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Moot Court

The Moot circuit court of Rock-bridge county convened at 3:15 last Thursday evening, with Judge M. P. Burks presiding. As this was the first term of the court under the new regime, M. P. Burks, Jr., appeared and qualified as clerk. His bond was read with R. W. Withers, W. G. McCorkle and T. J. Daly, as sureties. He was sworn in. R. C. Stokes appeared and qualified as Sheriff, giving bond with T. J. Daly, S. B. Thomas and B. B. Shields as sureties. After Mr. Stokes had taken the oath as sheriff, B. B. Shields was sworn in as deputy clerk and Penn as deputy sheriff.

There being no motions the docket was called and the first case was Weinberg vs. Walton. Mr. Gibson appeared for plaintiff and stated that it was action on bond for \$500. The court refused judgment on the bond for there was nothing to show that it had been even executed on defendant.

In the case of Andrews vs. C. & O. R. R., Browning for plaintiff, Withers for defendant, a continuance was allowed on motion of Mr. Withers.

Mr. Walton moved that the office judgment be confirmed in the case of Green vs. Brockenborough, in ejectment. This was refused because affidavit was not properly sworn to. Mr. Walton asked leave to amend, which was granted.

In the case of Bradham vs. Green in assumpsit for trespass on the case, Mr. Tillman stated that he was ready to proceed, but as counsel for defendant was unprepared the case was continued until next term of court.

In the case of Commonwealth of Virginia for W. G. McCorkle vs. Penn, et. al's., the plaintiff was represented by Mr. Stokes. He stated that he was ready when Mr. Duncan arose as attorney for Mr. Phillips, one of the defendants, and entered plea of non est factum. Mr. Stokes joined issue but later asked leave to strike plea from files, and it was granted on grounds that plea was not sworn to and was bad plea to action on sheriff's bond. Mr. Stokes then proved damages and judgment was entered.

The other two cases were Larsen vs. Adams, in which Mr. Shields represented plaintiff and Mr. Stokes defendant, and White, vs. Black in which Mr. Alexander and Mr.

Bernard are the opposing counsel. Both were continued.

Court adjourned to meet next Thursday.

Bad Luck for the Tarheels

The following clipping indicates that the Tarheels have suffered the same misfortune as V. P. I. and have lost their star player and captain for the season of 1905.

"Chapel Hill, Jan. 15.—Special to the State.

There is much distress over the fact that Carpenter, our last year's star football player and next year's captain, has not returned to college, but instead has decided to retire from the football world, get married and go into some more profitable business."

Our sincere condolences are extended to the Tarheels on the loss of so excellent a player as Mr. Carpenter has shown himself to be. We hope the "other more profitable business" will be as successful as his football career.

Banquet in New Orleans

On Thursday, Jan. 19, the W. & L. U. alumni in New Orleans gave a banquet which was attended by Professor Nelson of W. & L. The menu was very attractive, the outside cover containing pictures of Washington and of Lee, also of the old college buildings. On the inside besides the menu, proper, the yell and songs of the college are given. A great many of the New Orleans alumni are anticipating coming to commencement. We hope they will, for a hearty welcome will be given them.

Graduate Club

There will be a meeting of the Graduate Club in the Latin room next Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock for the purpose of organization. All students holding academic degrees from any institution will be welcome. Let all come and be represented in the Calyx.

In other Universities the graduate club is one of importance and if the men take the proper interest there is no reason why it should not be here. It can be made a club which will be advantageous to the University as well as pleasant to the members.

Notice

There will be a meeting of the T. N. E. fraternity tonight at 9 o'clock. All the members are requested to be at John LaRowe's poolroom at that hour.

Albert Sidney's Meet

The Albert Sidney Boat Club held an enthusiastic meeting last Monday for the purpose of electing officers and discussing the prospect for the coming season. Thirty-eight members were present.

The meeting was called to order by President Stone, the first business being the election of a president for the season of 1905. For this office H. W. Withers was elected, with E. S. Boice as vice-president. T. D. Sloan was elected secretary and Albert Steves, Jr., treasurer.

For the Albert Sidney committee, which picks the crew for the race, T. G. Stone, H. W. Withers and E. M. Millen were chosen.

At this juncture a committee of two was sent to invite the Harry Lee Boat Club into a joint session, for the purpose of discussing the race with the Richmond Boat Club. L. C. Payne and T. G. Stone were chosen a committee to arrange the details in connection with the event with the Richmond Club.

A committee on collecting funds was chosen at this session composed of R. B. Stephenson and E. S. Boice, the Albert Sidney's, and D. W. Pipes, Jr., and A. C. Collins, of the Harry Lee's.

The racing events for the coming season promise to be the best and most interesting for many years and the students are already beginning to make a good show of enthusiasm. Given proper support the crews will undoubtedly give each other a stiff pull in the first race, and the Richmond crew will be left far up the creek at the end of the second event.

Alumni Orator

The alumni orator for commencement has been chosen in the person of Mr. Dan Kernan of New Orleans. Mr. Kernan is one of the best lawyers and one of the best speakers in the south and his old friends, as well as the student body, will welcome him commencement.

The athletic authorities of Stanford have received a communication from the superintendent of the athletic department of Waseda University, Japan, asking for an international baseball match between these universities. The Japanese university won the intercollegiate championship of Japan. The Japs prefer to have the international contest take place in San Francisco. Possibly the match will be arranged for.—Ex.

W. L. U.-N. C. DEBATE

The following clippings relative to the debate between W. L. U. and the University of North Carolina were taken from the Tar Heel:

"That we are to have two intercollegiate debates this year is now a certainty. The question submitted to Washington and Lee some time ago has been accepted. The debate will be held in Gerrard Hall on the second Friday night in April. The question submitted by Carolina is: Resolved, That that the time has come when the fact of the Solid South is not to the best interest of the progress of the South. Washington and Lee has the negative."

"That we are to have another debate is a certainty. The conditions governing the debate, the query, and the other details have been agreed upon and satisfactorily arranged. We congratulate the Debating Union and the University on securing the debate, for Carolina's opponent will prove in every way a worthy one. Washington and Lee occupies an honorable place among Southern colleges, and it is a pleasure to know that we are to meet her in a field where we have so often been successful."

Harry Lees Organize

The Harry Lee Boat Club met Monday afternoon in the Latin Lecture room and organized themselves for the work of the year with officers as follows:

R. W. McCrum, president.

Walter Dunlap, vice-president.

L. C. Payne, Sec'y and treasurer.

Mr. McCrum and Mr. Payne will appoint another man, who, with themselves, will compose the committee to pick the crew. This year the Harry Lees will be more closely organized than in previous years and a committee composed of Messrs. Light, Thackton and Page, together with the committee to pick the crew, was appointed to get the names of all who wish to become identified as Harry Lees.

The meeting was then adjourned to attend a joint meeting with the Albert Sidney club.

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EDITORIAL

President Denny has made the made the following statement concerning our editorial advocating radical improvement of the University walks :

"Your editorial suggestion concerning the condition of the walks through the University grounds introduced a subject which has for the past two years been receiving most careful consideration.

"I desire to say that this is a matter in which we are profoundly interested, and it is only a question of securing the money with which to carry out our plans. We are anxious to waste no money on temporary walks, which would be unsatisfactory to those who use them, and, in addition, would mar the appearance of our beautiful grounds.

"It is our purpose, at the earliest practical date, to begin the construction of granolithic walk-ways, which will be of perpetual satisfaction to all, and which, instead of detracting from the appearance of the campus, will add to its beauty and comfort.

"Such a scheme would involve great expense ; and considering the fact that there have been heavy expenditures from the University treasury during the past 12 months, I am sure the loyal student body will bear a little longer with the authorities whose sympathy they have tested in so many ways."

Altho finals are sometime off it is not too early to begin preparations in order to make them attractive to the visitors and to the students and townspeople. In order to do so it is necessary that all take an interest and that the trustees, faculty, alumni and students unite and co-operate to effect this end

Our finals are always enjoyable but the fact cannot be attributed to any united effort. As in so many cases the few have brought this about. If all join hands the result will be increased interest and a more complete and enjoyable commencement week. Do not let us think that if we surely go through a routine of commencement activities that we are doing all that we should, but let each one think that by lending his effort he can help. If you are a student remain, it is only the absence of a day or so from home. If you are an alumnus, come, for you will be welcome and your business will not be ruined during your absence.

There is to be an alumni banquet this year, which is a great step forward. It now remains for the alumni to see that there are no vacant chairs on this festive occasion. Our alumni orator is one of the best speakers in the South, while the other speakers of Commencement are men of national reputation. In addition there are the usual attractive features of commencement week. So, for the mere sake of a week of pleasure, to say nothing of our duty to the University, every student and every alumnus should be here and participate in the final exercises.

Dr. Currell's Address

Last night an appreciative audience heard Dr. Currell's lecture on Dante's Life and "Paradise." Dr. Currell knows his subject so thoroughly, and that combined with his ability as a lecturer, kept his large audience entirely subdued. The usual laughing and noise being a factor which was happily missing. The lecture was illustrated on a screen by magic lantern pictures, which were very fine. There were slides from the paintings of Rosetti, Bottuelli and Sheffee for the Life of Dante, which, while the ones used for the "Paradise" were Dore's illustrations. The one called "Dante's Dream," by Rosetti, was especially good and was greatly enjoyed. We are indeed sorry that Dr. Currell has reached the last of the cycle, namely, "The Inferno," "Purgatory" and "Paradise," the two former he gave two years ago. As all three lectures were greatly enjoyed, it is hoped that he will now get up something more in this line.

The proceeds went to the football management, and we are glad to say, aided them in paying their first note.

The K. A's. will give a german during commencement finals, arrangements have not been made, although it is thought that it will take place the Friday before Baccalaureate Sunday.

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Personals

Harry Hamilton is no better.

Bledsoe is able to be out.

Alexander and Vertner have the mumps.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Roper, the V. M. I. football coach, was seriously hurt while out horse-back riding yesterday afternoon.

Last Thursday morning Cadet Dockery while skating on North river fell through the ice and came near drowning. He was in the water for half an hour and was finally rescued by Cadet Perry with the assistance of several students and Cadets. Mr. Dockery has been confined to his bed since the accident but is improving.

Mr. Jett Addresses Missionary Meeting at Y. M. C. A.

The regular monthly missionary meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was addressed at 3 o'clock last Sunday afternoon by Rev. R. C. Jett of Staunton, Va.

He treated his subject, "The Great Commission," in a clear, forceful and attractive way. The main points emphasized were that the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," was given by divine authority; the field of labor is the world; the message to be proclaimed is the gospel.

In concluding his address Mr. Jett pointed out that this commission is of binding force on every Christian. Not all can go in person, but by giving of their means and prayers they can fulfill the obligation resting on them.

Mr. Jett made an exceedingly fine impression, the general opinion being that the address was one of the best of its kind ever delivered at Washington and Lee.

Washington Literary Society

Although we are now up against the worst weather and the hardest work of the year, Saturday night's meeting was in every way an enjoyable one. The attendance was much better and the program had more life and go than usual. Especially good was Mr. Zentmeyer's dialect sketch, which was par excellence. The star performance of the evening was the combat in debate of the mighty intellects of Messrs. Grubb and Hawkins, which in its tendency toward personalities had something of the flavor of senatorial repartee. Mr. Grubb's critical remarks were up to standard, although he had the unusual and delicate task of passing criticism upon himself.

Five new members were signed up, a rather unusual occurrence at this season, without the prospect of a coming election.

Oral Debate—Jan. 30.

Resolved, That an act granting to the Interstate Commerce Commission power to fix railway rates should be passed by Congress.

Affirmative Negative

Mr. Moffett Mr. Tiffany
Mr. Larrick (J. H.) Mr. Dutrow

BRIEF FOR AFFIRMATIVE

I. Present system: a. Nature of present rates. (1) Monopolistic in character in character, (2) Discriminating. b. Resultant evils. (1) Growth of trusts, (2) Injury to various sections.

II. Legislation only remedy. a. Evils not self-corrective. b. Industry suitable for public oversight. (1) Because of interstate character, (2) because of public-service character, (3) because of government responsibility.

III. State legislation inadequate. a. Because too narrow in scope; b. Because conflicting.

IV. Federal ownership impossible. a. Because violates private property rights; b. Because inefficient; c. Because too expensive.

V. Only resource public regulation. a. Interstate commission efficient; b. Proposed duties practicable.

BRIEF FOR NEGATIVE

I. Proposed system bad politically. a. Infringement of private rights; b. Government commission unsuitable agency. (1) Because subject to political influence; (2) Because not capable of work; (3) Because autocratic.

II. Proposed system bad economically. a. Destroys competition, employing poor service; b. liable to instability, (1) because of changes in administration, (2) hence unsteady rates.

III. Leads to government ownership. a. This contrary to our policy; b. Already proved unsuccessful abroad, (1) Italy, (2) France (Australia).

Repairs to Newcomb

The interior of Newcomb Hall has been undergoing repairs during the latter part of the week. The plastering is being fixed both in the reading, library and ante-room.

The pictures are being rehung today, under the supervision of Miss White, the librarian. When finished the general appearance of the room will be much improved, as several new pictures are to be placed on the walls. It is due those who are so kind as to make the library and reading room an attractive meeting place for the students, that the books and current literature be handled with care and consideration.

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Notes from Other Colleges

Carpenter will not return to North Carolina next year.

Georgia and North Carolina will meet in debate soon.

Herton of Michigan will coach Clemson next year in football.

Vanderbilt has secured McYugin to coach her next year in football.

The Virginia-North Carolina game will be played in Norfolk this year.

Trinity College of North Carolina has 26 games on her baseball schedule.

Sittan is going to pitch for North Carolina this spring. He is one of the best in the South.

Georgia Tech. and Clemson have signed up for a Thanksgiving game in Atlanta for three years.

It is probable that the V. P. I.-V. M. I. game will be pulled off in Richmond on Thanksgiving day.

The Cornell Glee and Minstrel Club has just completed a successful tour of the South.

The Yale basket ball team met with only one defeat on its Southern tour and that was in Charleston, S. C.

A bill has been introduced in the South Carolina legislature to change the South Carolina college to the University of South Carolina.

U. of N. C. Baseball Schedule

March 13, Bingham at Chapel Hill.

March 18, Guilford at Chapel Hill.

March 25, Oak Ridge at Chapel Hill.

March 27, Lafayette at Chapel Hill.

March 28, Lafayette at Chapel Hill.

March 31, Wake Forest at Chapel Hill.

April 5, Wash. & Lee at Chapel Hill.

April 8, open.

April 12, Virginia at Charlottesville.

April 13, St. John's College at Annapolis Md.

April 14, Georgetown at Washington.

April 15, Navy at Annapolis Md.

April 19, Syracuse at Chapel Hill.

April 21, S. C. College at Chapel Hill.

April 22, S. C. College at Durham.

April 24, A. & M. at Raleigh.

April 26, St. John's at Chapel Hill.

April 29, A. M. at Chapel Hill.

May 4, Virginia at Chapel Hill.

" 5, " at Greensboro.

" 6, Georgetown at Norfolk.

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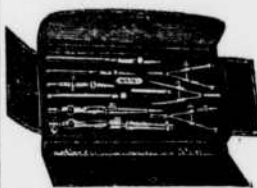
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