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THE THESPIAN TRIALS

Large Turnout to the Initial Trials for Places in the Chorus. Competition Will Be Keen This Year.

The preliminary trials for positions in the Thespian chorus held last Friday and Saturday evening in the Old chapel were very well attended, and the committee in charge of the trials was more than satisfied with the showing made by some of the new men. Since there are quite a few of the old men back at school this year, there promises to be some very interesting races for positions on this year's chorus.

The final trials for the chorus and cast will be held Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18; the exact time and place to be announced later. Copies of the show are now being printed and can be obtained from the following members on and after Feb. 13. Prof. J. H. Frizzell 270 Main or 230 Pugh St.; J. A. Hassler, Alpha Kappa Delta house, J. Millholland, Phi Sigma Kappa house; E. E. Tanguy, S. A. E. house; and R. G. Guthrie, 227 McAllister hall. The books will only be loaned to those who intend applying for a position in the cast.

There have been no changes made in the trip as outlined in last week's Collegian. The Thespians hope that the different clubs of the towns in which the Thespians will appear on their trip, will take the matter up with the Alumni and friends at home, and make the trip a social as well as a financial success. The Thespians will take the trip during the latter part of the Easter recess.

The Thespian advisory committee consisting of Profs. F. L. Pattee, W. H. Espenshade, and J. H. Frizzell, are earnestly working and hope to bring the Thespians to such a position at State as that occupied by "The Masque and Wig" at U. of P.; "The Masque" at Cornell; "The Triangle" at Princeton, and "The Blackfriars" at Univ. of Chicago. This object can only be accomplished with the aid of all the students and alumni.

Mr. C. L. Downing of Phila., who has so successfully coached the Thespians the past two seasons, has again been selected to coach this season, and he will be on hand to supervise the final trials, Feb. 17 and 18.

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Important Experiment Completed.

The Animal Husbandry department has recently completed a feeding experiment involving the use of 21 high grade draft horses. The object of the test was to determine the relative efficiency of different rations for fattening purposes. The horses were divided into three groups as nearly equal as possible in age, weight, quality, breeding and condition. One lot was fed corn, oats and hay, a second corn, cottonseed meal, and hay; and the third, corn, cottonseed meal, hay and silage. There was but little difference in the rate of gain in each lot, but the cost was decidedly in favor of the group receiving corn, cottonseed meal, hay and silage. As this is the first test ever conducted in which silage constituted a portion of the ration, the results will prove valuable to every horse feeding section in the country.

Have an olive. Everybody is in on it.

Change in Engineering Faculty.

Mr. R. P. Sauerherring, formerly of the department of heat engineering is now located at Buffalo. He has charge of the course in electrical engineering at the Bryant and Stratton Business college.

The place left vacant will be filled by Mr. Alexander Ritter. Mr. Ritter has had 14 years of experience in several European states.

He is a graduate of the Austro-Hungarian Technical college where he specialized along naval and marine lines. His first work was with the Austro-Hungarian Naval Engineering school and dockyard, which position he filled for three years, then leaving it to accept a position as engineer on the royal yacht and torpedo boat.

He was chief draughtsman for the Northeastern Marine Engineering Co., located at Wallsend on Tyne, England for a period of three years, and was also for a number of years the British representative for the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., Ltd. at Trafford Park, Manchester.

His previous work in teaching was done at the Technical Engineering college of Germany, during which time he made preparation for and passed the examination for Chief Naval Engineer.

Mr. Ritter will take up his work here in about a week.

Mr. H. McCready, assistant electrical engineer of the Union Switch and Signal Co. of Swissvale Pa. spent a few days here last week, looking up some men for the three year apprenticeship courses offered by his company. A few of the senior electricals signified their intention of taking the course.

The new wireless station, located in the Electrical annex, sent its first message last Saturday afternoon. The receiving station was located on the Mountains near the gap and was arranged Saturday morning. No messages were received here since the station at the gaps was only a receiving station. It is the intention of the department to locate a sending and receiving station on Bald top mountain. Communication will later be attempted with the numerous stations located over the country.

Attention 1911

Dr. and Mrs. Schieffelin of New York have consented to address the Senior class in the Old Chapel on Sunday at 2.15 p. m.

Dr. Schieffelin's theme will be "The College Man in the Business World" and the rank that this man holds in the business enterprises of the country well fits him to deliver a highly educational talk.

Mrs. Schieffelin will touch on another interesting topic appreciated by college men about to graduate, namely "Home-Making". This remarkable woman is probably one of the foremost woman speakers in the country and her ideas will be undoubtedly of vital interest to the outgoing senior class.

The opportunity for the 1911 men to hear good speakers while at Penn State is rapidly drawing to a close and this is a particular instance that no man can really afford to miss.

Let us have a good turnout. You cannot regret it, in fact you will find it more than worth your while.

Y. M. C. A. pay days all this week and next. Pay your dues and Can pay in subscription.

Good Roads Train.

The special train which is helping to spread the good roads movement through the State is making excellent progress. Great enthusiasm has been manifested at nearly every stop. At Apollo, for example, the train was met by five hundred people, headed by a brass band, and at another place the Board of Trade gave the men of the train a banquet. It can be easily seen, therefore, that the movement for good roads in the state is being favorably received by the people.

The train consists of six cars and carries a force of fourteen to eighteen men. Among the lecturers are—J. P. Jackson, State College, in charge of the train; J. P. Gehart, State Highway Dept., E. F. Hass, State Highway Dept., L. B. Dodge, The Pennsylvania State college, D. H. Winslow, United States office of roads. Included in the force are also a mechanic and an operator for the lantern slides. Evening lectures have been scheduled as follows.—

Altoona, February 9, Bedford, 10, Altoona, 11, Patton, 13, Bellwood, 14, Clearfield, 15, Lock Haven.

Panama Banquet.

On Jan. 21, '11 a banquet and smoker was given by the Penn State men who are engaged upon the Panama Canal. The banquet was served at the Hotel Tivoli in Ancon Canal Zone. Toasts were responded to as follows.

Toastmaster, P. B. Van Dine '06; Ladies, E. W. Nick '07; Airships, N. N. Veenschoten '07; Life Farians, Carl Markham ex '11; Bubbles, C. S. Lorah '08; Our Nittany Lion, S. Mussina '07.

Following the banquet the Penn State Alumni Association of the Isthmus of Panama was formed and the following officers elected:

F. N. Weidner '91, president; E. W. Nick '07, secretary and treasurer; S. Mussina '07, social secretary.

Penn State has the largest representation of college men on the Isthmus and this was the first affair of its kind ever given by college men on the Isthmus.

The Chapel Speakers.

The Chapel service next Sunday will be a celebration of Lincoln's Birthday. Mr. W. J. Schieffelin, the New York manufacturer who spoke last February, will be here and will be accompanied by the Rev. William H. Sheppard, colored, a graduate of Hampton Institute, Virginia, and for many years a missionary to the Bakuba tribes in Africa.

Some regard him as a more forceful speaker than Booker T. Washington. The Hampton Quartette, now in New York, will probably come with Dr. Schieffelin, and will sing at the service.

James H. Breasted, Lecturer.

Professor James Henry Breasted, who lectures next Saturday night in the first lecture course on "Camp and Caravan on the Ethiopian Nile," is Professor of Archaeology in the University of Chicago. He spent several years exploring the tombs, and ruins of Egypt and served on a Commission appointed by Emperor William of Germany to compile the Egyptian manuscripts in Berlin. He is the author of many books on the history and exploration of Egypt. Although still a young man he is regarded as the foremost American on ancient Egypt. His lecture will be illustrated.

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W. T. Creasy Addressed Agricultural Students.

At a rousing meeting held Monday evening in the Agricultural building W. T. Creasy gave an interesting address before the students of that department and the people of the community. The key note of the address was "Co-operation among farmers" in a community in such a way as to better the interests of that class of people. He made plain the fact that the rural farmer can gain almost nothing as an individual, but a given group of them must act in unison to accomplish their purpose. Several plans were outlined for bettering the conditions of the rural classes along social and economical lines. The county grange under whose auspices the address was made seems to be the best possible means of bringing the wants of the farming class before the people, and in this way acts as a central body for co-operation. W. T. "Farmer" Creasy besides besides being Master of the State Grange, a state representative, and trustee of this college is a practical farmer and is well equipped to know the conditions and problems of rural people.

Short addresses were made by Dr. J. A. Bonsteel, of the U. S. Bureau of Soils, Mr. Dale, master of the Centre county grange, and by members of the school of agriculture, dealing either with the matter of co-operation or the extent of the agricultural work being done at the college.

Free Lecture Course.

The remaining lectures in the free lecture course are:

Feb. 11, Dr. James H. Breasted, of the Aaskell Oriental Museum of the university of Chicago. "Camp and Caravan on the Ethiopian Nile."

Feb. 18, Richard Wyche in Folk-Lore of South—Uncle Remus.

Feb. 25—Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent. The "Federation of the World."

March 4, Graham Taylor of the Chicago Commons. Subject later.

March 11, President George E. Vincent, of the University of Minnesota.

March 18, Prof. G. W. Ritchey, of the Mount Wilson Solar Observatory, Cal.

March 25, Arthur de Brearski. Costume Recital of Shakespeare.

Wireless Station.

The wireless station has been established and tried out, the first test being run last Saturday by taking the receiving end of the apparatus to Shingletown with very good results. It is hoped to get connections with Harrisburg, Philadelphia and the League Island Navy yards. The apparatus was constructed by four Seniors; Thomas, Turner, Filbert, and Spangler under the supervision of Professor Slaughter of the electrical department.

Next Senior Cotillion.

The committee in charge of the Senior Cotillions announces March 3rd, 1911, as the date of the next dance. The last event, on account of inclement weather was rather poorly attended, but it is fully expected that the coming dance will be a great success. The date is announced early so that you may send your invitations now, thus making sure of their acceptance; not considering refusals, in plenty of time for the occasion.

HEAR DR. SHEPPARD

This Wonderful Man Has Probably Done More for His People, Especially Those of the Congo Free State, Than Any Living Man.

Do you want to hear thrilling stories of leopards, elephants, boa-constrictors, and the beasts of the jungle, hear the man who is to speak at 3.00 on Sunday afternoon? He has spent a life-time in their country, and can tell you more than our renowned "Teddy" about them.

Do you want to know about the cannibals of Africa, their barbarous customs, and how they wage their merciless warfare? Hear Dr. Sheppard who has often been compelled to see his own friends eaten alive.

Do you want to see the man who is quoted at some length in Mark Twain's remarkable book "King Leopold's Soliloquy", a story of the horror perpetrated by the king on the people of the Congo? This pitiless and blood-drenched king, this money-crazed king, this butcher has cast his awful shadow across the Congo Free State, and under him an unoffending nation of 15,000,000 withered away and simply succumbed to this misery. It is a land of graves.

Do you want to look into the eye of the man who in the face of all these obstacles had the courage of his convictions and became one of the liberators of these people, and emancipated them from their slavery?

Do you want to know more of the power of this man who won over the celebrated lawyer and Belgian socialist and free-thinker, who was sent to oppose him in that famous trial at Leopoldville and who came each morning to the prayer meetings held by Morrison and Sheppard? Do you know that this man gathered four thousand into the church, and 8,500 into the school?

We shall better understand the value of Lincoln's day if we meet with the emancipator of the Congo Free State—this herald of civilization in a dark continent.

Hear Sheppard at three Sunday afternoon. Dr. Scheffelin will preside at the meeting.

Meek's Attractive Window.

More than one person has been seen during the past week gazing into Meek's show window and feasting their eyes on the beautiful display found there.

This decoration consists of hyacinths, carnations, roses, narcissus and many varieties of ferns, all tastefully arranged, producing a very beautiful floral effect. These flowers are products of the horticulture department and the different species are grown all winter in the College greenhouses.

Dr. Bonsteel on "Soils and Crops."

Dr. J. A. Bonsteel, of the United States Bureau of Soils, spent several days at the college and gave lectures on the soils of the United States, dealing particularly with the adaptation of the various crops to the different soils. Although the soils and crops of the entire country were talked on, especial attention was given to those in the eastern states. Lantern slides were used to illustrate many features of crop adaptation.

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