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MORE SOAP-BOXES

"When in a country like ours the National Government attempts to legislate for the whole country as to what we may or may not eat or drink, as to how we may dress, as to our religious beliefs or as to what we may or may not read, this is to interfere with those rights sacred to every English-speaking man, this is no longer a republican government, it is tyranny."

Such was the hot-battage discharged by Dr. William S. Thayer, president of the 80-year-old American Medical Association, in the convention's opening address. A demonstration said to eclipse all previous events of its kind in the association's history followed his speech.

The United States' "noble experiment," prohibition, at which the doctor aimed his B-B gun, may seem "foolish," "ill-considered," "intolerant," or even "tyrannous" to him, but he forgets or ignores one point. As doubtlessly did the well-oiled machinery of the convention.

A tyrannical act is one executed without legal authority. In 1919 the United States stamped approval all over Andrew J. Volsted's Act which was to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment. The act then became effective January 16, 1920, and since that time has benefitted impartially bootleggers, proletariats, and middle-class.

Congress is the place to go to have things of this nature changed and plenty of people have gone to Congress about it. But what probably worries the doctor-orator is that more people have gone to Congress who were in favor of prohibition.

There is at least one avenue of escape open to D. Thayer and his cheer-full audience. If he cannot get his liquor served every morning with the milk, he might take a run down to Cuba to investigate the medical situation. It is understood that the Jamaica and Bacardi rum there (straight from New York) is excellent for assuaging thirst and troubles in the same breath.

CANDIDE

"Candide" is not obscene. So declared the Treasury department at Washington after its censors had read the book, mused over its passages, and repudiated the entire refusal of post officials at the sanctimonious city of Boston who had feared a great smutting of the American mind was on hand.

It has been said that the evil that lies in a book is read into it by the reader. He translates its passages in the terms of his experience. Further, it has been said that an evil book cannot hurt a healthy mind, for a healthy mind does not sink, but rises.

Voltaire's century and a half old book, which is counted as a great work of literature, fills the bill in regard to its name; but, withal, it is far from being a filth-stained volume. And when all the reproachful charges are flung, and all the smug minds of the county have exhausted their petty vilifications, the art of the master will rest on as steady a foundation as ever.

BREAKING RECORDS

In this modern age of speed we hear on all sides the echoes of record-smashing. Man on foot as well as in the air is attempting to beat the race against time. Even John D. Rockefeller, who recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday, is out to break a record in the art of living.

So it is with the Penn State Summer Session. Starting from a lowly beginning in 1909, it has been nurtured to the adult stage in which it now stands forth. Another record has dropped before the hoofs of school teachers, students, and others who clamored for admittance this year.

Almost 3000 students have enrolled here for courses this summer, this number exceeding the highest previous one by nearly three hundred. Even the various institutes have enjoyed considerable success with the French contingent larger than it has been since its start here.

It is with pleasure that we congratulate the Summer Session officials on their work of building up the six-week school idea here. Nothing attests to the success of the session more than the number who return year after year to spend their summers in the Nittany Valley. May the smashing of Summer School records next year even exceed in volume the racket of the new building program.

According to latest press reports a canvass of eighteen New Yorkers revealed that the Woolworth building, the subways, the Brooklyn bridge, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art were considered the outstanding wonders of New York. We were always under the impression that native New Yorkers did not even know that such places existed in the metropolis.

"Army Bag Breaks Record," screams the Lakewood (N. J.) Times. Sho. There are any number of Nittany blimps who break records three times a day.

SUMMER SESSION ALLIES

No No-Do For Do-Do

Together the young man and woman stood at the edge of the dance floor at the Armory Saturday night. She was of goodly build, wore a blue dress, and an embarrassed smile. He was blonde and had that well-known collegiate air of sinister insouciance.

Shyly she was shaking her dark head in negation to his insistent suggestions. At last, as the orchestra paused between numbers, she raised her terrified eyes to his hold ones and said,

"But I don't want to dance now. I don't know any of the pieces they are playing."

His Jacet

One by one the glories of the ancient world fade into the netherlands of disrepute. The most recent to bow its exit does so before the pointing finger of a member of the Master Barbers' association. No more will the barber chaunt his praise by the explanatory phrase under his name on the shop window. "Tonsorial Artist." From now on he is merely to be a "Deimutician."

Emergency Truifet

Why no, my dear, you're being married
 Doesn't take you from my heart
 I'll keep the thoughts I've carried
 Even though, my dear, you're married,
 I'll stay a happy and unharried
 One while I think in a place apart.
 Why no, my dear, your being married
 Doesn't take you from my heart!

Reward! Reward!

If the owner of two lost cloudy amber beads will call at this office, we, in person, shall supervise restoration of the objects to their proper owner. That is, it is supposed that the owner is proper. The beads were found in the firm's auto Saturday night after the Big Dance at the Armory. As far as the reward for recovery of the two lost cloudy amber beads (which Jeweler Cambridge insists are glass) let us repeat that we, in person, shall supervise restoration. Be it known also that we didn't have a date Saturday night. (Adv.)

Add: Similes

The bluebook was as poorly marked as a New Jersey state highway.

The This One

"Five physics students at the Florida State College for Women can quote their horsepower to their third decimal place (Ed Note: near the fourth rib) as the result of measurements which prove each one to be equal to about half a horse."—News release.

We always thought that these Southern belles were high steppers in the hey-hey line. And what with the new no-piece bathing suits, and the sun-back dresses, they should make plenty of it.

Add: Similes

Love is like a potato—it has eyes but it is blind.
 —Eddie Cantor.

The Dish-Rag Rebellion

Sir Esme Howard himself, that dean of diplomats, would be puzzled by the bleak implications brought about by the Summer Session's latest social embroglio. Time was, when the Sigma Chi and Phi Delta houses were on the best of terms. But all that has passed now. And it all happened because of a chance word.

Noses describe an upward arc when the wearers meet on the street. House managers have discarded iceboxes as superfluous, such is the atmosphere. Even the fir trees on each lot have given over their dolorous sighing in favor of a sneering little plant for the passing breezes to carry back and forth. In short, because of a chance word (She Didn't Know—She Only Thought), the Sigma Chi scullery force has boycotted the Phi Delta girl contingent.

Add—Romances in a Line

She is, indeed, a marvel;
 And, I hope, quite carnal.

RENTAL

LIBRARY

ALL LATEST FICTION

KEELER'S

Catham Theatre Building

Thoughts of Others

BOOK CLUBS

The Cornell Daily Sun, through its editorial columns, has announced itself as favoring Mr. Arthur Bietano's recent denunciation of book clubs. The latter's antagonism towards these organizations can easily be understood when we realize that he is president of the American Booksellers Association, and that his industry is being dangerously threatened by the rapid growth of the clubs, but we find it difficult to comprehend that, a similar viewpoint on the subject is taken by the Cornell daily.

Book clubs have shown advantages and benefits which distinctly place them out of any category of passing fads or momentary fancies. Should one merely frown upon the busy man of today when he says that he lacks the necessary time to wander through bookstalls seeking the best of a large variety, and for this reason has neglected his literary education, or should one attempt to remedy the conditions at its source? The book club organizers have followed the latter course and their unusual success has proven the merits of their ideas.

Although, as the Daily Sun states, the people of today are not enjoying the eclectic pleasure which one feels when browsing through bookshops, and such a loss of genuine pleasure is to be deplored, yet one must realize that economic conditions in this country have been radically changed during the last few decades and although the Cornell opinion is perhaps the ideal in ethics, the ideal, to be of any use, must be blended with the practical. In other words, the favoring or denouncing of book clubs merely signifies whether one's opinion is swimming with the tide or against it, and as little can be accomplished by the latter method and much by the former, we have no hesitancy in predicting a long existence and continued growth for the clubs, feeling that they merit both.

—The Pennsylvanian

AG HILL GRADUATE SETS SAIL FOR STAY IN CHINA

Lester M. Zook '29, of Chambersburg, will sail from San Francisco July 26, on the S. S. President Van Buren for Canton, China, where he will become part of the faculty of the Lingnan university there. He will remain for at least three years.

Zook, who majored in animal husbandry courses at the College, will teach under the supervision of another Penn State graduate, George W. (Daddy) Groff, who is dean of the agricultural college at the university.

Two other American college graduates also will be added to the Lingnan faculty as Zook joins.

TRY ONE OF THESE . . .

TRAVEL

1 I DISCOVER GREECE by Harry A. Franck

—An interesting account of present day Greece, by a man who has traveled widely and observed much.

2. OUTPOST OF THE LOST, AN ARCTIC ADVENTURE by D. L. Brainard

—The diary of General Brainard who joined the Greeley expedition to Lady Franklin Bay in 1881. A straight-forward and honest account of the two years of exploration and the months of waiting for the relief ship.

3. DESERT ROAD TO TURKEY STAN by Owen Lattimore

—The description of a difficult journey across the hinterland of Mongolia to Chinese Turkestan.

4. UNDISCOVERED AUSTRALIA by Sir George Hubert Wilkins

—An expedition to the Australian back country to collect specimens of the rarer native fauna for the British Museum. Fully illustrated and full of fascinating tales of animal and native life.

5. MAGIC ISLAND by William B. Seabrook

—The author went to live in the mountain jungles of Haiti with the family of a Voodoo priestess. He was initiated into the cult and describes its rites and practices. He also relates many stories of sorcery and witchcraft which he gathered in various circles of Haitian society.

POETRY

1 FURTHER POEMS of Emily Dickinson

—Some of her finest poems which reveal "with unsurpassed beauty the world of individual experience."

2 ANGELS AND EARTHLY CREATURES by Elmer Wylie

—A posthumous volume which is representative of the very best work of the author.

3 WEST RUNNING BROOK by Robert Frost

—The love of nature is the dominant note in this latest volume by a well known poet.

4 WINTER WORDS by Thomas Hardy

—The last poems of a great novelist who hoped to be remembered as a poet, but whose poetry will be read chiefly because of his fame as a prose artist.

5. MIDSUMMER NIGHT by John Masefield

—New poems on some of the unfamiliar turns of the Arthurian legend.

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BRITISH CONFLICT IN POETRY TOLD

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actually felt toward life as he wrote of it. This however, was not to be construed as a mandate upon mankind to follow pessimism. The artist should be enjoyed for his art.

Comment on Masefield

Two and three line epigrams of the type found in George Rostrevoi Hamilton's "Epigrams," was another phase of British verse-making touched upon by Miss Cohen. She confessed that she was partial toward this manner of literary expression and gave as the reason that the skillful manipulation of ideas and words required within so rigid a form made their study worthwhile.

Masefield's "Mid-Summer Night" gave the lecturer basis for her comments when she reached the sea poet in her talk. Warranted by his accepted place in the libraries of the world, Miss Cohen spoke especially of his handling of Arthurian material.

Using Humbert Wolfe's "The Unknown Goddess," which the speaker candidly admitted gave her pleasure to read, she pointed out for her hearers the high-lights of his verse and explained his virtuosity.

Other Poets Noted

Other poets and their books that Miss Cohen talked about were Siegfried Sassoon, known principally as a war poet, and his "The Heart's Journey," Wilfred Gibson's "The Golden Room," Charlotte Mew's "The Rambling Sallot," A. E. Coppard's "Collected Poems," Edmund Blunden's "Retreat," Robert Graves' "Collected Poems," and the expatriate Monk Gibbon's "For Daws to Peck At."

Miss Cohen, who has varied her theoretical work by extensive travel, study and practice, is a native of New York and earned her Ph. D. degree at Columbia university. She has been an extension lecturer at Columbia, Johns Hopkins university, and other institutions.

In addition to an intimate knowledge of poetry, Miss Cohen is familiar with all phases of the one-act drama. She is also known as an authority on the reading habits of youth, and her skill as a teacher and her judgment of literary values is considered to be of particular importance.

Her published books include "One-Act Plays by Modern Authors," "Longer Plays by Modern Authors," "The Junior Play Book," "Lyric Forms from France," "The Ballads."

PENN STATE AG EDITOR ENDS CONVENTION VISIT

Edward H. Rhotbeck, instructor in agriculture extension and editor of Penn State agriculture news service, today concludes his visit to the American Association of Agriculture College Editors' annual meeting at Durham, N. H. He will arrive back at State College Sunday.

The editors began their yearly convalesce Tuesday and since that time have considered the various problems that confront such offices as they maintain.

WHO'S DANCING

Friday
 Chi Phi (closed)
 Phi Kappa Psi (closed)
 Saturday
 Alpha Tau Omega (closed)



(Summer Opening Time 7:00 p. m.)

FRIDAY—Return Showing of

Douglas Fairbanks in "THE IRON MASK"
 Synchronized Picture—Music Only

SAURDAY—

Douglas MacLean, Marie Prevost in "DIVORCE MADE EASY"
 All-Talking Picture

MONDAY and TUESDAY—

George Bancroft, Fay Wray, And Richard Arlen in "THUNDERBOLT"
 All-Talking Picture

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY—

Alice White in "BROADWAY BABIES"
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