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WRESTLERS INTENT ON CHAMPIONSHIP IN "BIG TEN" MEETS

Plenty of Light Material Available For Splendid Group of Old Gold Athletes.

JENSEN IS THE ONLY VARSITY MAN Freshmen Aggregation Has Likely Candidates for Promising Team Another Year.

With two wrestling meets assured and another match pending, twenty-five varsity men have settled down to a routine of intensive training each day at the gym under the guidance of E. G. Schroeder, director of physical education.

The first meet will be held with Ames at Iowa, though the date has not been officially announced. The Western Intercollegiate Gymnastic, Wrestling and Fencing association will hold its annual meet at Chicago some time during the fore part of March. The Iowa team will have full representation at this meet.

Light Material Plentiful.

"There is an abundance of light weight material from which to select a splendid group of representatives," Mr. Schroeder said yesterday, "but we are seriously handicapped by a shortage of material in the heavy weight class. Practically every man included in one of the first four classes which ranges in weight from 125 pounds to 158 pounds inclusive."

There is a possibility that Harbison, last year's conference heavy weight champion of Des Moines will return to school the second semester to complete his course in dentistry. Mr. Schroeder declared. In case Harbison does return Iowa will have a presentable and well balanced team to compete for conference honors.

With a nucleus of one varsity man, Roy Jensen of the 145 pound class the director has been confronted with developing a Hawkeye team from an entirely green bunch of men. Wagner and Hindt have been working daily for positions in the 125 pound class. Of the 153 pound division, Parrott and Scott are doing earnest work with hopes for a berth. Nelson, Young, and Beiderman are competing for positions in the 158 pound class. Huntzleman so far has had little competition in the heavy weight department.

Frosh a Likely Prospect.

The freshmen aggregation has a likely bunch of material. Mr. Schroeder intimated yesterday. The men take a genuine interest in their work and give promise for a good varsity six next season.

Iowa has taken an active part in the conference for the past three years, though in 1914 a group of four men represented Old Gold at Chicago for the first time and walked off with second honors. The first full representative team was sent to Nebraska in 1915 and again Iowa was accorded second place. The meet was held at Minneapolis in 1916 where the Hawkeyes placer first. Last year Iowa took third at Illinois, the latter taking first honors and Indiana and Nebraska taking second.

The team which will represent Iowa at the conference meets this spring will be selected at the tryouts January 21. Men will be selected at that time for each of the six classes, 125, 135, 145, 158 and the heavy weights.

HOW, WHEN, WHERE TO REGISTER?

Dorcas Gives Out Instructions to Students for Second Semester.

Registration for the second semester must be completed on or before Saturday noon, Jan. 26, if possible, and not later than Saturday noon, Feb. 2, says H. C. Dorcas registrar. This ruling has been made to enable each student to register with as full an opportunity for deliberation as possible, and in the fullest possible light of the requirements of his course which remains to be done, and the general regulations governing registration.

Every student is requested to call at the registrar's office some day this week and receive a second semester program, and an envelope containing (1) explicit directions for registration, (2) his credit balance sheet, except in case of freshmen, (3) an application to register card, upon which to write down his study list after he has carefully planned it in accordance with the requirements of his course and after it has been approved by his adviser and a blank personal program slip.

The registrar's office asks each student to follow the directions carefully and to complete his registration as soon as possible.

"SNOWBOUND" NOT BY WHITTIER--DAD WINTER TO BLAME

Ice King is One Too Many For the Iowa Basketball Tossers.

TEAM GETS AS FAR AS CLINTON

Train Service So Disrupted By Blizzard That Hawkeyes Return Home.

From all indications as The Iowan goes to press, Iowa did not play the game scheduled with Wisconsin for last night. Of course we do not like to make any rash predictions, but we are fairly safe in saying this. The Iowa team is "somewhere between Clinton and Iowa City" as we write. No, we are quite sure the game won't be played. In fact, we'll just betcha two bits Wisconsin didn't win.

The Iowan has every confidence in the ability of the team and the coaching staff, but we really believe that for once they are up against it—even Coach Kent can't handle the weather man.

In case any of the student body wish to welcome the team home, if they wait around the station long enough they may have the chance. We don't think the band will be out, but if it is we will tell you about it next time.

HOMER ROLAND ENLISTS IN QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Homer G. Roland, who has served as assistant director of athletics, has tendered his resignation in anticipation of a call to army service. The athletic board granted the release in light of Mr. Roland's enlistment.

Mr. Roland enlisted in the quartermaster's reserve corps sometime in December. He received a communication several days ago advising him to be ready to entrain for Chicago at short notice. From Chicago he will be sent to Jacksonville, Fla.

LEACOCK REVIEWS HIS LIFE HISTORY IN OWN LANGUAGE

Born in England and Educated in Canada—Sympathizes With College Professors.

WAS INSTRUCTOR IN ECONOMICS

Spent College Days in Acquiring Various Languages But Has Forgotten All of Them.

Using the language of satire, and humor, Stephen Leacock, who lectures in the auditorium on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, gives an account of his own life in these words:

"I was born at Swanmoor, Hants, England, on December 30, 1869. I am not aware that there was any particular conjunction of the planets at the time, but should think it extremely likely. My parents migrated to Canada in 1876, and I decided to go with them. My father took up a farm near Lake Simcoe, in Ontario. This was during the hard times of Canadian farming, and my father was just able by great diligence to pay the hired men and, in years of plenty, to raise enough grain to have seed for the next year's crop without buying any.

Forced to Leave Farm.

"By this process my brothers and I were inevitably driven off the land, and have become professors, business men, and engineers, instead of being able to grow up as farm laborers. Let I saw enough of farming to speak exuberantly in political addresses of the joy of early rising and the deep sleep, both of body and intellect, that is induced by honest manual toil.

"I was educated at Upper Canada college, Toronto, of which I was head boy in 1887. From there I went to the University of Toronto, where I graduated in 1891. At the university I spent my entire time in the acquisition of languages, living, dead, and half-dead, and knew nothing about the outside world. In this diligent pursuit of words I spent about sixteen hours of each day. Very soon after graduation I had forgotten the languages and found myself intellectually bankrupt. In other words, I was what is called a distinguished graduate, and, as such, took to school teaching as the only trade I could find that needed neither experience nor intellect.

Says Lazy Men Succeeded.

I spent my time from 1891 to 1899 on the staff of Upper Canada college, an experience which has left me with a profound sympathy for the many gifted and brilliant men who are compelled to spend their lives in the most dreary, the most thankless, and the worst paid profession in the world. I have noted that of my pupils, those who seemed the most earnest and the least enamoured of books, are now rising to eminence at the bar, in business, and in public life; the really promising boys who look all the prizes are now able with difficulty to earn the wages of a clerk in a summer hotel or a deck hand on a canal boat.

"I have belonged to the staff of McGill university, first as lecturer in political science, and later as head of the department of economics and political science. As this position is one of the prizes of my profession, I am able to regard myself as singular-

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EXTRA

Midnight Fire Threatens Jefferson Block

JEWELRY STORE, CLOTHING STORE, AND COLLEGE INN SUFFER CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE

SHOE STORE POSSIBLE SOURCE

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANSWERS GENERAL ALARM WEATHER TREMENDOUS HANDICAP TO FIREMEN.

Fire breaking out shortly before 11 last night for a time threatened half of the Jefferson block. Starting in the Abrahamson shoe store, it is believed, it made considerable headway before an alarm was sent in from the Jefferson Hotel. Among the business houses damaged by the fire were the College Inn, the Kieth and Mc Chesney Jewelry store, and the Speidel clothing store. James Kane is the owner of much of the damaged property.

In the face of below zero weather the firemen battled the flames for several hours. Torrents of water from several lines of hose poured out of the building. The water froze almost as it fell. Shortly before 12 fire blazed out anew, the falling of the roof giving new fuel to the flames.

No alarm was felt at any time for the Hotel Jefferson. According to Manager Hoffman, the building is protected by a three foot fire-wall and has ample foundation.

GENERAL ALARM

So serious did the situation appear for a time, that a general fire alarm was sent in, all the apparatus being brought on the scene. The firemen were greatly handicapped by the extreme cold weather, and for some time by a lack of pressure. According to one of the firemen, there was urgent call for a pressure pump.

ROOF FALLS IN

The fire appeared to be under control for a time, but flared up again when the roof fell in. By one o'clock the department had the fire practically under control. A mass of ice covered the standing

portions of the building and the sidewalks.

DAMAGE CONSIDERABLE

While impossible to estimate accurately the damage, the loss will be large. Insurance will cover a portion. John Demis, proprietor of the College Inn, was without insurance, and will suffer the loss of his stock of candies. He will stock up a new store as soon as possible he told an Iowan reporter last night. Some slight damage was done to the Bennison dry goods store by smoke and water, but prompt measures were taken to protect the stock.

75 COUPLES DANCE AT

ALL-UNIVERSITY PARTY

Seventy-five couples attended the all-University party in the women's gymnasium last night, and it is called the most successful of the three similar dances held at that place this year, by those who were there. The attendance would have been much larger, it is believed, had the weather been more favorable. Both the music and the floor were good and the refreshments, in charge of Mrs. Youde, were liberally purchased.

Mrs. Landers of Des Moines is visiting at the Alpha Chi Omega house.

SNOWY HERONS WILL

BE EXHIBITED AT HALL

A Louisiana swamp group of snowy herons is now being planned by Prof. H. R. Dill to be placed in the east end of the bird hall opposite the Laysan island exhibit.

The group will represent the nesting habitat of this bird, which is now nearly an extinct variety, and also the other birds which are found there, including the Louisiana heron, the little blue heron, and other tropical birds. Some alligators and smaller reptiles will be shown. The setting will be in the swamps surrounded by the actual trees and accessories.

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CARRY ON ART.

In this day of stress and strain we must consciously maintain an active interest in the artistic. The kaiser and his crew are tugging with all their might at the ideals of art and music and architecture which obtain in the remainder of the world and a part of our victory shall be to thwart his aims in this direction. On the west front and in battle swept Belgium little remains to remind one of the art and art manifestations which once played so important a part in those lands.

But in this country, and in this university the blow to art and the artistic has been less immediate and less pronounced. It does, however, require will to draw our attention from our friends in Europe, our own future, and a thousand other things related to the war, long enough to do our duty to literary society work, dramatics, forensics, and the like. Our duty is to keep the University up to its usual standards in every one of these fields.

We believe students have seen our holding on this subject. Literary societies, men's and women's, are thriving this year. So far there has been little done in dramatics, but it is said there will be considerable activity in this art during the second semester. The debating season in intercollegiate circles was satisfactory and the various platform scraps between the different men's literary societies bid fair to equal those of former years.

Women's forensics this year are particularly gratifying. The literary societies have played their usual part in the life of the university and the women's forensic league has mapped out a program which exceeds all former years. As proof of the increased emphasis on forensics by the women of the University, we may cite the registration for the forensic reading contest to be held in natural science auditorium Tuesday night which is the largest of the past several years.

The Daily Iowan commends this event to its readers as a means of keeping up our interest in the artistic. It will be held in the natural science hall at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening and students should attend if it is possible.

THE MAN WHO COMES LATE

If you belong to any organization, be it dramatic club, glee club, or flinch club, you doubtless know him—the man who comes late. He breeds trouble wherever he goes and you encounter him all too often.

Next to squirrels and professors who hold their classes overtime, this pest has probably committed more

depredations on our own campus than any other agency.

He has made men and women lose their tempers for keeps.

He has made men swear and women feel like it.

He has made himself scandalously unpopular when he was really a pretty good sort of fellow otherwise.

Oh, he's a bad character, this man who doesn't get there on time.

In this day when we must call somebody a slacker at least once a day, we are justified in dubbing our unpopular subject one of these indefinable things. Of course, he won't get angry at us for doing this, for he has heard many good people called this word, which for being overworked is surpassed only by "camouflage."

But really, if we could think of anything worse that we could call this perpetual latecomer, without offending him, of course, we certainly would pull it from our sleeve. For doesn't he realize that when he's tardy, he's wasting the time of many individuals? He should see this without any knowledge of higher mathematics whatsoever.

Oh, for a powder which would rid the campus of this public nuisance!

KEEP YOUR LIBERTY BOND.

The man who subscribed for a Government bond, and was advertised as a patriot for doing so, is not a patriot if he sells that bond on the market when he does not imperatively need the money. It is not mere subscription to a bond that helps the government; it is by actually lending money to the government and not by merely promising it and shifting the load to some one else that the citizen really helps in this great time.

CONTEMPORARY OPINION

THAT TIRED LOOK

(Washington Daily)

What's your alibi? When you tip toe into your 8 o'clock class ten minutes after the last bell and yawn through every subsequent class, what's the reason you give to the fellow who is yawning in the seat next to you?

"These Friday quizzes are sure killing me off," is the stifled explanation often heard from behind a concealing palm.

"Great bill at the Orpheum last night," says the fellow who makes no pretense of being a student.

Some claim to be the victims of insomnia, reason unknown. Insomnia is always interesting and adds a touch of mystery to the person so afflicted. What has he in his life that would prey on his mind at night, you wonder.

Latterly the wind has served as an explanation. Heavy lidded students complain of being kept awake by flapping blinds and slamming doors. Others mutter that sleeping porches are a curse and shiver in their coats.

There are a few who wear a tired expression and say that they stayed up until 12 o'clock to study. These persons get little sympathy and the alibi is becoming obsolete.

Send The Daily Iowan home.



Garden Today and Tomorrow

What Others Think

The Daily Iowan will gladly print any communications from students or faculty members. The writer must sign the article to show his good faith in sending it, but no name will be printed if the sender so designates.

Now that a good many of us have gone ahead and done the work, we feel that we have a license to "crab." It isn't very pleasant to return from a vacation to find that all your work has piled up, simply because some professor felt that he had to assign lessons or readings through the Christmas recess. If the practice were to become universal, all holidays might as well be abolished. We are glad to say that most professors and instructors adopt the sensible viewpoint and don't even expect that the student will study during the holidays, much less prepare the usual amount of work. Let's get together after this, and have a regular holiday, whenever the schedule permits. vacation time should be the students time, to use as he sees fit.

J. E. R.
E. L. S.

UNIVERSITY SENDS DELEGATES

Six hundred delegates to the student volunteer conference, which was held at Northfield, Mass., Jan. 3-6, raised \$89,520 to be paid in four years and to be used to carry on the work of the organization. Miss Mary Andersen, secretary of the P. W. C. A., Jasper Johnson, representing the Y. M. C. A. and Margaret Hayes, sophomore arts, represented the University at the conference.

John R. Mott, general secretary of the student volunteers, was chairman of the program.

Artus Cummings of Cedar Rapids is visiting her sister June at the Gamma Phi Beta house.

Evangeline Blakesly, Pi Beta Phi, is gone to Ames to attend a Phi Sigma Kappa party.

O. U. HOOVER

My Tuesdays are meatless,
My Wednesdays are wheatless,
I am getting more eatless each day.
My home it is heatless,
My bed it is sheetless,
They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A.
The bar rooms are treatless,
My coffee is sweetless,
Each day I get poorer and wiser,
My stockings are feetless,
My trousers are seatless,
My God, but I do hate the kaiser!

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GETS MANY JOBS FOR TEACHERS

Committee on Recommendations at University Doing Best Work

Four hundred and ninety-one communities in Iowa and 201 communities outside of Iowa have placed calls for teachers with the committee on recommendations in connection with the college of education at the University since last March, according to a report just issued by that employment bureau. The total number of calls for teachers received was almost nineteen hundred.

The combined salaries received by superintendents, principals, and teachers whom the University's committee on recommendations helped directly would be close to three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Two hundred and nineteen persons were actually placed in positions through this agency; 34 more accepted positions after the committee had sent the candidates' credentials; and 144 more were elected to positions in which they had been placed previously by the University employment agency, and many others were helped indirectly.

The free service is fast gaining favor with the people of the state for from March to the middle of November this year the committee was called upon more than it was in the previous twelve months. At the present time calls for men and women for all kinds of school work are coming in fast as a result of the vacancies which are being made in many schools by the draft and enlistments.

SCHEDULES SOON TO BE OUT.

The schedule of recitations for the second semester has been received from the printer, but will not be ready to be given out for another week.

SCARCITY OF SUGAR IS BUM STALL FOR CUPID

"Say Marg, you know Bob was over last night, but he didn't bring his usual box of candy, and it just made me sick at first, but I think I get the idea now. You see sugar is getting scarce and they won't let them make any more bon bons, and Bob thinks I'll have to get used to it, some time."

"Bob is certainly patriotic, Grace, you ought to be proud of him. I suppose we can expect candy canes and all day suckers from now on."

Now both Grace and Marg (daren't disclose their real names, or I would be accused of eaves dropping with intent to tell) had a bum hunch, and Bob's patriotism was probably a simple affair of treasury, for here are the facts:

The wholesale candy manufacturers have been obliged, since January 1 to use just 80 per cent of the sugar that they normally use. But contrary to the general idea, the cheap candies are the first to suffer. Candy canes, all day suckers, and the pure candy stick require a much larger per cent of sugar than do bon bons and the fancy candies.

One large firm in Des Moines has concentrated its entire forces on the manufacture of chocolates this Christmas, and made none of the hard ribbon candies. This produces the exact situation desired, for the manufacture of chocolates requires a minimum of sugar and a maximum of labor and enables the manufacturers to retain their full force of workers, and have even a better margin than before.

MARUTH AT COMMERCE CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Commerce club will be held Monday evening at 8:15 in the Commercial club rooms. Mr. Maruth of the Golden Eagle will address the meeting.

STUDENT HEALTH IS GOOD, SAYS GRAHAM

Measles and Typhoid Cases No Cause for Alarm—Need Not Fear Impure Milk.

"The students' health is unusually good for this time of year," according to Dr. W. T. Graham, superintendent of the University hospital. "With such a large number of persons going into the various communities and being continually exposed while away there is usually a large number of students in the hospital after vacation."

There is no ground for alarm because of the few cases of measles and typhoid that have recently developed, he declared. For the size of the school there are exceptionally few cases that have come to the hospitals during the past week. There is always danger of eating uncooked foods but no more now than at any other time.

In regard to the statement made by a waitress in one of our local hotels during the past week suggesting that milk be avoided because of typhoid, Dr. Graham states that this remark was probably prompted by the extra cost, as any public eating house would not feel justified in handling questionable food.

AVIATION SERVICE HAS LOST ROMANTIC FEATURES

Attentive readers of the war news must have noticed that the dispatches describing the work of the aviators on the various fronts no longer deal to any such extent as in the past with single combats, man to man. This means that aerial warfare, like that on land, has developed in an unexpected direction and is fast losing its picturesque and romantic features.

The aviators nowadays do comparatively little of the solitary hunting for solitary antagonists that gave them fame as "aces." Instead they work in carefully organized groups, the members of which are expected to show not independence and initiative, but the ability to carry out with exactness plans minutely laid out for them by superiors who never quit the ground.

Each member of the group has an assigned part and place in its operations, and usually they are divided, some flying at a great height, some at a moderate one, and the rest up only a few hundred feet. In other words, they have "flanks," just as do terrestrial fighters, but the flanks are up and down, not at right and left. They must be guarded none the less on that account and sometimes they are "turned" with the familiar disastrous results.

Aviation has become a "service" like another, and its principle is cooperation. Thence will come military results, but not much, or at any rate not so much, of fame for individual aviators.—The New York Times.

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NATIONAL DIRECTORY WRITES ABOUT COLLEGIATE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

The work and the plans of the National Intercollegiate Intelligence Bureau, of which Iowa is a part, is set out in a communication to The Daily Iowan from William McClellan, director. T. A. Waner, acting as adjutant in this organization, supervised the mailing out of close to seven thousand questionnaires to University students, alumni, and former students last spring.

"Since February, 1917," Mr. McClellan's letter begins, "nearly one hundred and fifty colleges, technical schools, and universities organized as the Intercollegiate Intelligence Bureau have been giving special aid to the country in its greatest crisis. Brought into existence almost at the direct request of the secretaries of war and the navy, the bureau has been warmly received and greatly used by government departments. About four thousand men of specialized training have been placed at important war work on the request of the government officers for men having a variety of training and experience. In a number of cases the bureau served when other sources had failed."

"The method used was to have an adjutant and committee appointed at each educational institution which would organize as a co-operative unit of the bureau. Through questionnaires and otherwise, the adjutants kept on file accurate and adequate information of students and alumni so that the calls from the Washington office of the bureau could be answered by sending names of men who were fit and who could serve the government. Success has been brought by the adjutants. Those institutions which have helped most and in turn have been strengthened most, have their adjutants to thank."

"The extensive work of the Washington office was made possible by devoted young volunteers from a dozen colleges, who gave their time and expenses while carrying the bureau into government departments. After a while, city committees of college men were organized, because of the large number of desirable and available men in the cities."

"Because of greatly increased activities, a larger organization has been planned. The executive committee has been increased to give a broader representation and future support."

DR. SYLVESTER ON PROGRAM

The philosophical club will be entertained by Miss Golden and Mr. J. W. Rich at 427 North Dubuque street, Tuesday evening, Jan. 15. Dr. Sylvester will read a paper and a discussion will follow. All members are invited to be present.

"A division of information will supply special information which may be asked for by college officers. It will mail a weekly letter which will put college officers everywhere in close and immediate contact with whatever development has occurred which would seem of importance in the planning of college activities during and after the war."

"A large division of service calls will keep a close relation with the personal needs of government departments, and of private business serving the government and transmit them to the adjutant."

"A division of records and organization will serve the adjutants in the colleges, and cities so as to make their work more effective. It will also plan to follow up all recommendations, recording, and reporting to the adjutant, acceptances and rejections."

"Money is necessary and there is no hesitancy in asking for it. The work is for the government, for the colleges and for college men. The men who have offered themselves for their country have a right to expect help in making up for the time lost, by getting re-established in industry at the earliest possible moment. The budget of the bureau, in addition to a large amount of volunteer help, is \$2,000 per month."

"In addition to the membership fee, trustees, groups of alumni, or individual alumni, are asked to undertake the raising of funds somewhat proportionate in size to their wealth. Several alumni groups of large universities have underwritten funds of \$2,500 each, and groups from a number of smaller ones will each supply funds down to \$250."

"The Bureau invites all college men to call at the Washington Office, which is now in the Munsey Building. It is not an employment bureau, however, and places applicants only, on the recommendation of adjutants. Nevertheless, it is glad to give suggestions and information which may be of interest to college men and women."

"The Bureau needs a certain amount of volunteer help of a very high class. It cannot possibly pay any of its workers adequately, but the work is wonderfully interesting and gives most valuable experience."

WILLIAM McCLELLAN,

Director

Alice Riemers of Davenport and Elaine McKee of Stuart are visiting at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house, Gladys Cutter of Cedar Rapids is visiting Beatrice Beam.

Wanted—A student to assist with housework in return for board. B. T. Baldwin, 122 E. Church street, Phone 2118.

LEACOCK REVIEWS HIS LIFE HISTORY IN OWN LANGUAGE

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I am fortunate. The emolument is so high as to place me distinctly above the policeman, postman, street-car conductor, and other salaried officials of the neighborhood, while I am able to mix with the poorer of the business men of the city on terms of something like equality. In point of leisure, I enjoy more in the four corners of a single year than a business man knows in his whole life. I thus have what the business man can never enjoy, an ability to think, and, what is still better, to stop thinking altogether for months at a time."

INJURIOUS INSECTS NOT ABUNDANT HERE

Fertility of Iowa Soil Gives the Crops Strength to Withstand Effects of Insect Pests.

Iowa is bothered as little by insect pests as any agricultural state in the union according to Prof. H. F. Wickham. The reason for this, he explains, is that the extreme fertility of the soil imparts a vigor to all plants which makes them capable of resisting the onslaughts of bugs and worms with less damage than less thrifty plants on poor soil.

The fact, however, that we are favored by nature in this way, he holds is no reason why we should not fight against the insect pests as vigorously as farmers in other states are forced to. The same amount of effort would come close to exterminating some forms of injurious insects and in all cases their depredations would be so diminished to be practically negligible.

The annual crop loss nationally through these insect offenders is appalling and even in Iowa, where we see less of their work than other states see, the aggregate contribution each crop season is surprisingly large. Every year insects destroy in the neighborhood of \$700,000,000 worth of grain in the United States.

The corn root worm, a form of beetle, alone takes 2 per cent of the national corn crop. The total loss from the corn crop by all insects is about \$1,000,000 and for wheat the annual loss is about a fourth greater. About 8 per cent of the corn crop yearly goes to the waste and almost one-fifth of the wheat crop is lost to them.

One of our natural advantages, Professor Wickham says, is our success in combating insects. The success is greater than in other countries and in time of war particularly our duty to realize our production by eliminating as possible the losses in

CHURCH SOCIETIES TO MEET IN UNION

Will Present Series of Talks at Union Services for Young Peoples' Societies.

The Young Peoples' union will hold the first series of patriotic meetings Sunday evening at 6:20 at the Baptist church. Dr. C. W. Wassam will address the meeting on "What Our Nation Has a Right to Expect of Christian Young People in Leadership of Today."

The Young Peoples' Union is composed of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches, the Epworth League of the Methodist church, the Baptist Young Peoples' Union, and the society of the Christian church. Beginning with Sunday night a series of five meetings will be held at these various churches on "What our Nation Has a Right to Expect of Christian Young People:—in the leadership of today, Josh., 1:6-9, in the leadership of tomorrow, 1st Peter, 2: 17-25, in upholding the moral standard, Phil. 4:8-9, in advancing the educational standards, Prov. 2:1-8, and in development of Christian statesmanship, Gen. 41: 33-43."

The meetings will be addressed by Dr. E. A. Bess on Jan. 20, Capt. Alfred Brown on Jan. 27, R. W. Zastrow on Feb. 3, and the Rev. W. C. Schafer on Feb. 10.

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