

UNIVERSITY COURSE AGAIN FOR NEW ULM

CURRENT NEWS CLUB PREPARES ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WINTER MONTHS.

NOTABLE ARTISTS WILL APPEAR HERE IN CONCERT AND LECTURE.

So successful were the members of the Current News Club last year in carrying out the University Lyceum Course that they have again entered upon arrangements for this season's course. The numbers will be given at the High School Assembly Room again as it was found that the room could be comfortably filled and the expense of the course is considerably lessened by having free rent. The first of the course will come October 16th and the last January 30th. There will be four entertainments in all, two of them being musical, one lecture and one dramatic evening.

First on the list will be the Meyer-Ten Broeck Recital. The date is the 16th of next month. Marie Ten Broeck is a most gifted pianist. She commenced her piano studies when a child, under the well known pedagogue, Victor Heinze. At the early age of sixteen, she appeared as a highly praised concert artist in America. She then went to Europe and finished her musical education with a course of study under Godowski in Berlin. Since then she has been concertizing and teaching in this country, and has had a most enthusiastic reception wherever she has appeared.

The violinist, Otto Meyer is well known to the concert goers of America and Europe. When a student in Prague under Professor Sevcik, (Kubelik's teacher), so pleased the great master, that he made him his assistant in Berlin. After two successful years as a teacher, Mr. Meyer made concert tours through Bohemia, France, Belgium, England and Germany, spending his summers with the great Belgian master, Ysaye, under whom he prepared his Repertoires. Mr. Meyer's European successes were followed by an engagement for a two years' concert tour of America with Marie Ten Broeck under the management of Haensel & Jones, of New York, since which time he has been concertizing and teaching in this country.

Second on the list comes the concert by the Faust Opera Singers. There are five members of the company, Mildred Smith, contralto, Christian Mathisen, tenor, Joel Mossberg, baritone and Martha Mork, soprano, and Erma Rounds, Pianist. All of them have been engaged for years in public concert work in the large musical centers of the world. The first part of the program is given over to quartettes and solos from the best in oratorio and secular music. Mr. Christian Mathisen, tenor, sings Norwegian folk songs in native costume, and for the quartette a group of our own familiar folk songs are arranged, songs which have a new appeal when presented by these artists.

The latter part of the program is devoted to the opera Faust, with the story of the opera presented in narrative form.

An interesting insight into the care with which the Faust Opera Singers prepare their programs is given by the fact that ten weeks' rehearsals precede each season's concert appearances. Of equal importance is the fact that the Faust Opera Singers were organized by Mr. Louis O. Runner, of Chicago. Their appearance in any concert series is certain to be an epoch in the musical life of the community.

Next will come the Bigelow lecture December 20th. Hon. Herbert S. Bigelow, the most notable of the speakers who were here during University Week last summer, is a leader of radical thought. The man is best described in the words of Wm. Marion Reedy, editor of Reedy's Mirror, (St. Louis).

"This man Bigelow, who leads the radical forces, is a believer in the translation of Christianity into democracy. He hasn't the ministerial mind, incapable of comprehending issues beyond liquor or city vice. He sees the cause of debauchery and vice in poverty and he knows the cause can be abolished. He understands that the world is not reformed by preaching, but only by getting into the fighting in practical politics for better living conditions and better government conditions. He believes in "speeding up" the people and in getting what good he can out of politicians and sinners to help him to his ends. He studied practical politics with Tom L. Johnson, no tyro at the game, and he won a

majority of the constitutional convention by understandings and alliances which shocked the 'unco guid.' The hostile Cincinnati Enquirer conceded the man's ability and charm of power, and I myself heard him make one of the three or four great speeches I have heard in my life. It is not his doing that he is becoming a celebrity, for he is a man of genuine modesty. His growing fame is incidental to his work, and into that work he has put a soul strenuous."

"I have heard him twice, and I never was more charmed, even by Beecher or by Ingersoll. There's a splendid anatomy of thought under the fair flesh of his oratory and his oratory never becomes mere verbal inflation. He sticks to his text and his argument with the tenacity of a Lloyd-George."

Last but not least, and probably of more general interest than any of the other numbers will be the University Players. These young men and women are trained in only what is conceded to be the best in drama. Their repertory includes selections from Shakespeare, Ibsen, Sudermann and Singe and ranges from tragedy to farce. A company of these young people played here last June and were very much enjoyed and it is needless to say more of them until the time comes for their appearance here January 30th.

Members of the Current News Club are now selling season tickets for the course and those who buy now will be sure of being ready for each number as it comes and will also find that they are the more likely to go and be benefited by the offerings than if they allow personal inclination at the moment to decide whether to go or not.

LUTHERANS DEDICATE NEW CHURCH EDIFICE.

Over 2000 people were assembled at Fairfax Sunday for the purpose of assisting St. John's Lutheran church of that city to celebrate its 25th anniversary and also to give the neighboring congregations an opportunity to rejoice with the Fairfax congregation in the completion of its beautiful new church which was formally dedicated last spring when the weather conditions prevented the attendance of those from a distance. There were large delegations from Wellington, Ridgely, Gibbon, Moltke, Eden and New Ulm. New Ulm alone furnished a contingent of 60 persons, 27 of whom constituted the male choir of the local church under the leadership of Prof. Ad. Reim.

During the morning service Rev. Boettger of Gibbon presided at the altar and Rev. Plocher of St. Paul delivered the principal sermon. Rev. Im. F. Albrecht, pastor of the church read the history of the congregation, relating how it was founded by Rev. Hilbert 25 years ago and how it had grown in numbers and in the good work it is doing. In the afternoon Rev. Sells of Moltke presided at the altar and Rev. F. Koehler of Nicollet preached the sermon. Rev. Plocher again occupied the pulpit in the evening and delivered an English sermon.

The most pathetic and touching sight was when the first pastor of the church, Rev. Hilbert of Mankato, aged 85 years and now completely blind, was led to the altar and spoke words of cheer to his former congregation. The New Ulm male choir rendered several songs in the morning and again in the afternoon. The other music for the celebration was furnished by a mixed choir and orchestra from Fairfax. Rev. Im. Albrecht directed the singing and Teacher Boerneke presided at the pipe organ and directed the orchestra.

Dinner and supper were served by the Ladies Aid of the church in the basement of the church. It was a memorable celebration and will be long remembered by those who attended.

BIG CATHOLIC MEET

A subdivision of the National Central Verein, the German Aid Society which compose the State Federation of the German Catholic societies will hold their annual meeting in the city of Sleepy Eye on the dates of September 24, 25 and 26. The meeting is expected to be well attended as three hundred delegates have been named and hundreds of laymen all over Minnesota will also attend. New Ulm undoubtedly will furnish a large delegation since the town of Sleepy Eye supported the meeting so loyally when it was held at New Ulm some time ago. A special train will be run from the Twin Cities over the Northwestern line which will arrive in the city at 11.45 a. m. and leave Sleepy Eye for the Cities at 8 p. m.

The meeting is in charge of Rev. J. Klein, Rev. Youngworth, William Brust, George Grotzbach, Alois Bertrand, John Ebenhoh and Dr. M. A. Kiefer. Sunday will be devoted to a number of services conducted by the priests of Sleepy Eye and Bishop Busch of St. Cloud and Bishop Trobec of St. Paul will be present and deliver addresses.

COUNTY CONVENTION MEETS HERE TODAY

DEMOCRATS WILL RALLY TO THE FIGHT BEFORE THEM AT THE POLLS.

COUNTY ORGANIZATION MUST BE PERFECTED AND PLANS ARRANGED.

To-day (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock the Democrats of Brown County will assemble in mass convention for the purpose of organizing a permanent democratic County Committee, electing a permanent chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer, also an executive committee and a precinct committeeman for each voting district within the County. This meeting is held pursuant to a proclamation issued by Fred E. Wheaton, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee which reads as follows:

"To the Democrats of Minnesota: A call is hereby issued to the Democrats of each County in Minnesota to assemble in mass convention at the County seat in their respective counties on Wednesday, September 20, 1916 for the purpose of organizing a permanent Democratic County Committee, electing a permanent chairman, a vice chairman, secretary and treasurer, also an executive committee and a precinct committeeman for each voting district within the County."

The County member of the State Central Committee (or, in his absence, the chairman of the retiring county committee) will preside at the mass convention, following which he will forward report immediately to the chairman of the state central committee. Chairman Wheaton admonishes the Democrats to get together, work together and win together.

The Brown County convention will be held in New Ulm this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Turner Hall and it is hoped to make the meeting a rousing demonstration of the plans of the party to work for victory. Postmaster Fred Pfander will call the meeting to order but will be obliged because of his position to resign the chairmanship and some one else must be chosen in his place. There will, if past attendance is any criterion, be some thirty to fifty Democrats present although the shortness of the notice for the convention may lessen the number somewhat.

NIGHT CLASSES START NEXT WEEK.

It has been decided to open the night school next Monday evening for the benefit of those who wish to secure a commercial training without giving up their daily employment. The classes will be conducted at the High School building in the commercial department and will be in charge of Mr. Vergever, commercial teacher and his assistant, Miss Watson. The classes were very large last year and it is expected that the attendance will be even better this year.

There will be a preliminary meeting at the High School Assembly Room Friday evening of this week when all who wish to attend the night classes this year are asked to be present and complete arrangements for doing so. This will leave Monday evening free for work with the enrollment out of the way.

The price of tuition this year will be \$6.00 payable in advance. This makes the cost very reasonable for the year's work and those who enter now will get the full benefit of the money expended while those who enter later will have to pay the full amount of the year's tuition. There will be classes in English, Arithmetic, Penmanship, Bookkeeping, Stenography, Typewriting and possibly Commercial Law.

CZECHS PLAN CONVENTION.

Hopkins is already making preparations for the Sokol Convention which is to be held in that city the latter part of next June. The convention proper will last two days and the third day, preferably Sunday will be given over to an exhibition of gymnastic exercises; preceded by a monster parade. Other cities that were bidding for the meet were Milwaukee, La Crosse and Owatonna. The "Sokols" are an organization similar to the Turners and their membership is composed entirely of Czechs. There are societies in almost every State of the Union and some of the societies, especially in the larger centers, have a large membership.

NICOLLET FARMERS HOLD EQUITY MEET

AGRICULTURALISTS LEARN IN UNION OF FORCES IS STRENGTH.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED SINCE EARLY DAYS OF GRANGE MOVEMENT.

R. D. Wagner's grove about one mile east of Klossner was the scene Sunday afternoon of a well attended picnic of the Klossner Local Union of the American Society of Equity. In spite of the unsatisfactory weather and the bad roads over two hundred people congregated in the grove for the purpose of recreation and education. There were farmers present from Lafayette, West Newton, Courtland, Nicollet, Bernadotte and Milford. Some years ago such a gathering would have been practically an impossibility because of inability of the people living so far apart to get together, but with the advent of the automobile this has all been changed and the farmers are able to meet and talk over things which might prove mutually beneficial.

Last Sunday's picnic was a get-together meeting of farmers of Nicollet County for the purpose of discussing ways and means of conducting farm business to better advantage. Two addresses were made. The first speaker was a Mr. Monkman, representative of the A. R. Kirk Commission Co. of South St. Paul. He explained in a convincing manner what the Equity stands for, what it already has done for the farmers and what it will do for them in the future. The other speaker was Col. Wilkinson of Lake Elmo, known as one of the war horses of the Equity movement. In his talk he touched practically upon every phase of the movement, gave a history of how it was started and how it has been steadily growing ever since its inception. He also spoke of the early day struggles and of the opposition that they encountered among agriculturists. Happily, according to the speaker, these things are changing and the movement is now finding support where some years ago it found only ridicule and opposition.

After the speeches there were races for the girls and boys and other sports and amusements. The Bernadotte band furnished the music. In the evening there was a dance for which occasion the Grussendorf brothers furnished the music. Nearly every one brought their own lunch. Those who did not were given an opportunity to buy from the local society.

The present officers of the Klossner local are Frank Guggisberg, Pres.; John Ulrich, Vice Pres.; John Preisinger, Secy. and Treasurer. One of the objects of Sunday's gathering was the election of delegates to the State convention which meets in St. Paul in November. As such delegates the following were chosen: Fred Buddensiek, Levi Samuelson, Oscar Olson, Henry Meyer, Frank Osborn and Fred Bonkart. From a social and also an educational standpoint, Sunday's picnic of the Klossner Union must be pronounced an unqualified success.

VOTE FOR NUMBER ONE

The State of Minnesota is an undeveloped wilderness—two-thirds of it is. In the south part of the state, with our populous cities and rich farms we hardly realize it. But, with the exception of the iron ranges and a fringe along the railway lines, the northern part of the state is almost unsettled.

Swamps cover whole counties. In other parts the timber is so thick and tangled a wolf can hardly get through. Yet under those trees and beneath the waters of the swamps are millions of acres of the richest soil in the world. It needs only clearing and draining to support an immense population.

But one man can not drain his quarter section or forty acres alone, and cut a road to it. To clear it is no small undertaking. The state must help. It can well do so. Much of the land belongs to the state for school and other purposes.

To afford this help without expense to the people of the state is the purpose of Amendment Number One, which is to be voted on November 7. This amendment provides that \$250,000 of money received from the sale of state lands shall become a "revolving fund" for the improvement of such lands.

With a part of this money a road will be driven and a ditch dug. A few acres will be cleared on forty acres. And

the land, formerly worth \$2 an acre, will be sold for perhaps \$10 an acre, enough more, anyway, to pay for the work. Then this money, paid back by the settler in the increased price of the land, will be used to improve another tract, and so on—"revolving". Nobody will lose anything. It won't cost us any money. And it will do an immense amount of good. It will make homes for the boys of this generation. Be sure to vote for Amendment Number One.

Even the weather man "had a heart" when it came to the big military picnic Sunday and citizens and visitors turned out in hundreds at Hermann's Park to help provide funds for the Co. "A" boys at Camp Llano Grande. The sheltered location kept the wind out and let the warm sun in and everybody enjoyed the opportunity to spend the day in the open.

The New Ulm Concert Band furnished the music for the afternoon to keep things lively and games of chance, bowling, lunch and other refreshments and amusements provided the excuse for staying on the grounds. The gross receipts proved a surprise to the committee in charge because they were much larger than the most optimistic anticipated. They aggregated the sum of \$387 and it is estimated that the net receipts will be in the neighborhood of \$225.00.

GERMAN METHODIST MEET IN CONFERENCE.

The Northern German Methodist Conference which includes the territory of Minnesota and North Dakota held their meeting last week from Wednesday to Sunday evening at the Central Methodist Church in Minneapolis. The meeting was opened by an address by Gilbert S. Stansell of the Hennepin Methodist church. Addresses were delivered the following days by Rev. J. A. Mullinger of Chicago and Reverend W. F. Finke, one of the professors at St. Paul Park college.

Perhaps one of the most interesting addresses of the convention was delivered by Bishop Charles Bayard Mitchell of St. Paul Thursday evening on the subject of "The Modern Idiot". Bishop Mitchell in the treatise of his subject began by explaining the origin of the word "Idiot." Years ago according to Bishop Mitchell, when people were extremely interested in the upkeep and the welfare of their government, any man whose civic pride and devotion was not strong enough to cause him to bestow some of his time and effort in the interest of his government, was called an idiot, this being the original meaning of the word. He spoke of the man of today who is so busily engaged in the reaping of shekels that he has no time to devote to the welfare of his government or is too intensely engaged in his worldly pursuits to assist in the work of his church as one who has the lineaments of the idiot as in the days of yore.

In appreciation of the untiring efforts of Miss Sauter, the Conference Secretary of the Women's Missionary society the conference conferred upon her the honorary title of Life Manager of this organization.

Saturday evening the subject under discussion was Missions and addresses were delivered by Rev. C. Hohn of New Ulm and Rev. A. M. Boswell of Philadelphia.

The meeting was well attended by German Methodists from all over the states of Minnesota and North Dakota. Among those attending from this city were Reverend and Mrs. C. G. Hohn and Mrs. G. F. Reineke.

GEM RE-OPENS

William Stohlmann, who recently returned from his theatrical tour and John Schreyer have gone into the "movie" business and have leased the Gem Theatre. They gave their first show Monday evening. It will be their aim to run a clean show house. They have made application to the city council for license which will be acted upon by that body at its next regular meeting. The new management has not fully decided upon retaining the present name.

BAND CHOOSES NAME.

Members of the re-organized Second Regiment Band have at last hit upon the name which they will be known by and their drum will shortly bear the legend "Ex-Regiment Band." The boys are practising regularly and next Sunday will play for the Catholic festival at Sleepy Eye and ten of their number have been engaged to play at Clements where a street fair will be in progress Saturday of this week.

THANKSGIVING SET FOR BOYS RETURN

MEN AT THE FRONT FEEL SURE THEY WILL EAT TURKEY IN MINNESOTA.

INTERESTING TRIP DESCRIBED BY CORDES. MALARIA THREATENS.

Since publishing our last reports from Camp Llano Grande last week stating that the correspondent of the Review had received orders from headquarters that men in uniform must not correspond with their home papers we have received a personal letter from Elmer Cordes, one of the boys at the front, and as it deals wholly with an expedition made by himself and Henry Grussendorf, and has nothing whatever to do with military affairs, we feel that we are at liberty to publish it in full, knowing that the story as told of the boys' visit to a southern summer resort will prove very interesting reading.

Llano Grande, Texas, Sept. 12, 1916.

My dear Miss Payne: I have been wanting to write to you of Texas and my experiences down here for quite awhile but Tommy has "done" camp in such a thorough way that it seemed hardly fair to repeat. Several days ago however Henry Grussendorf and I stole a march on him and took advantage of an excursion that went to Corpus Christi.

We left Llano Grande after quite a bit of "red tape" in securing our papers for leave; finally however the man higher up decided he could spare us for a day or so, gave us that necessary printed form, we saluted real "peppy" and got over to the station in due time. Not every man took advantage of the excursion; as it happened we were the only ones from our regiment. We settled down for a good long jaunt. This railroad has nothing on our M. & St. L. We had memories of the trip the week previous to Brownsville and although that is a comparatively short trip it took the one-lunged outfit three hours before it finally struggled around the curve and into Brownsville.

As you know, we had quite a storm some weeks ago and we were naturally discussing the results of it as we saw it from the car window—in German (as usual!) There were some Indiana fellows sitting directly back of us; after listening to us for some time one of them nudged the other and said "Isn't it funny how these New Yorkers talk, you can't understand them!" We had quite a time getting over the comparison of our New Ulm German (for instance "Ich bin in Reber gejump't") and the New York English.

The storm had been decidedly worse toward St. Benita and Harlingen. You could look out of the window anywhere between those two places and see tin-roofing scattered around. The biggest building in Harlingen had the entire roof taken off, the windmills were down everywhere.

After we left Harlingen the course was due north parallel with the coast but inland some ten miles after that we entered a regular desert. We didn't see a house or cabin of any sort; as far as the eye could see stretched a barren waste, reminding one strongly of Sparta, Wis.; occasionally great sand-dunes would loom up way off in the distance; sometimes we would see a stunted growth of struggling brush. This kept up for some fifty miles.

By our schedule we knew that we were due in a short time to arrive at Kingsville. The conductor told us that we had twenty minutes for lunch at this place. It is by far the most picturesque place that I've ever seen. The entire town is owned by King, who in the early 90's saw the possibilities of this great Southern valley and bought it for a song. Perhaps the palms and date trees are more appealing to us but for natural beauty this country seems to be working nature overtime. King's home is a veritable mansion surrounded with perfect lawns and palms. He has put up one of the rambling hotels which is easily a block long. The only drawback is the fact that it's not on the Gulf.

The country between Kingsville and Corpus Christi was more fertile and consequently under cultivation. The crops looked anything but promising. My knowledge of farming is rather limited but to my notion this bubble about farming down here is still very much in the perspective.

When we arrived at Corpus Christi about four o'clock in the afternoon, I was

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