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## KENT'S MEN SMOTHER HUSKY AMES TOSSERS

### HAWKEYES BREAK HARD LUCK LOSING STREAK AND DOWN JINX

#### Bannick Stars for Iowa With Five Baskets From Field—Von Lackum Shoots Five Out of Six Fouls— State Championship Muddled.

Sweeping the Ames five off its feet with a brilliant display of offensive and defensive basketball, Iowa defeated the Cyclones on the armory floor last evening by the lop-sided score of 27 to 11. At no time during the contest was the Ames team in the running as Iowa took the lead in the first ten seconds of the contest when Bannick shot a beautiful basket from the center of the floor and thereafter it was only a question of how many the Hawkeyes could pile up.

Every man on the Iowa team is deserving of credit for the sterling game they put up, but to Bannick and Von Lackum must go the major share of honors. Bannick was easily the bright star of the game. The little forward was all over the floor, breaking up the Ames team work with daunting effect and single-handed scored ten of Iowa's points. In Von Lackum Iowa finally unearthed a man who can shoot foul throws. Taking up that burden in the second half after Nevin, Parsons and Bannick had failed to score any points in six attempts, Von Lackum shot five out of the six chances presented him. He also shot a field goal, making seven of Iowa's points. Jacobsen and Parsons were a power on the defense. Not until the second period were the Cyclones able to register a field basket and it was largely because of the great work of Parsons and Jacobsen, ably abetted by Bannick.

Iowa used the short pass, which featured its work throughout the season and never was it used to better effect.

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## STARBUCK SPEAKER MID-WEEK SERVICE

### "The State of Being Thrice Born" is Subject of the Address Tonight

Prof. E. D. Starbuck, of the psychology department of the university, is to be the speaker this evening before the regular mid-week meeting of the Y. M. C. A., which is to be held at Close hall at 7 o'clock.

"The State of Being Thrice Born" will furnish the subject matter for the address of Prof. Starbuck.

This will really be Prof. Starbuck's first appearance before the students since his return from the east. Previous to this school year he spent two years in Boston, and among other things edited Sunday School material for the Unitarian church.

The meeting this evening promises to be one of the largest attended of the entire year.

## ANNUAL SIGMA XI LECTURE WEDNESDAY

### NELSON P. LEWIS OF NEW YORK CITY TO SPEAK ON CITY PLANNING

"If you are going to dream, dream a big dream and the people will look and admire."

Nelson P. Lewis, who speaks in the science auditorium this evening at 8:15 o'clock, will tell how this is not the way to plan a city. Mr. Lewis says:

"The making of a comprehensive plan for the future development of a city or for correcting the obvious defects of an existing plan is no work for an expert who may be called in for a few weeks or months and who, it is fancied, may have an inspiration which will solve all the difficulties which are apparent. Acres of plans have been made in this way; they have been exhibited, admired, filed away, and forgotten."

Mr. Lewis, who comes from New York City to deliver the annual lecture before the society of Sigma XI, will not confine his lecture to the discussion of plans for great cities, but will deal as well with plans for smaller cities in the making. Everyone interested in the future growth of Iowa City should find something of value and interest in Mr. Lewis' lecture which will be profusely illustrated with lantern slides and is open to the public.

## UNIV. ENTERTAINS EIGHTY VISITORS FROM LISBON

Eighty stockholders from Lisbon in the Iowa Light and Power company were in the city yesterday as the guests of the company and made a visit to the university and to Iowa City. The particular objective of the trip, which was made in special cars over the interurban, was the Layson Island exhibit, in the natural science building, which was looked on with much admiration. Prof. Homer R. Dill, the builder of the exhibit, accompanied the party through the exhibit and described the canvass and setting.

Mrs. H. K. Evans of Corydon is visiting her daughters at the Tri Delta House.

Mrs. Lewis Dennis of Cedar Rapids is staying at the Kappa House.

"Durry" Moss of Ames was here for the Prom.

## SOPHOMORES BECOME BASKETBALL CHAMPS

### NOSE OUT JUNIORS AND BEAT THIRD YEAR TEAM OUT OF THIRD VICTORY

#### Series Between Girls' Teams Was Finished Last Week—Attention is Now to be Turned to the Baseball Teams—Seniors Never Champions.

Lois Vandivert, Elsie Anderson, Florence McInerney, Marguerite Brackner, Elizabeth Springer, and Ethel Winterfield, for the sophomore class, are the holders of the university girls' basketball championship, according to the results of the games between the class teams, the finals of which were finished last week.

There was no little interest among the girls as to the outcome of these games and class spirit ran high among the followers of the respective teams. A large crowd witnessed the contests which were well played and warmly contested.

The winner of these series is given a silver cup, which is held by the victorious team until the next year's championship is decided. This is a practice introduced by Mrs. Bates and has proven especially popular with the girls. As shown by the cup, the seniors have not carried off one championship in the eight years that Mrs. Bates has been in charge of the girls' athletics at Iowa. The winners during these eight years are as follows:

- 1907-08—Sophomores.
- 1908-09—Freshmen.
- 1909-10—Sophomores.
- 1910-11—Juniors.
- 1911-12—Freshmen.
- 1912-13—Freshmen.
- 1913-14—Sophomores.

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## IOWA ONE OF SPECIAL SOCIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

"A New 'Social Service' Plan for College Girls" will be the topic for discussion at the meeting of the Y. W. C. A. this evening. From the north central field ten universities and colleges have been chosen to specialize in this work, and to Iowa came the good fortune of being one of these. Mrs. Rockwood is to speak at the meeting this evening and give her idea of the work about to be undertaken. Classes in preparation for this work, with Miss Barr as leader, will be organized on Thursday afternoon of this week.

## PICK LOCATIONS OF PRELIMINARIES

### Arrangements are Made for Tournaments for State Basketball Championship

Principal George Edward Marshall of the Davenport high school, who is secretary of the Iowa State High School Athletic association, has arranged and given notice to the high schools where the preliminary and final basketball tournaments are to be held. A record number have entered and due to the large number of entrants an extra preliminary will have to be held.

March 12 and 13 have been picked as the dates for the preliminaries in the struggle for the state championship, while the finals are to be held on March 19 and 20 on the armory floor under the auspices of the university. The preliminaries will be held at Cedar Falls, Coe, Drake, Grinnell and Ames.

The state has been divided into four sections, but two preliminary tournaments are to be held in one of these sections due to the large number of entries. These will be at Cedar Rapids, in the Coe gymnasium, and at Cedar Falls in the teachers' college gym. From each of these tournaments one team will come to the finals, while there will be two teams from each of the other sectional clashes. Eight teams are to compete in the finals.

The local high school, Davenport high school and Ottumwa high school which are considered the strongest contenders from this corner of the state, are to enter the preliminary tournament at Grinnell.

Miss Lois Vandivert, who was a member of the 1917 class of the Liberal Arts college, went to Chicago Monday where she will take a course in the Chicago Physical Training school. She attended the summer session of the latter institution last year.

The athletic board recently decided to have inter-department relay races during the spring. The idea is a new one at Iowa, but appears to be an excellent plan and should furnish much interest and enthusiasm among the various colleges. Fuller details of the plan will be announced later when they are worked out.

Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson of Ottumwa has entered school here.

## ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST TOMORROW

### NINE MEN ENTERED IN ANNUAL FORENSIC EVENT TOMORROW EVENING

#### Winner of Contest Will Receive Prize of Twenty-five Dollars and Will Become Iowa's Representative to the N. O. L.

Plans have been completed for the annual university oratorical contest to be held tomorrow evening in the natural science auditorium. This is one of the best events which will appear on the forensic program this year and a large audience is expected. The winner of the first place in addition to the prize of \$25 will be Iowa's representative in the Northern Oratorical League contest which will be held here this spring. The Hamilton Club contest which has previously been held in Chicago under the auspices of the Hamilton Club will be discontinued this year. Formerly the winner of second place represented the university at this contest. The program will open at 7:30. An admission of twenty-five cents is charged to those who do not possess the year tickets of the Forensic league.

The following men will take part in the order mentioned, the subjects also being given:

- Wallace Bristor—"The New Union"
- Robert J. Shaw—"An Unwise Economy"
- Benjamin I. Mather—"The Goal of Delinquent Justice"
- Orville W. Harris—"Progressive Citizenship"
- George C. Murray—"America and Militarism."
- Ray L. Short—"The Crisis of the Twentieth Century."
- Leonard H. Racker—"The Challenge of the Nation."
- Benjamin Frank—"The Enemy within Our Gates."
- Paul R. Rockwood—"The Fiery Cross."

The judges of the contest are Professors Kay, Throwbridge, P. S. Peirce, Eastman and Jones.

## KAY TO SPEAK AT CHICAGO DEDICATION

### New Building for Geology and Geography to be Dedicated This Spring

In connection with the spring convocation of the university of Chicago on March 16, the new building for geology and geography, Rosenwald hall, is to be dedicated. Prof. G. F. Kay has accepted the invitation from Dr. T. C. Chamberlin, head of the department of geology of the university of Chicago to participate in the program. He has been asked to speak upon "The Earth Sciences and the Intellectual and Moral Interests of Man kind." Doctor Kay is an alumnus of the university of Chicago.



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The Editor of this Paper  
W. HAROLD CHAMBERLIN

Wednesday Morning, Feb. 17, 1915

## WE ARE THE HOSTS

The university will entertain two  
bodies of delegates today and tomor-  
row, the Commercial club secretaries  
of the state and the Iowa engineers.  
The university welcomes these men  
and the student body is glad of an  
opportunity to entertain practical  
business men, such as we have here  
today. The Commercial club secre-  
taries are men who must be well read  
and familiar with practically every  
problem with which society has to  
wrestle today. They are each of them  
keen men, with an eye to the practi-  
cal, yet ever ready to accept theories,  
in order that they may be better to  
further the interests of their respec-  
tive communities. The conferences  
which are to be held today and tomor-  
row by men who are leaders in  
the lives of their respective commu-  
nities will bring out many interesting  
and important facts in regard to the  
social and economical welfare of Iowa  
communities and cities. The Iowa  
engineers is another body of men  
upon whom the public health and  
safety depend a great deal. Coming  
as these bodies do, under the aus-  
pices of the extension department, it  
is expected that the meetings will be  
the most profitable ever held.

## "PEG O' MY HEART"

Pelham Lynton, who plays Chris-  
tian Brent in Oliver Morosco's "Peg  
O' My Heart" company which comes  
to the Englert Theatre on Monday,  
Feb. 22nd is making his first appear-  
ance as a member of a dramatic com-  
pany, his previous stage work be-  
ing confined to the vaudeville fields.  
Mr. Lynton, an Englishman, came  
to this country to present his char-  
acterization of that much abused  
person, the English Johnny, and he  
made an instantaneous hit with the  
vaudeville audiences. It was while  
appearing under the direction of  
Oliver Morosco's brother, Leslie,  
that he came to the attention of Mr.  
Morosco, who was on the lookout  
for the best available talent for his  
"Peg O' My Heart" company. Mr.  
Lynton was easily persuaded to try  
his fortune in the new field, and it  
is said he is more than pleased with  
the change.

## Official Notices

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sponsible person and placed in  
the office of the University Ed-  
itor, L. A. Building, Room 11,  
by 4:00 p. m. of the day pre-  
ceding the day for publication.

## ATHELNEY NOTICE

Athelney will meet tonight, Wed-  
nesday February seventeenth, at  
seven o'clock. Professor Ansley  
will read from the poetry of Arthur  
Davison Ficke.

John T. Frederick, Pres.

## DAILY IOWAN STAFF

The staff of The Daily Iowan will  
meet at Luscombes studio at 12  
o'clock sharp Thursday noon for the  
Junior Annual picture. All mem-  
bers of the staff are asked to be pre-  
sent on time. If you do not re-  
ceive a post card in time come any-  
way.

H. E. Webb, Mgr.

## CO. H. NOTICE

Co. H meets at the university ar-  
mory at 7:30 sharp Thursday night.  
Everyone out. Major Hoadley, Com-  
manding officer.

There will be a called meeting of  
the Intercollegiate Prohibition assoc-  
iation, of which Leonard Racker is  
president, at Close hall at 8 o'clock  
tonight, immediately following the  
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tend.

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## SOPHOMORES BECOME BASKETBALL CHAMPS

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1914-15—Sophomores.

Had the juniors won this year it  
would have made their third conse-  
cutive year as holders of the trophy.  
They put up a stiff battle in the final  
contest and for awhile it looked as  
if they might again be victors, but  
they were nosed out by one basket.

The first game between the fresh-  
men and sophomores was won by the  
latter team by the score of 25 to 2.  
Miss Rohret was the only member of  
the first year squad to get away from  
the sophs and kept her team from be-  
ing shut out entirely. The line-ups  
were:

Freshmen: Muriel Rohret, center;  
Margaret O'Keefe, right forward;  
Ruth Eastman, left forward; May Di-  
sert, right guard; Gladys Coon, left  
guard.

Sophomores: Lois Vandivert, cen-  
ter; Elsie Anderson, right forward;  
Florence McInnery, left forward;  
Margaret Brueckner, right guard,  
Elizabeth Springer, left guard.

Field baskets, McInnery 6, And-  
erson 5, Rohret. Foul throws, And-  
erson, Springer 3.

The juniors downed the seniors by  
the score of 25 to 13 in the second  
game and it began to look as though  
the juniors might make off with the  
cup for the third time. Miss Ex-  
smith led in the number of points  
counted by an individual. The mem-  
bers of these teams were:

Juniors: Tressie Sexsmith, center;  
Jean Dayton, right forward; Flor-  
ence Taylor, left forward; Bess  
Black, right guard; Grace Turner,  
left guard.

Seniors: Harriet Koch, center;  
Margaret Steyh, right forward, Helen  
Deardorf, right forward; Lois Say-  
der, right guard, Emma Blythe and  
Hannah Ward, left guard.

Field baskets, Sexsmith 5, Taylor 4  
Dayton 3, Deardorf 3, Koch 2, Ward.  
Foul throws, Eexsmith, Steyh.

The final game was the closest  
contested and the sophs were able to  
nose out a victory by a single basket  
and claim the championship. The  
final tally was 15 to 13 in favor of  
the second year team. Miss McIn-

nelly starred for the sophs by throw-  
ing four of their seven baskets.  
There was no change in the junior  
line-up and but a slight alteration in  
the sophomore team. Elsie Ander-  
son was substituted for Lois Vand-  
ivert at center for the second half  
and Ethel Winterfield took Miss And-  
erson's place at forward.

Field goals, McInnery 4, Winter-  
field 2, Springer, Sexsmith 3, Taylor  
3. Foul throws, Anderson, Sexsmith.

Now that their basketball season  
is over, the girls have turned their  
attention to indoor baseball and the  
class championship in this sport will  
be played off soon. Four teams have  
been organized and they will soon  
meet to decide who will hold to the  
baseball cup for the season of 1915.

Blanche Dempsey of Cedar Rap-  
ids is pledged to Tri Deltis.

Mildred Dasset is visiting the  
Tri Deltis this week.

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## IOWA ENGINEERING SOCIETY CONVENTION

DEAN W. G. AYMOND IS PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY WHICH CONVENES HERE

Members of Iowa Faculty Appear on Program—First of Program This Afternoon When President Macbride Welcomes Delegates.

President T. H. Macbride will open the twenty-seventh annual convention of the Iowa Engineering society this afternoon in the physics building with an address of welcome to the delegates who are gathering here today in preparation for a three-day session of the society.

W. G. Raymond, dean of the college of engineering, is the president of the society, and J. H. Dunlap, of the university faculty, is the secretary-treasurer.

The program arranged contains many addresses and lectures which should be of interest to the public in general and to the student body, everyone being invited to attend.

R. E. Hutchins is chairman of the local committee on arrangements, the other members of which are J. B. Hill and R. S. Wilbur.

The program, which follows, is to be given in room 311 of the physics building:

**Wednesday, February 17**  
1:30 P. M.  
Organization.  
Address of Welcome, Pres. T. H. Macbride.

President's Address, The Public and Its Utilities, W. G. Raymond.  
Vertical Fiber Brick Paving, J. I. Tucker, Director School of Civil Engineering, University of Oklahoma.

Cemetery Platting, N. H. Tunnel-cliff.  
The Testing and Grading of Concrete Aggregates, R. W. Crumm.  
8:00 P. M.  
City Planning, Nelson P. Lewis.

**Thursday, February 18**  
City Planning for Iowa Towns, R. F. Weirick.

Report of Committee Appointed to Confer with the State Board of Health, C. P. Chase.

Report of the Committee on Sanitary Engineering.

1. Control of Purity of Water Supplies and Prevention of Pollution of Streams by Sewage.

2. Operation of Sewage Treatment Plants by Cities and Towns in the State. A. Marston.

The Degree of Purification Desirable and Practicable in the Sewage Treatment Plants in Iowa, LaFayette H'gins.

The Technical Service Bureau of the Iowa State College.

Appointment of Committees.

1:30 P. M.  
Report of Committee on Factory Engineering, J. B. Davidson.

Report of Committee on Structural Engineering, J. A. G. Sweimler.

Report of Committee on Legislation, T. S. DeLay.

Choosing the Curvature of Reinforced Concrete Arches. B. J. Lambert.

Inspection of Certain Museums and Laboratories of the State University.

8:00 P. M.  
Members are invited by the Engineering Faculty to an informal reception at Triangle club. The program will include an illustrated paper on "The Dayton, Ohio, Flood Relief Project," by S. M. Woodward.

**Friday, February 10**  
9:00 A. M.  
Business Session. Report of the secretary-treasurer. Report of the executive committee. Election of officers. General business.

The Air Lift for Deep Well Pumping (illustrated by a working model), A. H. Ford.  
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## THE POWER

"OH WAD SOME POWER THE GIFTIE GIE US TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US."

CURLEY HEIZENFLIPPER is sick and his physician refuses to let him talk for publication. After attending the Elks' show last night he was overcome and is not now responsible for what he says.

"I" TO ETHEL  
Popular song: "I Need Thee Every Hour."

"I" ADVERTISING SECTION  
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The Beta's—The frat with a conscience.

Cannon balls—shot from guns.

"I" The party that is advertising on the central bulletin board for five dead men is requested to call at the third floor of the anatomy building.

"I" SOME DAY we are going to run in this space a list of all the engaged people in the university. But we have to see the editor first and get permission to use two columns instead of one.

"I" This space reserved for Jim Gallagher.

"I" This space reserved for Alan Sims.

"I" NEW FRATERNITY  
We see by the telephone directory having occasion to look up the number of the Iowa Union, that the Union is listed among the fraternities. Prof. Rienow, when interviewed, says it is a fraternoty. We add, it is a fraternuty.

"I" DIRGE  
Where, oh where, are the gambling houses,

Where, oh where, are the gambling houses,

Where, oh where, are the gambling houses,

Safe, safe, with the Civic League.

"I" THE MASTER KEY—the one that lets you into Svendi after 12 o'clock.

"I" LIEUT. PHINNEY—NOTICE  
Prof. Stuckey says that the way they chose the members of a Green Mountain regiment was to line the men up along the slope of a hill, roll a barrel down from the top, and take only those who could shoot through the bunghole as it passed

"I" Dear P. A. T.,  
This stuff is bum—  
Hope you'll forgive  
When you kum hum.

—PUNK

## MACBRIDE PRAISES JUNIOR YEAR BOOK

University President Believes 1916 Volume Will be Unusually Good

Office of the President  
February 12, 1915.

"I suppose nothing published by the university, or by those in any way connected with the institution, is more eagerly inspected by the youthful eyes or handled with keener interest by the young people of the state, than the book called the Junior Annual, the 'Hawkeye.'"

"When properly edited and published, it certainly may be a most attractive and pleasing thing; a bright advertisement of the present, to become in after years a grateful souvenir.

"I have reason to believe that the 1916 volume will be exceptionally fine. (Signed).

"Thomas H. Macbride."

President Macbride has spoken his word of praise for the 1916 junior class annual, which is daily coming nearer to completion. The editors announce that the junior section is to be closed and sent to the publishers on Wednesday, February 17, and after today it will be impossible to add or detract from this part of the book.

Preparations are also being made for a campaign for orders, which is to be held within a few days. Interest in the publication has been running high this year, and the management expects a larger number of advance orders than usual.

It is customary to take orders before the publication of the book in order that some idea may be gained of the number which will be sold, but payment is not required until the time of delivery.

KENT'S MEN SMOTHER

HUSKY AMES TOSSERS (Continued from page one)

ter effect than last evening. Time and again the Hawkeye five took the ball down the floor into Ames territory and the majority of the game was played in the shadow of the Cyclones' basket.

The game was marked by considerable roughness and two of Ames men were put out of the game for having four personal fouls called on them. Sminey and Boynton were the players ejected. In the second half it was necessary to take time out for Cramer, who hurt his head in a collision with Von Lackum.

The Ames five proved weaker than was anticipated and the fact that the

Iowa team put up one of the best games of the season is responsible for the one-sided count. Cramer was the star for the Cyclones.

Iowa scored in the first ten seconds of play when Bannick took the ball from Duttons hands and tossed the first two points before the audience had gotten fairly settled. Thereafter the Hawkeyes kept piling up the points and before the end of the period Dutton shot two pretty baskets and Parsons negotiated one. The best Ames could do in this half was to land three foul throws, being unable to throw a single field basket. The score at the end of the first half was 10 to 3.

Ames came back somewhat stronger in the second period and scored her first field goal early, but the Cyclones were plainly outclassed and Kent's men continued to pile up the points. Von Lackum took up the foul shooting and dropped five through the iron hoop, while Bannick contributed to the Hawkeye total with three baskets, Jacobson with two and Von Lackum with one. Cramer scored two baskets for the Cyclones during the final half and Porterfield got away with one.

Swiney shooting the fouls for Ames was successful in throwing five out of eleven. Cramer made one successful attempt after his teammate had been ejected from the game.

The result of the game last night puts the Hawkeyes in the running as strong contenders for the state championship and they look like promising candidates for the state title. The line-ups and summary:

Iowa: Bannick, left forward; Nevin, Von Lackum, right forward; Dutton, Kerwick, center; Jacobsen, right guard; Parsons, left guard.

Ames: Swiney, Morgan, left forward; Porterfield, right forward; Holmes, center; Cramer, right guard; Boynton, Bragdon, left guard.

Summary: Field goals, Dutton 2, Jacobsen 2, Parsons 1, Bannick 5, Von Lackum 1, Cramer 2, Porterfield 1. Free throws, Cramer 1, Swiney 5, Von Lackum 5. Referee, Birch. Umpire, McEachron.

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## BARRYMORE STARRED IN FORTUNE HUNTER

Great Modern Actor Owes Initial  
Success to "The Fortune  
Hunter"

Two of America's greatest modern actors, John Barrymore and William Ross, owe their success in gaining a foothold on the stage directly to "The Fortune Hunter," the play which will be presented at the Englert the-

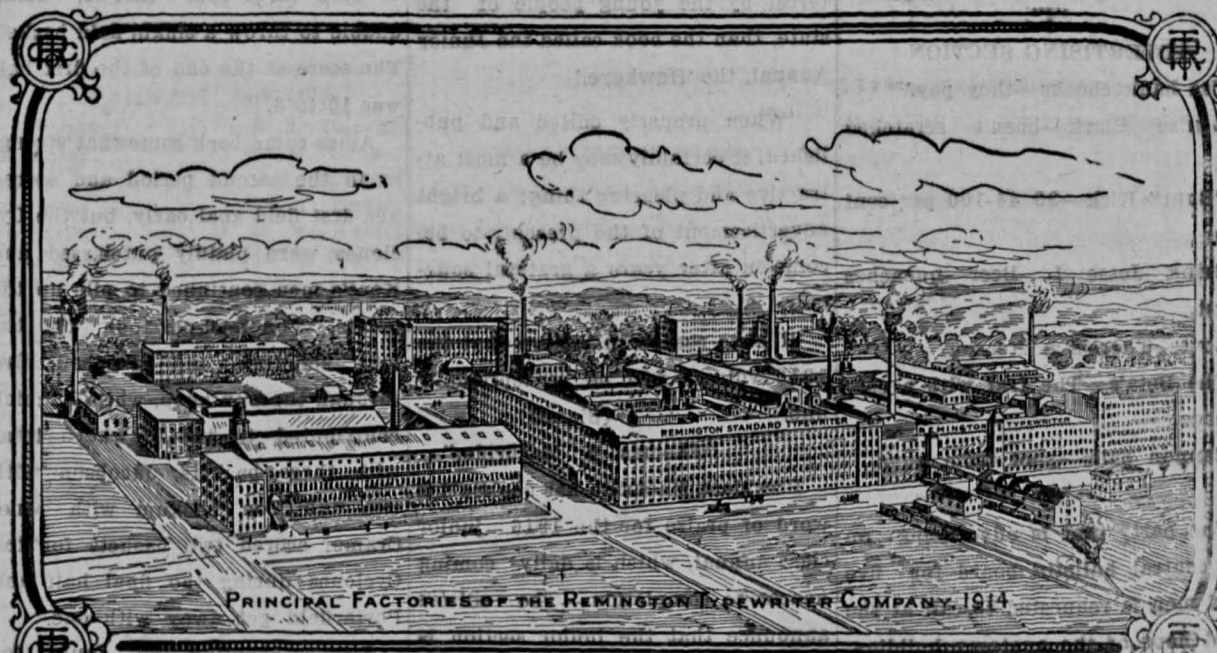
atre by Zetaganian and Hesperian literary societies on Wednesday, Mar. 17th.

John Barrymore, the first man to appear in the original role of "Nat Duncan," the Fortune Hunter, had prior to the staging of the show, been little known on the modern stage. The role of Duncan is itself one of the most striking and powerful written into any play during recent years, and it was the portrayal of this character that gave Barrymore

his first opportunity to rise in the world of the stage.

A year later, when the same show was opened in Chicago, William Ross, another little known man, was carried up with the success of the play through his playing in the title role of the same production.

Today these men are among the best known on the modern stage, and a large part of their initial success can be traced back to their first appearance in "The Fortune Hunter."



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## "The Master Key"

By John Fleming Wilson

"Wasn't I in possession?" demanded Wilkerson. "Haven't I been driven out by force, me and my workmen?"

"From what I've seen of your workmen," was the curt response, "I don't like their looks. And there are tales going around that Vagas is in the country."

"How can I help who's in the country?" demanded Wilkerson, much injured. "That's your lookout, not mine. All I'm asking for is protection."

The sheriff departed without giving him any satisfaction, and Wilkerson determined that he would act. The

struggle was long and hard, and within a minute a battle was raging between the walls of the gulch.

The miners had the advantage. They fought from the shelter of their own cabins, and they were united by a common purpose. Their attackers were scattered, were divided between lust for loot and thirst for blood and had no sure refuge nor rendezvous. Yet they would eventually have made the camp untenable had not the thoughtful sheriff prepared a surprise for both parties.

After consultation with his advisers in the county seat he had appealed to the governor on the ground that as one of the opposing forces was Mexican he felt that a superior authority should handle so delicate a situation. The governor had agreed and ordered a troop of cavalry to the "Master Key" to preserve order. It was just when Wilkerson had seen his chance for a grand coup that the troopers arrived.

Ruth, with some of the women, had taken refuge in John's house on the hill, with old Tom Kane as their bodyguard. Wilkerson knew that if he could capture Ruth he could make his own terms. He directed several of his men to make a detour around the hill and effect this. Meanwhile he set fire to a cabin below in order to distract the attention of Dorr and his men.

The ruse had nearly succeeded but for Kane's quickness. Though he had not used his gun for many years, he had lost none of his old time skill, and when the marauders made their final dash on the porch of the house the cook, with a single glance over his shoulder, shot from the hip. His man tumbled dead at Ruth's feet, and his companions sneaked back.

At that instant the cavalry rushed in, and before five minutes were passed their commander had separated the combatants and proceeded to disarm them.

He then called Dorr and Wilkerson to him and curtly stated that his orders were to see that there was no trouble. "What your quarrel is I don't know," he said.

Wilkerson tried to argue, but neither the officer nor the sheriff, who now arrived, would listen to him. They also turned a deaf ear to John Dorr's statement of Wilkerson's crimes, including the kidnapping of Ruth in San Francisco.

"If you have anything against Wilkerson," the sheriff asserted, "swear out a warrant for him. I'll serve it quick enough."

With this John must perforce be satisfied, but after a conference with Kane it was agreed that the latter should go to the county seat and make formal complaint and procure a warrant for Wilkerson's arrest on the ground of forgery.

"You and I know those deeds he flourishes aren't genuine," John said earnestly. "Let's make it an issue and try it in court. At any rate, we'll be rid of him for awhile."

"I know you're right," the old cook assented heartily. "I'll be off today. With these troopers around the greasers won't dare do anything openly. But keep your eyes open, John! They will sneak something across if they can."

"Trust me for that," was the reassuring response.

But when Kane had gone Dorr realized that he was in a nasty predicament. Wilkerson was desperately playing so bold a game that it would take every resource at his disposal to meet him successfully. Ruth must be protected in her rights. The "Master Key" mine must remain in her possession undisturbed. That would be impossible until Wilkerson was eliminated. And that man was after great stakes; otherwise he would never have ventured so far.

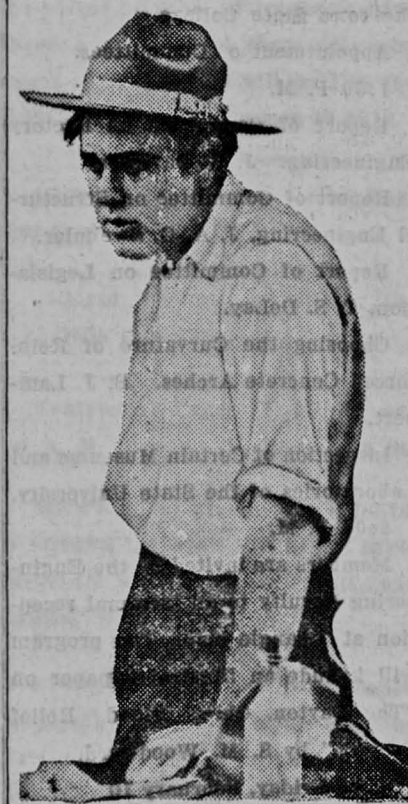
As he debated this inwardly John went over in memory all the events of the brief period since old Thomas Gallon had died, leaving his daughter in his charge. Before his mind's eye ran the pictures of the last scenes and then—

Like a flash it came to him! What was it that letter the old man had so carefully cherished and handed him at the last? Had Gallon foreseen something like this and prepared for it? In his last days had his failing powers concentrated on his single aim and evolved a final safeguard for the "Master Key?"

With the sealed letter in his hand John Dorr stared at the superscription: Not to be opened until my daughter's eighteenth birthday or before then if her welfare is threatened.

Quickly he tore the envelope open. The inclosure fell out in two portions. He put them together, with a muttered ejaculation at his own carelessness and read the sealed letter.

(TO BE CONTINUED)



"Ruth oughtn't to be here."

Mexicans were getting restless, and the sardonic Vagas hinted sharply that he was impatient.

"All right," Wilkerson agreed. "We'll just go down to the road in the morning and then walk into the camp. Leave it to me. I'll simply say I've come back to take charge and you are my miners."

Vagas twirled his wiry mustaches. "And then?"

The men looked each other in the eye. That evil glance was sufficient.

John Dorr and Tom Kane, meanwhile, had been in constant consultation. One thing was constantly in their thoughts.

"Ruth oughtn't to be here," John would say dismally. "If it weren't for her we could quickly settle these outlaws, for that's all they are."

"I reckon nobody would cry at the inquest," the cook returned. "If we did put a few of them. But, as you say the girl is here, and that puts fighting out of the question. Unless they start it," he added cautiously.

"Wilkerson is bound to make some kind of a move mighty soon," said Dorr. "He can't satisfy those fellows of his for long."

Yet when Wilkerson appeared at the entrance to the camp one morning with a motley train of followers Dorr was at a loss to know what to do. Wilkerson was apparently peaceful and expected a peaceful reception. His boldness had almost carried him through when the ignorance and cupidity of one of Vagas' men gave John and Kane the sorely wished for opening.

The Mexican peered into the window of one of the cabins and saw a gold watch on the table. Instantly he broke the glass with the butt of his carbine and reached in for his booty.

Dorr and Kane had warned the miners at the first appearance of Wilkerson that there might be trouble brewing, but that the first blow must come from the other side.

"Boys," said the old cook, "you know the sheriff. He's listened to both sides, and he don't rightly know which is the one to take. But one thing is certain—he's got to keep order and protect human life and our property. If those fellows make a wrong move we've got the sheriff on our side. See?"

They had seen the point, with many mutterings. They had quietly prepared themselves for just the occasion which the Mexican's act now gave. As the bandit pulled his arm back with the watch in his hand a revolver cracked, and the arm fell shattered to his side. And as Wilkerson glanced furiously about him he saw the camp ready. He cursed the maddened Mexican and grasped Vagas by the arm.

"Stop your men!" he implored. "Don't let them fire a shot or we are lost!"

It was too late. Passions long re-