

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WORK

Activities of Various Institutions East and West.

PRIZES FOR ECONOMIC ESSAYS

Creighton students invited to compete—Plans for Commencement—Proposed Exchanges of Professors.

An invitation has been given to students of Creighton university to compete for valuable economic prizes. The prizes are offered for the purpose of arousing an interest in the study of topics relating to commerce and industry, and the invitation comes from Prof. J. Lawrence Laughlin of the University of Chicago, who is chairman of the committee in charge, the other members being Prof. J. B. Clark, Columbia university; Prof. Henry C. Adams, University of Michigan; Horace White, East New York City; and Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Clark college.

Students who wish to compete are allowed until June 1, 1908, to make their studies and finish their essays. The prizes are divided into several classes, giving everyone who is interested in problems pertaining to business and opportunity to compete.

Class "A" includes any American without restriction; the first prize in this class is \$500 and the second \$400. Class "B" includes those who are undergraduates of any American college, and any member of this class may compete for the prizes of class "A." The first prize in this class is \$300 and the second \$200. The following are the subjects suggested by the committee for the essays:

1. German and American methods of raising trusts.
2. The logic of "Progress and Poverty."
3. What are the ultimate ends of trade unions and can these be gained by any application of the principles of monopoly?
4. In view of existing railway progress, should the United States encourage the construction of waterways?
5. Is it to be expected that the present and recent production of gold will cause a higher level of prices?
6. Class "C" is for those who have not had an academic training.

A prize of \$500 is offered for the best production of any one of the following subjects:

1. The best scheme for uniform corporation accounts.
2. Desirable methods of improving our trade with China.
3. The proper spheres of the trust company and the commercial bank.
4. The relation of oriental immigration to American industries.
5. The relative efficiency of American and European labor in manufacturing industries.

The prizes are donated by Messrs. Hart Schaffner & Marx, of Chicago.

**Iowa University.**  
The Hamilton oratorical contest of the Northern Oratorical league has been abandoned this year. Word was received at the Iowa university from Attorney Gas. Collins of Chicago, that the contest would not be held this year, and no reason for the action was given. The contest has been one of the principal features of the big universities in the west for a number of years, and will be greatly missed. Originally the orations were all prepared on some phase of the life or works of Alexander Hamilton, but last year this was changed and the contestants were allowed to choose their own subjects. A number of the students at Iowa had already prepared their orations, and the abandonment of the affair will be a source of annoyance to these students.

Arrangements are being hurried forward by the local chapter of Delta Sigma Rho for the annual convention and banquet to be held on the first of May. The fraternity is a recent organization, and is limited to the men who have contested in intercollegiate events in some forensic line. The event will be held in connection with the annual contest of the Northern Oratorical league, and will be the second affair of the kind since the organization of the fraternity two years ago. A number of eastern schools have asked that charters be granted them, and some of these will be granted on the night of the banquet. M. L. Ferroc of the Iowa chapter is the president of the national fraternity, and will be in charge of the convention. Vincent Starbinger of Des Moines is the delegate from Iowa.

The Fort Dodge high school debating team, which met at Cedar Falls for the state championship on Friday night, has a record that has seldom been equalled. For two years the team has held the championship of western Iowa, and has never met with defeat. Webster City, Cherokee and Missouri Valley have been met this year in the contest for representation in the state debate. The members of the team are Walter Bower, Charles Keith and Richard Mitchell. Mr. Miner is the leader of the trio. The team is in charge of Ray Files of the class of 1906 at Iowa.

The present year will witness the largest class for graduation at commencement time in the history of the State university. The class in liberal arts alone numbers 187, and the departments of the professional schools will be equally large. The class of the Law college will be over fifty men and the schools of medicine and dentistry about the same.

**Iowa State College, Ames.**  
Elaborate preparations are being made by the trustees and the faculty of Iowa state college for the proper observance of the fortieth anniversary commencement. Exercises will be held during the week commencing Wednesday, May 27, and continue until Thursday, June 4.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by President Storms on Sunday, May 24, and the annual commencement address will be delivered June 4 by President William Gray Thompson of Ohio state university. There will be the usual exercises such as peace pipe, open air band concert, aerial displays before the Young Men's Christian association and the Young Women's Christian association class day exercises.

Monday, June 1, will be given the grand concert, "The Messiah." Bro. Alexander S. Thompson of the college will direct the concert and will be assisted by 100 trained voices, among whom are Miss Agnes Peterson of New York, soprano; Mr. Garnet Hedge of Chicago, tenor; Mr. Frederick Martin of New York, bass; and Mrs. Clara Dutton Thompson of Ames, contralto.

Alumni hall, which was opened for use

NEWS OF THE ARMY POSTS

New Recruits of Fort Crook Taste Emergency Ration.

LITTLE AND GOES SHORT WAY

Fort Crook Soon to Be Dred and Soldiers Will Be Thirsty—Career of Army Packer—Delr.

PORT CROOK, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—The second battalion of recruits who are to be sent to the Philippines, left the post on a three days' practice march, under the command of Captain Crimmins, April 18. The second day of the march was the first day that the recruits tasted the emergency ration, exclusive of other rations. This ration has never met with the approval of the men, and they have complained to eat the same. The chocolate component is sweet and satisfactory and may be eaten without restriction. The rice and beans will make a capital porridge, and with the addition of salt, is fairly palatable, and for a man it would be sufficient for one meal.

The directions for frying this slice of porridge are: Fry the rice in a tin or tin can, until it is dry and the rice is browned, but it is hard to do this when there is no bacon available, and the emergency ration does not contain any fat. The food in general lacks the seasoning component, and it is nauseating, and men complain that after they have eaten it they feel hungry at once and they eat it though they would be satisfied for one meal.

As quite a number of the recruits were on this march for the first time, and the experience of the emergency ration, their views of the same were obtained as of old on the march. The old soldiers, it is said, eat a great number of them to relish it, especially the chocolate. Some saved the cans and wrote letters to their mothers, brother, in fact all of them at home, and they were very glad to have them in a little round tin, and how easy it was to eat it, with but little cooking. The march was a very interesting one, and the recruits were in charge of the pill-rolling department.

On the 23d inst, the Third battalion, consisting of nine companies, was sent to the Philippines under the command of Captain Ridenour, Sixth infantry, on a similar march. The march was a very interesting one, and the recruits were in charge of the pill-rolling department.

Crook town soon will be dry, as the only place in the town where water is obtained is the first of the coming month. Bootlegging and moonshine of all kinds will be the order of the day, and many will be under way during the day, as the risk would not pay for the fine and imprisonment on the poor individual caught at the same.

The usual sacred concert takes place at the post on Sunday, and the choir of the guard mounting at 9.

The pay bill of the army which is before the congress and the house has been laid aside for a few days on account of the absence of Representatives Hill and Parker from the conference.

It is probable that two changes will be made in the conference. The first is that out of that part as related to giving three months' pay who re-enlist within three months of discharge, the other giving six months pay to the widow of the officer or enlisted man where death results from wounds or disease contracted in the line of duty.

F. L. Claire, clerk in the office of the chief quartermaster of the United States Army, has been appointed to the position of chief quartermaster of the United States Army. Claire has been in the army since 1870, and has served in the Philippine islands, and has been in the Philippines in the early days of the insurrection and has seen some hard fighting. He is a native of Indiana, and has served three terms in the different parts of the balance. Mr. Claire is personally known to nearly all the old soldiers of the regiment, as he was a passenger, or rather a civil service man, in his time to the Philippines. He was in time in May, 1898, on the United States army transport Sheridan with the Sixteenth infantry and was assigned to the command of the depot at Manila, with headquarters at the chief quartermaster's office, and can relate some hard fighting in the Philippines, and some hard fighting in the Philippines.

The special Easter service given in the post chapel by Chaplain Hillman was largely attended, and was a most interesting one. The service was held in the evening, and was a most interesting one. The service was held in the evening, and was a most interesting one.

**Captain W. C. Bennett.** Captain W. C. Bennett, adjutant general of the department, who recently arrived from Major D. D. Bennett, who was formerly a major in the Sixteenth infantry, and his transfer to Omaha is very pleasing to his many old friends still in the regiment. Major Bennett joined the Sixteenth infantry in January, 1884, and remained in the regiment until his detail for service in the military secretary department. In the regiment until his detail for service in the military secretary department.

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