

ing, as was also his Macduff. Miss Wakeman was at her best in the trial scene of the Merchant of Venice, but her Lady Macbeth was not so convincing. Other parts that deserve mention were the Malcom of Mark Wilson, the Prince of Aragon of George Hare, and the Gratiano of Stanley Drewitt.

The coming of such a company to State College is a real event, and all enjoyed it to the full. It is to be hoped that the company can be secured later in the season to give some of its pastoral comedies on the campus.

**Acetylene Lighting.**

An admirable treatment of the subject of Calcium Carbide and Acetylene is given in a 120-page booklet lately issued by the department of chemistry of the college, under the authorship of Dr. G. G. Pond. The subject is considered from a practical standpoint, without the use of technical language, and is interesting as well as instructive.

The use of acetylene commercially is an evolution covering only ten or twelve years. Its use has been developing rapidly until it is now widely known. A strong point in its favor is the fact that colors have their true value under its light, and it is therefore valued not only in the home, but in stores, in photographic work, and in forcing plant growth.

As is probably known, calcium carbide is made by combining calcium and carbon, in the form of lime and coke, in an electric furnace where the temperature is from five to seven thousand degrees Fahrenheit. The Union Carbide company, operating under patents, controls the supply of carbide for this country. Their plants are at Niagara Falls and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. With a system of some fifty warehouses in the United States they are able to supply satisfactorily all demands for the product.

An interesting feature of the use of this gas is the oxy-acetylene blowpipe, by which iron and steel can be welded, and slabs of metal can be cut, even to several inches in thickness. One instance is quoted where a shaft more than twenty-four inches in diameter was successfully welded on a steamship. It is Dr. Pond's belief that the use of acetylene will develop wonderfully in the near future, and judging from the facts which are given in this bulletin, his prediction will doubtless prove true.

**Strickland Gillilan Coming.**

Those who heard Strickland Gillilan at the time of his last visit here will be glad of the opportunity to listen to some of his rare jokes on Saturday evening, and those who have never

heard him may feel sure of at least a few hearty laughs. His programs are varied, consisting of poems, monologues, and stories, and since he is engaged in newspaper work, being connected with the Chicago News, he is able constantly to add to his store of humor. Mr. Gillilan says that he used to have five reasons for lecturing—a wife, two children, and two mortgages. Now he has only three reasons, and he has lost none of his family.

Attention is called to the change in the time of the entertainment. The Freshman Sophomore basketball game will begin at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening, and the Gillilan entertainment will begin immediately afterward, or at 8:30.

**Special Examination.**

Regular examinations for removal of conditions incurred at the end of the last semester, as well as entrance will be held on April 13th and 14th. In order to give those who are preparing to remove conditions an earlier opportunity, a special examination is arranged for Saturday afternoon, March 6th, at 1:20 p. m. No student will be admitted to more than one examination on that date, nor will anyone be admitted who fails to register with the head of the department in which the condition was incurred on or before Friday noon, March 5th, or who fails to show the head of the Department that he has made some preparation for the examination.

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