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## ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The pessimist and the optimist see the same things, only they do not find them in the direction. The former looks backward; the latter, forward. Happy is the man who can discern the good of the past, the better of the present and the best of the future.

Some tell us that oratory has been, but is no longer. How can this be? Oratory has been, is, and will be so long as man feels the difference between beauty and deformity, right and wrong, truth and falsity, love and selfishness. Our only concern is that we keep our sense of distinction keen, that we do feel. There are few who fail to see that this is a special season when our nation is sharpening the pivot of its conscience, so that the lightness of gold and the worth of altruism are becoming recognized.

The above reflection was provoked by the Twentieth Annual Oratorical Contest, which took place last Friday evening before a large sympathetic and enthusiastic audience in the College Armory.

The names of the orators, the titles of their orations and the decisions of the judges are given at another place in the "RECORD." Last week's number explained why no ladies entered the contest.

The orations were not all perfect, for then, the judges could have made no decision. Nor, indeed, was any of them perfect, for such a condition is not possible among imperfect human beings; but that none was poor would doubtless be generally conceded. Since, then, the good qualities of the orations were more prominent than the bad, let us consider briefly a few of the former.

With only one exception, the refrain of every orator was, in the words of St. Paul, "The love of money is the root of all evil." This root they beheld grown to a mighty tree of death. The industrial autocrat and the political boss were not spared. Most sensible, however, and wise, was the choice by one of the speakers of the career and character of Simon Bolivar as his subject. He gave us a drama in words. Here we were moved to pity, admiration and emulation, rather than to disgust and the spirit of immediate activity.

Innate ability and maturing art were evident in the orators' thought, sentence, structure, figures and delivery. The composure and calmness of the speakers was admirable.

The ordinary man's work may be from sun to sun, but the student's is also, in addition to this, a long way on the journey from moon to sun. He works away into the night. Busy men marvel at how much they themselves did when they were in college. The same person, in addition to being first of all a student, must be an athlete, an editor, an official of his literary society, a worker for the Y. M. C. A., a knight among the ladies, an orator. The young men who so well entertained us and inspired us last Friday evening each merit our as-

tonished admiration, because of the time, effort and pains which their productions made evident.

The presiding at the occasion and the presentation of the medals were gracefully done, and fitly, by two of the young ladies.

The solos by Prof. Patton and the music by the M. A. C. orchestra were received with involuntary applause.

It was thought unnecessary to publish a complete table showing markings of each judge at the contest as mentioned in above article so we simply give names of those winning places. W. E. Piper, representing the Columbian Society, was awarded first, S. B. Lilly, of the Hesperian Society, second, and O. W. Stephenson, Eunomian, third. Mr. Piper will therefore represent this college at the State contest in March.

## SPECIAL COURSES.

The daily program for the 91 young men who have elected the short course in general agriculture, first year, is varied and interesting. Half the class take work in the blacksmith and carpenter shops from 8 to 10, while the other half take the breeds of live stock under Prof. Shaw and his colleagues. In the shop again each half of the class is divided in two sections, one taking carpenter work and the other blacksmith. The class is unusually well prepared, much more than half having had high school work before coming here. The young men are making rapid progress with tools, and will progress much farther than the average class in eight weeks. In the blacksmith shop, for instance, they are doing now very creditable work in welding, in making rings, chains, and things of that sort. Under Prof. Shaw they have studied the beef breeds of cattle and are now at work on dairy breeds.

The half of the class which has taken breeds from 8 to 10 take the shop work from 10 to 12.

At 1 o'clock Prof. Jeffery and Mr. McWethy give the class a good substantial training in soils and crops, while from 2 to 3 Dr. Waterman keeps them intensely interested in a comprehensive study of veterinary anatomy and medicine.

It became evident early in the term that the class was very desirous for training along athletic lines. Prof. Brewer organized a class in gymnastics to meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at three in the gymnasium and 65 young men have elected this work. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays this same class have elected drill. Capt. Fuger very kindly consents to train these men in the elements of military science. The boys are very enthusiastic in this matter of drill and athletics.

"The laboratory method is now the accepted one in research in natural science."—E. W. Allen in the *Experimental Station Record*.

## ATHLETICS.

A call for track candidates was issued on Wednesday and the result was the largest and most enthusiastic turnout ever seen. About 75 men handed in their names for the work. Of last year men who will compete are Capt. Waite, Allen, Gilbert, Hopson, Burroughs, Small, Carr, Bignell, McKenna, Pearsall, Verran, Hatfield, and Oviatt.

A cross country club has been organized and will work steadily the remainder of the term and perhaps early in April will have the first contest which it is hoped can be made an annual event. The Athletic Association will donate a suitable C. C. sweater (Cross Country Championship). The purpose is to gain the exercise and to develop long distance runners.

Notre Dame has sent in a request for an indoor meet to be held there on Feb. 16, which the management will probably accept. Notre Dame has a regular dirt indoor track so that all the regulation out door events will be held with the exception of the discus and hammer throw. M. A. C. has never competed under such conditions so that the meet will be looked forward to with interest. We shall be handicapped in getting ready on account of not having an indoor track, but all the distance men will work regularly out of doors.

With the old candidates back M. A. C. should have a well balanced team but will be weak in the dashes and jumps. Notre Dame is scheduled for a return meet some time in May.

## BASKET BALL.

M. A. C. added two more games to her string of victories by winning at Saginaw Friday evening from the Saginaw H. S., 35 to 17, and on Saturday from the bank clerks of that city, 29 to 19. This makes five straight games to our credit. Capt. Krehl was ill and not able to go with the team. Westerman was somewhat under the weather, but accompanied them and officiated at both games. The boys all report a good time and are now ready to meet Mt. Pleasant. The line-up for both games was McKenna and Mills, forward; Vondett, center, and Dickson and Hanish, guards.

On Friday evening the team play Jackson Y. M. C. A. which will be the dedicating game of the fine new \$60,000 building. On Saturday Mt. Pleasant Normal will play in the Armory early in the afternoon. As a curtain raiser, games will be played between juniors and seniors and freshmen and sophomores in the inter class schedule.

Miss Harriet Angell, '06, is now taking a twelve months' business course at the Ferris Institute, and writes that she is enjoying her work very much, although she is kept very busy. She writes that, "The other afternoon in chapel who should walk in and sit in front of me, but Walter Core, a boy of old '05, and we nearly gave nine raps for M. A. C. right there." Her address is 144 Woodward Ave., Big Rapids, Mich.

## ALUMNI.

'82.

We trust that our alumni who read the following and can in any way help Mr. Langley in his efforts to organize an association will do so:

Dear RECORD—From time to time in the RECORD we see notices relative to M. A. C. students and graduates who are in and near New York city. We wish that all such people would send their address to us, or call on us, with a view of forming an M. A. C. association here. It will do us all good to get together. Yours, W. T. LANGLEY, M. A. C. '82."

150 W. 23d N., N. Y.

'96.

Three copies of the *Manila Times*, received recently at the office of experiment stations, contain an excellent continued article by R. L. Clute, '96, on Founding an Agricultural College in the Philippines. Mr. Clute is teacher of agriculture in the Philippine Normal School at Manila and has made a study of educational and agricultural matters, not only in the Philippines, but in Hawaii. He shows how the agriculture of the islands is not keeping pace with progress along other lines, points out how Philippine boys sent to agricultural colleges in the United States do not get proper training, owing to the fact that the products of the North are not comparable to Philippine agricultural products, and to the further fact that Filipinos are not admitted to southern agricultural colleges for whites, and from these premises argues for the establishment of an agricultural college in the Philippines.

Outlines are given of courses in agriculture, horticulture, and domestic science, and attention is called to the number of trained specialists in agricultural lines already available in the Philippines to start the work. Among these is mentioned George F. Richmond, '98, who has recently published an article on the use of hemp waste in the manufacture of paper.

Mr. Clute summarizes his article as follows: "1. The Government of the Philippine Islands has sufficient suitable land. 2. A majority of the teaching force required for an agricultural school is already in the government employ. 3. Equipment for an agricultural school, such as farm machinery, live stock, etc., is in part already acquired. 4. The students are anxious to study agricultural science when it is properly presented. 5. We have practically everything but buildings and organization.

"Since agriculture is the foundation for manufacture and commerce and since 41 per cent of the laborers or 3,000,000 inhabitants are dependent directly upon the wealth taken from the soil—should we not lay the cornerstone of the permanent financial foundation by organizing an agricultural college in the Philippine Islands?"



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## WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Tuesday, Jan. 22.—Farmers club, Agr. Bld. Selection in Plant Breeding by Mr. Moses Craig; Nature study club, Botanical Bld.

Wednesday.—Dairy club, second floor, Dairy Bld.; Hort. club, second floor Hort. Bld. Fruit marketing and transportation problems, Mr. C. E. Bassett, of Fenville, secretary of State Hort. society, speaker.

Thursday.—Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. meetings 6:30; Debating club, No. 7 college hall, at 7:00.

Friday.—Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Reception in Women's Building.

Saturday.—Basket ball games in armory beginning at 1:30, Mt. Pleasant Normal.

Political Science Club at 7:45 in Reading Room.

Sunday.—Chapel service at 9 a. m., Rev. E. M. Lake, First Baptist church, minister;

Union meeting of associations at 7 p. m.

Monday.—Chorus practice at 6:45 p. m. in chapel.

## DOMESTIC ART EXHIBITION.

An exhibition of the work of the junior dressmaking class was held in the sewing rooms of the Women's building on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 12, from 3 to 5. Besides the work done by the juniors the display included the work of the freshmen during the fall term as well as the art needle work of the senior class. The work began with simple laundry bags and samplers and progressed step by step through aprons, plain and fancy waists, up to dresses, designed and finished in the most approved style, and needle work of the most artistic and exquisite design and execution.

The woodwork room was also open for inspection and was filled with suggestions of the problems considered there, and many tangible proofs that these problems are well solved.

Beside the work actually done by the class there was an interesting exhibit of basketry and of design, which hinted at still further phases that might be considered in the study of domestic art.

The exhibition was very much enjoyed by a large number of visitors. Mrs. Haner and Miss Jones assisted by the girls of the junior class, received. Refreshments were served by the girls of the sub-freshman class.

## Y. M. C. A.

The Thursday evening meeting was very well attended, Mr. E. I. Wilcox being leader. These meetings are interesting and profitable and we hope the attendance will increase so as to necessitate purchasing of still more chairs. All enjoyed Pres. Snyder's address on his recent trip through the South; a person learns so much more about the different parts of our country, by listening to men who have been there; than by any reading that we may do, and we hope in the near future to have an address on "A Trip through the West" by one of our faculty who is now in the west.

We also are expecting to have speakers from Cleveland and Chicago to give addresses on various phases of the social conditions in the cities. Definite dates of these will be given later.

The long delayed Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. reception is to be given in the women's building next Friday night, and every student and teacher in the institution is invited to attend. The committee is preparing a programme and every effort will be made to make this occasion an enjoyable one, and let every one come and help make it so.

## FORESTRY CLUB.

On last Tuesday night the Forestry club held its first meeting of the winter term at which the following officers were elected: C. H. Goetz, chief forester; F. Kiefer, asst. chief forester; R. W. Taylor, chief of record; G. A. Bignell, chief ranger.

Following the regular order of business Prof. Pettit gave a talk on photography, supplementary to one given at the beginning of the fall term.

He began by describing the several kinds of dry plates on the market and their adaptation to special uses. He emphasized the fact that different conditions of light subject and contrast, are best met with the specially prepared plates, and although for general work it was better to adhere to one brand, there are times when special plates are necessary. He then took up in detail the plates best adapted to the conditions most often met with by the Forester, the use of double coated plates in taking of skyline pictures, the use of the color screen in bringing out correct color values, and the improvement of dense and weak negatives.

The different photographic papers were next discussed. The superiority of solio or other glossy papers where the prints are to be reproduced was explained as due to the smoothness of the surface, it having been found that the rough surface of most black and white and all dull finish papers caused them to reproduce poorly unless greatly reduced. Of the developing papers, the only ones which will not fade in course of time are platinum, aristoplum and real carbon.

A few minutes was then given to the principles underlying artistic composition, the elements which go to make a picture pleasing or unpleasing to the eye. Among these were mentioned the proportions to be devoted to sky and ground, the relation of light and dark masses, the selection of a background, and the position of the object of principle interest.

The talk concluded with an ex-

planation of the apparatus used and methods employed in enlarging, reducing, copying, and making of lantern slides, and in the taking of photo micrographs.

On the whole it was a most interesting and instructive talk, full of points of special importance to the student of forestry. Several visitors were present, and they are always welcome. A special invitation is extended to all new students contemplating work along Forestry lines. The next meeting will be held in the horticultural lecture room on Thursday, January 29th at 6:30 p. m. Mr. J. D. Tower will talk on "Trees of Foreign Countries."

## COLUMBIAN.

George and Martha Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Wm. Penn, Hiawatha, Nokomis, Topsy and Samantha, were among the noted characters who attended the second annual fancy dress party given by the Columbians last Saturday evening. The dance was a brilliant scene of dazzling and varied colors from the bright uniforms of "Ye olden times" to the more somber costumes of Topsy and her colored "Gemma."

Colonial decorations with Hiawatha's tepee and campfire added to the picturesqueness of the scene and while dreamy music kept time for gliding feet, Satanic Majesty waltzed with demure choir girls or Hiawatha forsook his wigwam and flirted with quaintly dressed colonial dames, Lincoln hobnobbed William Penn or talked politics with Josiah and so through all the evening with unrestrained laughter and fun a splendid time was enjoyed by all until the soft strains of "Home Sweet Home" brought to a close the most successful party yet given by the society.

## KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The Try and Trust Circle of the King's Daughters gave an informal reception to the ladies of the vicinity at the home of Mrs. Snyder, Tuesday afternoon, January 15th, from three to five. About eighty ladies were present. Light refreshments were served in the dining room, and the parlors were the scene of friendly greetings interspersed with readings by Prof. King and solos by Prof. Patten and Mr. Schroetter accompanied on the piano by Miss Thorburn.

The next regular meeting of the circle will be held at Mrs. Cornell's, Thursday, January 24th, from 2:30 to 4 p. m. All ladies are invited to be present. Arrangements will be made hereafter by the hostess of the day for the care of small children so that the mothers can bring them.

## Dr. L. F. Ingersoll, '74.

We are indebted to Wm. Caldwell, '76, for the following:

"The sad news was spoken about the city last Saturday evening shortly before four o'clock that Dr. Ingersoll had just died in his office in the Fair building; death being ascribed to heart disease.

The Doctor seemed to be on the point of a collapse for several days but was on the street a number of times during the morning and afternoon. About 2:45 p. m. Dr. H. E. Henderson, his partner and brother-in-law returned to the office from some calls. He found Dr. Ingersoll

setting in his chair unable to stand. He called other doctors and telephoned Mrs. Ingersoll and all came as quickly as possible. From the time his wife and the physicians arrived he commenced steadily sinking and in spite of the medical skill present he passed away at half past three. He was conscious to the very end and talked to all who were with him.

Lovias F. Ingersoll was born in Orangeville, Wyoming county, New York, March 1st, 1854. At the age of two years the family moved to Commerce, Michigan, where he was raised, attended school, and later became a student at the Michigan Agricultural College, where he graduated in 1874. Later he attended the U. of M., graduating from the medical department in 1880. For five years he was located at Traverse City, Mich., and in April, 1885, he came to Grand Junction, then in its infancy, and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession, occupying a leading place among the regular practitioners.

Dr. Ingersoll was one of the best known men in Grand Junction and until the past two years has been prominent in every public enterprise or gathering.

Of late years he has withdrawn from society and his health has been failing, but to the last moment he answered calls for his medical sources and seemed to have a clear idea of his cases.

Not long since he met with an accident with his automobile and it has been noted that he has been less active than usual and no doubt it had an influence in bringing about his death.—*Grand Junction Daily News, Dec. 10, 1906.*

'87.

Charles E. St. John has just been appointed dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Oberlin College. Mr. St. John graduated from M. A. C. in '87, received both the degree of M. A. and Ph. D. from Harvard, and has done graduate work in the University of Berlin. He has been connected with Oberlin College about ten years. In speaking of his fitness for the position the *Oberlin Alumni Magazine* has the following to say after summing up his previous training.

"He brings, therefore, to this work an unusual breadth of experience along the lines of the very problems of his office. He is amply fitted to deal with questions of teaching, of the development of the department, of administrative detail, and of relations to technical and professional schools. No student nor teacher can fail to secure from him an intelligent and sympathetic hearing, and an unprejudiced judgment."

A committee of the faculty has been appointed to assign rooms for meetings during commencement week. Societies and other organizations desiring accommodations outside of their regular rooms are requested to make application to the chairman, Prof. Taft, of the faculty committee.

One of our lady visitors recently watched with interest the changing of the trolley at the terminus of the street railway. When the connection was properly made she exclaimed, "Is it possible that that thing stays right there all the way down?"



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## ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

Prof. Sawyer was in Chicago a few days the past week.

New bulletin boards have been placed, one in College Hall and one on Williams.

F. T. Sackrider is doing some special work in the Dairy department this term.

The freshmen basketball team won from Mason H. S. on Saturday 29 to 8.

Dr. Blaisdell attended a farmers' institute at Vernon on Friday and Saturday last.

C. P. Reed, '01, attended the meeting of Holstein breeders at the college last week.

LOST—Key charm with name engraved on back. Finder please return to Prof. Pettit.

The track meet with Notre Dame is now assured and work to prepare for same will be hurried along.

All the junior agricultural students are requested to call at the Horticultural Department office and get pomology note books.

Mr. Floyd W. Robison addressed the Dairy club on Wednesday evening on the history and work of the Dairy and Food Department.

Miss Mae Munson '11 was called home last Saturday on account of the illness of her mother. She will not be able to return this year.

A recent letter from Dorsey, '05, states that the thermometer has dropped to 40 below and it is quite chilly. Coldest ever in Maine.

President and Mrs. Snyder gave a reception to the members of the Live Stock Breeders' Association on Tuesday evening of last week.

Mr. Henry Schmidt has resigned his position as Instructor in Mechanical Engineering and is succeeded by Louis L. Appleyard '00, of Lansing.

President Slagle of the South Dakota Agricultural College called on President Snyder and some of the departments Wednesday of last week.

Prof. and Mrs. Barrows have closed their house on Faculty Row for the winter and have taken rooms with Mrs. Whitmore, North Oakwood.

L. F. Bird '04, of Millington, and Leo C. Reynolds with '08, of Owosso, were among those in attendance at the breeders' meetings last week.

The Sunday *Detroit Free Press*, Jan. 13, publishes an account of the promotion of W. J. Graves, with '92, mentioned in last week's RECORD, together with a likeness of Mr. Graves.

The officers of the Dairy club for the ensuing term as elected last Wednesday are as follows: W. B. Liverance, president; W. M. Rider, vice president; J. R. Dice, secretary and treasurer.

The first class games in basketball were played Saturday. The sophomores won from the juniors 58 to 3 and the freshmen from the seniors 23 to 17. Hatfield for the

sophomores secured 12 baskets thrown. The latter game was close and exciting, both teams doing some good work. Clark for the freshmen threw the greatest number of baskets.

A. R. Carter, '04, and wife, who have been spending two or three weeks at Mr. Carter's home at Newaygo, spent Saturday and Sunday with Instructor Alger and wife and also called on Mr. C's numerous friends.

The following college people are scheduled for institute work this week: Dr. Blaisdell, Dr. Waterman, Profs. Kedzie, Bogue, Fletcher, Taft and Jeffery; Miss Jones, Instructors McCue, Ryder, Halpin and Bemis and Mrs. Bogue.

Peter Engelgaer, who is taking the special course in general agriculture, was called to his home last week, on account of the death of his father. The class at once passed resolutions of sympathy, which were forwarded to him at St. Clair.

The January issue of the *Journal of the American Chemical Society* contains an article by Herman Schreiber, '04, on the "Determination of the Saponification Number of Lubricating Oils Containing Saponifiable Fats."

Prof. Fletcher returned yesterday from Oregon where he gave a series of lectures to short course students in fruit culture. About 150 students were in attendance, with Prof. W. Paddock '93 in charge. He reports a visit also with C. P. Gillette '84.

News comes to us that the baby daughter of Prof. and Mrs. U. P. Hedrick has scarlet fever and chickenpox. Mrs. Hedrick is in quarantine with her baby, but Mr. Hedrick and older daughter have not been exposed to the disease.

Mr. Joseph S. Schwartz, of Santo Domingo, and an exporter of Santo Domingo mahogany, called at the College one day the past week. Mr. Schwartz spent a couple of hours in looking over our Agricultural and Forestry departments in which he was especially interested and was very enthusiastic in his praise of the work being accomplished.

The Breeders' Meetings at the College last week were well attended, Tuesday evening's session especially being an enjoyable one. Much interest was manifested in the various sectional meetings and that the members were satisfied with the place of meeting was evident from the fact that it was voted to hold the meeting at M. A. C. again next winter. Hon. L. W. Watkins was re-elected President of the Association, Prof. C. D. Smith, Vice-president, Instructor, A. C. Anderson, Secretary and E. N. Ball, of Hamburg, Treasurer. The executive committee is composed of A. H. Zenner, chairman, H. H. Hinds, Stanton, Frank Crandall, Howell, J. B. Hibbard, Bennington, and A. E. Green, Orchard Lake. The program committee, all of Detroit, are, A. H. Zenner, chairman, Jas. Slocum, F. F. Ingram, I. R. Waterbury and Robert Gibbons.



### A NEW BOOK.

A book of more than ordinary interest to Michigan people has recently appeared, entitled, "History of the University of Michigan, by the late Burke A. Hinsdale, L.L.D." This work was undertaken by Prof. Hinsdale as a portion of the series known as "Universities and Their Sons," published by the R. Herndon Company of Boston. Prof. Isaac N. Demmon, now and for many years at the head of the English Department of the university, was engaged to edit the biographical sketches accompanying the history.

The sudden death of Dr. Hinsdale when his work was scarcely completed and a little later the death of Mr. Herndon, head of the publishing house that had already prepared the plates, brought the whole matter to a standstill. Later the plates were offered for sale and the University of Michigan purchased them and published a handsome and beautifully illustrated volume in an edition of 1500 copies.

Michigan's influence upon education in this country is both unique and interesting. She has virtually been a pioneer in the establishment of state universities, in laying the foundation for agricultural education and in building up a comprehensive system of primary and secondary schools. Those influences in her early territorial days, so prophetic of her later educational development, centered about the idea of a great state university or Catholicopistemiad as it was then termed. As a consequence no history of the university could be written without in a large measure telling the story of Michigan's educational system. This Dr. Hinsdale has done most interestingly in his last literary production.

The fortunate circumstance of a copy of U. Victor Cousin's Report on the State of Public Instruction in Prussia finding its way into the new territory and the presence of two such well trained and scholarly men as John D. Pierce and Isaac E. Crary, both deeply interested in educational matters, were factors of untold significance to Michigan's educational system. Dr. Hinsdale in his lucid style, has shown the important part played by all these in those early days.

It will be of interest to the readers of the RECORD to know that in the early fifties, under the administration of Dr. Tappan, Rev. Chas. Fox was appointed lecturer on Practical Agriculture. This gentleman, who proposed to give instruction in "practical agriculture," was a student of Dr. Thomas Arnold at Rugby, where he was born, and later at Oxford. His right to assume the title of lecturer upon Practical Agriculture seems to have been derived from the fact that he was interested in agriculture and was editor of *The Farmer's Companion*. His death the same year left Practical Agriculture without an expounder of its mysteries.

The university seems to have experienced, even in greater degree, the financial misfortunes that were so familiar to M. A. C. during its earlier years.

Prof. Demmon has performed the difficult task of editing the biographical part of this work with taste and discrimination. It is a rare compendium of the lives of all those connected in any prominent way with the affairs of the University.

The volume will stand as a valuable and permanent record of what Michigan has done in one great department of her educational system.

Dr. Blaisdell, Prof. Jeffery, Dr. Waterman and Miss Bemis were out on institute work last week.

No mention of the weather man's doings please. He is likely to change his tactics at any moment.

Chester Wagner received a short visit from his father, Hon. Carl Wagner, of Port Huron, Sunday. Mr. Wagner is inspector general of state troops.

Mt. Pleasant will send two teams here on Saturday, which with the two class games will make an interesting afternoon's work. The class games will be freshmen vs. sophomores and juniors vs. seniors. The former, between the two present leaders promises to be a most interesting game. The first game will be called at 1:30.

The Editors of the *Jubilee Wolverine* are looking for "digs" on the members of the Faculty, or on anybody else. Anything ridiculous that you have heard or seen them do, either at large or in classroom, write up in prose, doggerel, or limerick form, and drop in RECORD boxes addressed to Junior Annual. We cordially invite, and will gratefully receive all contributions. This offer begins to expire at the middle of February.

C. A. Pratt of class '06, but now of Benton Harbor, gave an interesting talk before the Hort. Club last Wednesday night on "The Problems and Profits of a Lake Shore Fruit Farm." Mr. Pratt maintains that success on fruit farm means solving its problems. Some of the problems he meets with are soils, their requirements, etc., varieties adapted to various soils, fogs, cutworm, early ripening of fruit, etc. Mr. Pratt also explained his apparatus for cooking and handling spraying mixtures. Nero apples were served which all declared were excellent.

A dramatic event which should prove of the very greatest interest to the students of the M. A. C. is the appearance of the Ben Greet Players in the Merchant of Venice at Baird's opera house Friday, January 25th. This is the famous English company which acts Shakespeare's plays as given in Shakespeare's time, and these actors have been invited to appear at Oxford, Cambridge, Yale, Harvard, and other great universities, and on the day following their engagement here the company will give their fourteenth play at University Hall, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Mr. Greet brings his company to Lansing largely because it is a college town. The company consists of thirty-five leading London players, and is now in its fifth American tour. When the Merchant of Venice was given at Ann Arbor last year, two thousand people witnessed the performance.

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