officer if all politics are left out and the army is run according to military principles, as it ought to be. Politics have no place in the army, and above all not in the field. Well, that is enough of that; simply let me say that I believe Stotsenburg is misunderstood and unnecessarily hated by the boys, and even by the officers, and they are to be censured for that. Stotsenburg is not without faults, but then who is?"

Burr Clark Chamberlain, captain of the Yale foot ball team during the season of '98, has been selected to coach the Stanford team during the coming season. He was on the All American team and has played center, end, half-back and tackle all successfully and is besides an accurate and skillful punter.