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STATE MAKE STRONG CASE

THREE WITNESSES SWEAR TO DELIBERATE MURDER

State Witnesses Tell of Hamlet's Plots to Kill Claudius and their Final Accomplishments—Saw no Insanity.

O. W. Emmons of Iowa City, heaped corroboration, and added detail to the state's evidence against Hamlet in the junior law court today. Emmons was easily the most embarrassing witness to the defense which the state has yet produced, his familiarity with every circumstance of Hamlet's life from a time three months before the murder down to King Claudius' last gasp was apparent. His memory failed him not once through the whole long stay of Hamlet's threats and plots and murders.

The first time Emmons noted Hamlet's bitterness toward the king was at an audience, during which King Claudius had offered some excuses for his hasty marriage with Gertrude, Hamlet's mother. Claudius addressed Hamlet as, "My Son." Hamlet turned to Emmons and remarked in a bitter, sarcastic tone, "A little more than kin and less than kind." Shortly after this incident Emmons heard Hamlet tell Horatio that he suspected some foul play in connection with the death of his father.

About the 5th of January, 1903, Emmons was in Castle Elsinore and overheard Hamlet arranging with some players for them to present a play the next evening at court, one scene of which was to represent a man pouring poison into the ear of another. After the players had gone, Emmons heard Hamlet reproaching himself for not avenging the death of his father, whom he claimed to have been murdered. Hamlet declared he would have the actors play something like the murder of his father in his Uncle's presence, adding "I'll observe his looks. I'll tent him to the quick. If he but blanch, I'll know my course."

Hamlet and Horatio both watched the king's countenance during the puppet play and saw the workings of the king's conscience when he saw his crime portrayed.

After the play, King Claudius retired to his own private apartments to pray. Emmons saw Hamlet approach, in a threatening manner with drawn sword, the kneeling king.

"Now might I do it but," exclaimed Hamlet, "now he is praying and now I'll do it, and so he goes to heaven and so I am revenged."

A CONCLUSION OF THE WITNESS

"Then Hamlet bethought himself" testified Emmons, "that men killed while praying go to heaven and—"

"Object as a conclusion of witness," cried Attorney Brown.

"Yes that's a conclusion" said

Judge Deemer smiling, "Strike it out."

"At any rate" continued Emmons, "Hamlet decided to wait until the king was drunk or in sin before killing him."

Emmons further testified to Hamlet's killing Polonius in his mother's closet, having taken him for Claudius. He corroborated the previous witness of the state as to fencing bout of Hamlet and Laertes, and the killing of Claudius by Hamlet. He also identified "Exhibit A" as the rapier with which Prince Hamlet stabbed the king.

COLE WAS CONFUSED

F. J. Cole, the state's second witness, was confused on cross-examination as to the time of the murder, testifying that it occurred on the afternoon of Jan. 15. The defense showed him his testimony before the grand jury, in which he placed the time as the evening.

The defense could draw from Mr. Cole little admission of change in Hamlet's appearance after the murder of his father.

"He was a pretty good looking fellow said Cole. "He was 25 or 30 years old, weighed about 170 pounds, was always good-natured and was only slightly saddened after his father's death."

Cole's memory as to the details of the duel and the killing of King Claudius was excellent. After the King died, however, it failed him and he was positive he did not remember Horatio saying the King was justly served.

Spangler Breaks Oath

When the quarantine was put upon the Sigma Nus, all solemnly swore, that so long as they remained in durance vile their hirsute adornments should grow unchecked. But a certain young lady had written Mr. Spangler, that she and her next friend would visit him from the distance of the walk. The emergency was great, Spangler decided to brave the contempt of his brothers, and shaved. No thought of the broken oath marred the sweetness of the interview. Retribution came, and lying in a bath tub filled with ice water, where his outraged brothers placed him, Mr. Spangler learned the value of an oath.

Prof. Letting is in Anamosa on professional business.

Dr. Donohue class of '02 is now located at Cedar Rapids.

Middletonian held its fortnightly meeting and program last evening.

J. T. Medin L. '03 will read a paper before the Edda society in the physics' lecture room Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

President MacLean will be one of the judges on thought and composition of the North Dakota Intercollegiate Oratorical Association.

KOW-TOWED TO MUSK-OX

COLONEL BRYAN WORSHIPED SACRED ANIMAL

Distinguished Visitor Qualifies to Speak to Iowa Students this Evening—Subject of Oration, "The Conquering Nation"

Solemnity and dignity were writ large upon the faces of the Select who awaited Colonel Bryan's arrival on the afternoon train at the Rock Island station today. They had been culled with care from the list of the great men who move about the campus, for it is not meet that scoffers should be amongst those who venerate divinity.

Now and again the faces of the Select were turned toward the North and the sign of the two-horns was made as the worshippers gazed toward Science Hall. The horses and coaches were kept in readiness for instant movement by the watchful grooms, that no time might be lost when the great man's train arrived.

Off in the distance the great eight-wheels whistled. A minute later smoke appeared on the eastern horizon.

The Select broke off their meditations and arranged to welcome the distinguished guest.

Col. Bryan asked to be driven at once to Science Hall. Fast as steeds could dash the cavalcade rushed to the North Campus.

At the door of Science Hall, robed priests of the Sacred Animal greeted the distinguished visitor in hushed tones. The procession slowly ascended the steps of the temple. At the inner door shoes were removed and sandals substituted.

At last the presence was reached.

The distinguished visitor advanced alone, knelt, and three times touched his head to the floor before the Sacred Musk-Ox.

Rising and retiring from the presence, Col. Bryan was greeted by the attending select ones, who congratulated him on having by his homage of divinity qualified himself to speak to the Iowa students this evening.

"And now I must see the university," said Mr. Bryan.

So he was taken about the campus and shown the buildings and class-rooms, the seminaries and laboratories, the libraries and the observatories. But the guest became restive.

"You have shown me many things that make men's minds great and have pointed out the chapels and sanctuaries where their spirits are taught duty and love—show me now where you train their bodies."

Then the Select took the visitor up to the fourth story of the liberal arts hall and down again and several times repeated the operation.

"But I don't see any gymnasium," protested Mr. Bryan.

And the Select marveled greatly.

"O, no," said one who recovered quickest, "this fourth floor is,

however, the meager quarters which were offered to the divinity. Did we not right to refuse and insist on an entire building?"

"But I'd like to see some of your students exercising," said Col. Bryan. "These people I see here digging out Greek roots and German umlauts seem—well, they don't quite seem the men I have thought Iowa students were. Too thin-chested—not enough exercise—"

The Select gasped.

"Yes, I've always taken delight in seeing students and professors exercising together, enjoying themselves on common ground and developing themselves all around. Why, at Michigan and Chicago and Minnesota and Harvard and Yale and Nebraska—"

"You have an engagement for a dinner in fifteen minutes, Colonel," interrupted the most brazen of the Select, while the others patted their comrade on the back,

"Do you think we can trust him this evening?" asked the Select as they made the sign of the two-horns when the guest was safely in his room.

"We'll have to, I guess," said one. "His subject is 'The Conquering Nation,' and he can't do much harm."

RHODES COMMITTEE

President H. H. Seerley Approves Selection of Iowa Scholarship Committee

The college presidents who met Dr. Parkin in Chicago a short time ago at the invitation of President W. R. Harper have been much berated of late by Cedar Falls and Ames papers and correspondents. The Normalite in its current issue says flatly that the Normal was ignored in the selection of the committee.

Iowa was not invited to the Chicago meeting and had no hand in the selection of the committee.

President Seerley of the State Normal School disagrees entirely with those who think that a proper committee was not selected.

President Seerley's open letter explaining his attitude is as follows:

Cedar Falls, Ia., March 11. Certain criticisms have appeared recently regarding the organization of the Iowa committee to manage the distribution of the Rhodes scholarships. These criticisms have intimated that the right persons were not selected and that certain others had been ignored. Since my name has been mentioned as deserving such recognition. I write this letter to say that the committee as announced meets my entire approval and that I have not had and do not now have any different opinion. I am sure that the universities and the colleges of the state should have the entire charge of this kind of business and that any one who thinks differently is not well acquainted with the purpose or the plans of the late Cecil Rhodes.

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Amusements

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"The Strollers" with Marguerita Sylva in the title role will be the medium of entertainment next, at the opera house March 20. Miss Sylva has been received with much favor on her two previous tours in a stellar capacity in "Princess Chic" and "Miss Bob White" and her natural charm and delightful personality has made her many friends. She is supposed to be an exponent of romantic roles but she has a strong comedy vein and is said to form a very pleasing picture in the part of "Bertha." The music perhaps is not as pretentious as that which she has been heard in before but it is tunefully pretty and has a swing to it that is a peculiarity of all of Ludwig Engleander's compositions. The play was seen here last year and gave full evidence of its quality and a repetition with the augmentation of Miss Sylva to the cast should be a pleasant epoch in the present theatrical season. The cast is an unusually good one and includes such artists as George C. Boniface, Jr., D. L. Donn, Neil McNeill, David Torrence, Dorothy Hunting, Louise Middleton and others.

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The Baconian club will meet Friday evening at 7:30. The paper will be read by Mr. Lorenz on "A Few Electro-Dynamic Experiments."

All students, who expect to take a degree from the college of liberal arts at the end of the summer session, are requested to call at the office of the registrar at their early convenience.

The United States Civil Service Commission asks for the names of graduates who may desire to become candidates for positions in the civil service. The manual of examinations may be seen at the president's office.

Seniors in the college of liberal arts who have not yet returned their credit books to the office of the Registrar are requested to do so at once in order that they may be posted to date.

The executive committee of the Board of Regents will meet Thursday, March 19. All matters for their consideration must be in the President's office by noon of the previous day.

News-Bulletin on Knipe

The University News-Bulletin edited by L. A. Brewer, university publisher, for March has the following account of Dr. Knipe's resignation:

Dr. A. A. Knipe, Director of Physical Training at the State University of Iowa, has forwarded from New York his resignation to the board of regents. This resignation will be received with regret by every friend of the university. Dr. Knipe has been an efficient officer. Every effort was made by friends of athletics at the university to retain his services. To him more than to any one else are due the victories Iowa has won on athletic fields in the last four years. His successor has not yet been chosen. It will be a difficult matter to secure a man with the experience and the judgement of Dr. Knipe. It is not definitely known what Dr. Knipe has in view for the future. It is thought however, he intends to devote time to the writing of articles on literary subjects.

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