

STUDENT PLAY MAY GO TO KANSAS CITY

Alumni and D. A. R. Want "The Land of the Toreadors" Produced There.

APRIL 12-13 DATES HERE

Plot Deals With American Newspaper Man and a Senorita.

For nearly three weeks the members of the Quad Club have been rehearsing for their musical comedy, "The Land of the Toreadors," which is to be presented at the Columbia Theater April 12 and 13.

There will be nine principals and a chorus of thirty. Frank O. Schmittman, a student in the College of Agriculture, is directing the rehearsals.

The scene of the play is laid in Mexico during the Mexican Revolution. Of course there is a love story in it. The beautiful senorita in this case happens to be the daughter of the commander of the forces of Diaz. Enters an ex-newspaper man from New York, and promptly falls in love with her.

Thus far all is well. But the senorita's papa fails to return the hero's affection. Not only that, but he heartily disapproves of the newspaper man. And, as Robert F. Lakenan, one of the authors, says, the efforts of the hero to win the good graces of the general are "what make up the play."

It is possible that the show will be taken to Kansas City about a week after its production here. Mr. Lakenan says that he has had several communications on the subject and that the prospects for going are good.

The Kansas City alumni and the Daughters of the American Revolution are working to have the play shown there. The only obstacle, according to Mr. Lakenan's, is the difficulty of getting a theater. Either the Grand or the Willis Wood probably will be used.

NEW PROFESSION FOR WOMEN

College Graduates Taking Up Work of Interior Decorators.

The change in the standing of the woman interior decorator in the last three years is indicated by the fact that the parish houses of three churches in the neighborhood of New York have recently been turned over to a woman decorator to equip. There are said to be three main reasons why the number of women decorators in business for themselves in New York has doubled in the last two years and why there has been a similar increase in the number of women employed by men decorators.

First, women decorators are now better equipped; second, the public prejudice against them has abated; third, there has been a tremendous change of late years in the position taken by the householder on the question of paying someone to select his furniture, draperies and wall-trimmings.

"You believe then that Americans in general now give more thought to the artistic furnishing of their houses than formerly?" an authority on such matters was asked.

"I know it," he replied emphatically. "Logically it can't be otherwise. Of late years Americans, even of the plainest classes, have done a good deal of traveling, and consciously or unconsciously in going over Europe they are bound to get new ideas so pronounced in certain places they are sure to visit and to gain enough ideas about the harmony of color and decorations to give them some about house furnishing and decorating. Returning home, they hesitate to carry out their first intention of themselves selecting all the furnishings for their home and seek professional advice.

"The women decorators of New York in general get the biggest part of their orders from the suburbs or from towns near New York. The one or two women who first gave impetus to the work and helped to put the woman decorator conspicuously before the public can, however, get along without orders from outside of the city. There are now about one hundred women decorators in New York who are doing splendid work and about one-fifth of these are in business for themselves and from the start have had good paying commissions.

"These women, speaking generally, are artists in their line, and what is equally important they are level headed business women. Most of them started in business for themselves in the last few years and they owe none of their success to social influence. Like the average man dec-

orator they have had to stand or fall on the merits of their work, and mostly they have stood well.

"The reason that the woman decorator is or seems to be better equipped than formerly is that more college women are taking up the work."

Frank A. Parsons, who has directed art classes at Columbia University and the Young Men's Christian Association and is now at the head of the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts, also referred to the number of college women taking up the work.

Most of the Pupils Are Women.

"Two years ago in this school there were fifteen pupils in the interior decorating classes; this year there are fifty-one, 85 per cent of whom are women. These include three high school teachers, one normal school teacher, one teacher in a college and four college graduates, who mean to quality as soon as possible as interior decorators.

"Besides these, and this is rather surprising, there are two young women of large means who are taking the course and are actually slaving in their eagerness to work, merely to be able to direct the furnishings of their own houses when the time comes.

"This is significant. It proves, if ever there was a doubt on the subject, that as a profession for women interior decorating is firmly established and that candidates will have to reach a high mark in order to succeed. If she would meet the expectations of patrons who themselves have studied interior decoration the decorator must be thoroughly trained.

"The present status of the woman decorator is perfectly logical and was bound to happen. Work connected with the home is woman's natural sphere and temperamentally woman is peculiarly fitted for this sort of work."—New York Sun.

BEST APPLE GROWING SOIL

Savannah, Mo., Has Possibilities as Fruit Producing Center.

That part of the state near Savannah, Mo., can boast of the finest soil in the United States for the growing of apples, according to Prof. W. L. Howard, who conducted a short course in agriculture there. Professor Howard was assisted by T. R. Douglass.

The course continued one week and seventy-five joined the course, paying a tuition fee of \$2.50 each. The attendance would have been much larger, but the bad condition of the roads prevented the country people from getting to town.

"The Loess soil found in that part of the state has no superior in the United States for growing apples," said Professor Howard. "The great thing is to make the farmers see the possibilities of it, and thus make the best of it. No better apples are raised in Missouri than in this region, and the valuation of the crops is the greatest here, yet the fruit-raisers are not living up to what they might get out of the soil."

The short course meetings were held in the rooms of the Advertising Club, where the farmers were taught the theory and practice of apple cultivation and the growing of corn. Charts and stereopticon views were used to illustrate the lectures. The slides show the methods of fruit spraying and qualities of corn and corn seed. While the other soil that grows fruit is run down with the continual growing of crops on it, a crop of clover on this Loess soil will restore its original richness.

Some of the farmers who took the short course brought in some of their corn seed and had it tested. Of all the seed tested about 10 per cent germinated.

"While the fruit growers in the southern part of the state are troubled with pests that injure the crops to a great extent, in this part of the state the climatic conditions are of such a nature as to prevent all these, as the parasites cannot stand the cold," said Mr. Howard.

"The farmers should see that they market their apples to the fullest advantage. Many sell the crop as it grows on the trees, and this is always a loss, for the poorest apples set the standard for all. It is better to sell in hundred pound lots, but still they do not get the most of their work. Farmers are beginning to study the commercial side of sending their crops away done up in attractive cases.

Land near Savannah is worth from \$100 to \$200 an acre, in some places less than this where the depreciation in land values is due to a lack of attention and neglect. But by careful attention this rich fruit growing soil can be put on the market at double price.

Court of Honor Installs Chapter.

Twenty-five charter members were installed in the Court of Honor last night. I. B. Flory, of Kansas City, state manager for Missouri, was present. D. C. Bowman of Columbia is district manager.

MEDICAL SCHOOLS ARE FEWER NOW

Dean C. M. Jackson Says This Was Shown at Chicago Conference.

STANDARDS ARE HIGHER

Eventually, He Thinks, It Will Take 7 Years to Get a Degree.

The number of medical schools in the United States is decreasing, according to Dean C. M. Jackson of the School of Medicine of the University of Missouri. He attended the annual conference of the Association of American Medical Colleges in Chicago last week. Plans were discussed at that meeting for making an immediate reduction in the number of medical colleges, but no definite plans were made.

Dean Jackson says such a measure is unnecessary because schools of medicine are growing fewer every year.

"There are 120 medical colleges in the country now, while there were 160 only a few years ago. There are only seven in Missouri now and I can remember when there were many more," he said. "This reduction is a result of the work of the association. It has caused the board of examiners in the states to give examinations that require more training than is given in the poorer schools. In many cases under the new system 50 per cent of the graduates of a school could not get a license to practice. Such a school soon expired. The purpose of the association in doing this has been to raise the standards of the medical schools of the country so that the instruction may be better."

It will probably not be many years before it will take seven years' work to get a degree of doctor of medicine, Dean Jackson said. Besides the two years' academic work and the four years in medicine, many of the members of the association think that the student should have one year of hospital practice before he is given a degree. This is the plan followed in most of the European medical schools. Doctor Jackson said this idea was supported strongly at the Chicago meeting but was not acted upon.

There are fifty medical schools in the Association of American Medical Colleges. The instruction must be of a certain standard before a school is admitted. The School of Medicine of the University of Missouri is in the association.

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SOME OF HIS OWN MEDICINE.

Carl Hertz, the Illusionist, Outwitted a Shell Game Swindler.

Carl Hertz, the great juggler and illusion king, is fond of recalling how he once served a race course sharp with a dose of his own medicine. The crook was operating the pea-under-the-thimble swindle, and had already reaped a nice harvest from his dupes. Carl Hertz arrived on the scene to hear the following appeal:

"Now, ladies, gents and noblemen, I offer you the opportunity of a lifetime. Here is my 'and I' have a small pea. You will observe that I shall place this pea under one of those thimbles. Perfectly plain, isn't it? No deception at all. Now, I am prepared to bet any gent present that he won't spot the thimble the little joker is under."

"I'll bet you five shillings I can," said the juggler, assuming the expression of a confiding innocent.

The bet was accepted with alacrity, the thimble raised, and the pea disclosed by the triumphant Hertz.

The swindler's expression of astonishment was a study for the gods. Thinking that the sleight-of-hand must have failed for once, he repeated the experiment and doubled the stakes, but only with the same result. Again the procedure was repeated, and once again the smiling Carl withdrew the pea from the thimble he had selected. This was too much for the baffled sharp who, with a despairing gesture and appropriate strong language, cried, recklessly:

"Lord lumme, this beats the band! Why I've got the bloomin' pea in me 'and all the time."

"Quite so," replied Hertz, sweetly, as he moved off, "but, you see, I always make a point of carrying my own pea."—Ti-Bits.

TELLS OF WORK IN FORESTRY

Prof. Ferguson Talks to Students in This Course.

The Forestry Society met last night and was addressed by Prof. J. A. Ferguson of the College of Agriculture on the outlook in forestry for the students doing that kind of work.

A paper was read by E. L. Anderson in which he brought out the ways of preserving the wood in order to increase its durability. M. W. Talbot read a paper showing the relation of birds to forestry. After the program the regular business session of the society was held.

REPUBLICANS—NOTICE!

A mass meeting of the voters of the third ward is called to meet in Dr. J. A. Miller's office, Thursday, at 7:30 P. M., March 14, for the purpose of electing two central committee-men.

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