

Tuesday last the State Horticultural Society began its annual meeting in the botanical lecture room, closing on Friday.

Miss Kitty Weston, formerly of '91, who has been prevented from attending school several years from ill health, is again in attendance.

The board of regents reduced the gymnasium fee from \$3.00 to \$1.00 per year. The fee for the remainder of the year being fifty cents.

The officers of the University are very much provoked at the state printers for making such a great delay in publishing the report of the regents.

The Freshmen have not yet paid for their canes. They are now contemplating selling those now on hand, in order that they may pay off the old debt.

After nine months service under the employ of a B. & M. surveying gang, in the vicinity of the Black Hills, L. G. Thayer has returned to the University.

When Geo. L. Sheldon's father learned the action of the cadets in regard to the Indian troubles, he immediately came to Lincoln to persuade him not to go.

On the 20th of January the State Agricultural Society will hold its annual meeting in the chapel. At the same time the annual corn show will be given in the armery.

Friday evening, December 26 Miss Trester gave a party for several of the students that remained in town during the holidays. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games.

Professor Hicks gave a lecture before the farmers institute at Tecumseh, Tuesday evening. Professor Bessey gave a lecture before the same institute Thursday evening, January 8.

Several packages of specimens have recently been received for the University herbarium, in all about 250. They are all from the lower plants, most of which are fungi and mosses.

While going home from society Friday evening, H. G. Barber fell down and had his limb hurt, consequently Harry was not able to attend his class in Anglo-Saxon Monday morning.

Last week Mr. Sallee, of Custer county, Neb., spent two days looking through the University herbarium. Mr. Sallee is a graduate of the Illinois University and is greatly interested in botanical work.

Saturday evening, December 27, several couples gave Miss Rose a surprise party. And it proved to be a complete surprise. The evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner in playing games and cards.

The Chase and Wheeler contest will be held in the chapel, Friday evening, January 30, 1891. The contestants are Messrs. F. D. Hyde, C. M. Skiles, T. F. A. Williams, J. H. Hooper, and E. M. Pollard.

The Freshman class elected the following officers January 8: President, Miss Gertrude Marsland; vice-president, Miss Fannie Morton; secretary, G. F. Fisher; treasurer, A. C. Pancoast; sergeant-at-arms, George Hall.

The seminar of history and economics has begun its sessions for the term at the last meeting Saturday evening. Professors Howard and Warner each gave a report of the late historical and economic conventions in Washington.

The following are the officers of the class of '93 for the winter term: President, Miss Green; vice-president, Miss Getner; secretary, Miss Harvard; treasurer, Miss Grey; historian, Miss Mary Fossler; sergeant-at-arms, Miss Christine Fossler.

The officers of the Union society for the winter term are, Miss Baker, president; Miss Roberts, vice-president; C. A. Helvie, secretary; Miss Ames, assistant secretary; Harvey Norris, critic; A. M. Troyer and Miss Morgan, sergeants at arms.

A reception was given by the University Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. in Palladian hall last Wednesday. Refreshments of a very novel kind were served, the bill of fare consisting of peanuts and water. A pleasant time was had by all present.

The officers of the Delian society for the winter term are: C. D. Schell, president; Miss Forehand, vice-president; Paul Pizey, secretary; Arthur Pancoast, and Miss Lee, music secretaries; Randolph McNitt, critic; N. M. Graham, historian; Messrs Rockhold and Fogarty sergeant at arms.

The local oratorical association met last Thursday for the first time this year. February 7 is the date set for the local contest. The following were chosen as judges: on manuscript, Professors Howard, Caldwell, and Sherman; on delivery, Professor Warner, Hons. W. J. Bryan and H. H. Wilson.

The following are the Officers of the Palladian society for the winter term: J. W. McCrosky, president; Miss Gertrude Marsland, vice-president; Miss Minnie DeLue recording secretary; Miss Chapman, corresponding secretary; R. E. Johnson, critic; C. H. Woods, historian; W. T. Brown, sergeant-at-arms.

The chemical department has been greatly strengthened by the addition to its corps of instructors of Horace E. L. Horton, a graduate of Harvard University. Dr. Horton supplemented this course of study, and by several years of study abroad and by practical work in the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The cadet battalion volunteered its services to the state to defend the settlers on the frontier when the militia was called out for that purpose. Governor Thayer replied that at present the forces on the border were sufficient, but requested Lieutenant Griffith to hold the battalion in readiness to go at short notice if the Indians showed further hostility. The boys are all eager to go and see a little actual service.

Monday evening, January 12, the following promotions were to be made in the battalion: Company A—sergeants, Paul Pizey and W. H. Sawyer; corporal, C. E. Teft. Company B—corporals, W. C. Brock and J. P. Beardsley. Company C—sergeant, G. H. Maghee; corporals, Hayward, Stroman and Whaley. Company D, corporals, J. H. Hooper, and H. G. Barber. Drum Major, J. B. McDonald.

A few days ago, Rev. Mr. J. M. Bates, of Valentine, called at the botanical room and spent the greater part of the day in examining the plants in the University herbarium. Mr. Bates brought a package of living plants with him from Florida and presented them to the plant house. These plants grow on the branches of trees and receive their nourishment entirely from the air. Gardener Jensen is very much interested in them.

At the recent meeting of special economist at Washington, which Professor Warner attended, there were about fifty present, representing almost every university of consequence in the country. The presence of western men was noticed by the eastern men as indicative of western push and enterprise. President Walker in his opening address invited particular attention to the awakening interest in economic questions. The meeting was very profitable, and Professor Warner expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity of meeting and exchanging ideas with so many special economists representing every class from the most conservative to the extremely radical.