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Ohio Club party this evening at Harnack's.

Miss Crystal Worner spent the week end in Grand Rapids.

Miss Amanda Keal of Mason, daughter of Rev. W. L. Keal, has been asked to get vaccinated.

The Stoics have received acceptance notices from a large number of alumni. Many of them from a considerable distance, in response to their banquets invitations. Slightly over one hundred people will sit down to table at Starkweather Hall tomorrow evening, when the banquet begins.

The Michigan Union of the university will present its sixth annual opera in March. The title is "Contemporary Mary." Robert Beck has written the play. It is laid in the 15th century. The music for the opera has been written by Rowland Page of Detroit. Kent C. Haven, of Charlotte, and William Dickema of Holland, and will be given under the supervision of Earl Moore, organist of a North Woodward avenue church, in Detroit. It will be given at the Whitney theatre March 26, 27, 28 and 29 and on April 19 will be reproduced in Detroit. 100 to 125 students will take part in it. There will be no women in the cast.

Normal College has a new literary society, "The Pundits," which meets in the main building Thursday evenings for an hour's discussion of matters bookish. Thursday of last week Professor Lathrop introduced the members to the great English critic and dramatist, Bernard Shaw, commenting on his philosophy and reading a little from his "Plays for Puritans" to give an idea of Shaw's style. Vivian Beers read a short story of her own writing. Last evening Teela Anderson read from Shaw's "Julius Caesar" and Cleopatras" (one of the plays which Shaw wrote as an improvement on Shakespeare), and Alvy Hickler read an original paper on "The Fourth Dimension."

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jump into a big snow bank but instead of that it is the middle of the day and the thermometer stands at 85 degrees. A cool breeze sweeps in from the China Sea, only four miles distant and the roar of the surf adds one of the romantic elements which is so necessary to relieve the monotony here. The weather is fraught at this time of the year. At night the temperature goes down to 55 or 60, thus making a refreshing night's sleep possible. No one needs to be afraid of his health in this country. We are inclined far less sick here than at home. Exercising is the necessary tonic here and without it you soon lose your "Yankee Pep." Fortunately my athletic work furnishes me plenty of that tonic.

Social Life

"Sometimes the evenings pass rather slowly. There are few Americans to visit and the only alternative for spending the time is in practicing or making calls on your high school pupils. There is no ten o'clock rule here but we have an abundance of chaperones, for it is the custom of the whole family to sit around on watch. It is a matter of great curiosity to them to see what the "Mastros Americans" do next. You cannot talk to anyone in the house except the pupils unless the parents happen to be able to speak Spanish and that is the reason we have to turn to our pupils for entertainment."

The Question of Filipino Independence

"I am fortunate in having been placed in a part of the island where the natives are friendly toward the Americans. We are far removed from Manila and as you go toward Manila the anti-American feeling grows. The majority of the people are clamoring for independence. They neither realize nor appreciate the great work that the U. S. has done and is doing for them. The great mass of the people are ignorant and in the hands of the Filipino demagogues. Our school system is without the necessary funds to reach them all and we turn away hundreds from our school rooms every year. To give these people independence would be as placing a dangerous explosive in the hands of a child. The purposes of this letter are not political yet I cannot bring it to a close without asking you people back home to "brush up" on the Philippine question. There is a little time from your questions of woman suffrage, tariff, etc., and read some good literature on the Philippine question. The time is coming when some of you will have to decide what you are going to do with the responsibilities Uncle Sam has so lightly assumed among a foreign people."

The Filipino School System

"As regarding our schools here I believe we are equal and in some ways superior to the schools of Michigan. To begin with, we are centralized throughout the islands our course of study and length of terms is the same, thus making it possible for a student to transfer to any part of the islands with our loss to himself. The Director of Education in Manila issues his orders through the Division Superintendent who is in charge of the province and they in turn to their principals and supervising teachers. We get results and perhaps the real criticism that can be offered is that in some ways our centralized system tends to kill individuality in the employees. There is a danger of too much centralization. All our schools up to the first year of high school do industrial work. This includes weaving, basket-making, lace making, slipper-making, hat-making, carpentry, domestic science work, swimming and gardening. The pupil, if he furnishes his own material, receives the proceeds when sold, and if it is furnished him then he gets half. Our athletics are exceptionally well organized. Every school must have athletics and it is so arranged that if a pupil takes part in our school he has about 20 girls in basketball, 25 boys, in track and field events, 25 in baseball and the rest in volleyball and other games. At Christmas we take our best teams and take a trip of 150 miles over the China Sea to contest with two other provinces. The winning teams go to the carnival in Manila which is held every year in February, to contest for the Island championship. Here are some of the things our boys can do: Half mile, 1:12, 440 yd., 55 2-5, 220 yd., 24 3-5, 300 yd., 10 2-5, 50 yd., 5 4-5, Pole Vault, 9 ft. 10 in.; Broad Jump, 9 ft., High Jump, 5 ft. 3 in.; Shot Put, 35 ft. 6 in."
Basketball Team Logs to Hillsdale and Takes One from Battle Creek

Normal's basketball team went abroad last week, and took one in return for one that it didn't take. Friday night the Normalies met Hillsdale and lost. 17-24. Saturday night the Normalies met Hillscreek Physical Training School. 28-25. The high school went over to Ann Arbor to meet the team that walloped Normal's Reserves the week before, and the slaughter, it was awful! The youngsters wouldn't tell the score.

The loss of the game at Hillsdale is not easily accounted for. Hillsdale has a weaker team than Battle Creek and the game should have gone our way. Hillsdale's gymnasium is a small and poorly equipped affair, with nothing to keep the crowd back from the side-lines, and the floor condition may have influenced our boys. All agree that Normalled plenty of opportunities to throw baskets, but for some reason or other simply couldn't see the rings. Any five is liable to get the most once in a while and this was Normal's turn.

The next night's game, at Battle Creek, was an excellent article of ball. It was one of the speediest games that men have ever played in, and Normal was forced to put up every effort to win. Their basket shooting was up to its usual form and the team played together as a unit.

The men who made the trip were Mumford, Ryan, Hindelang, Goodrich and Moore, with Messrs. Brown and Byerlyman from the physical training department. The score book has disappeared and we are regretfully obliged to omit the summaries.

NOTED SOPRANO COMING

Miss Florence Hinckle to Give Recital on Concert Course Feb. 25

Miss Florence Hinckle, the celebrated American soprano, will give a song recital in Normal Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 25, this being the fifth program of the Normal Concert Course. Miss Hinckle enjoys the distinction of being without doubt the most popular soprano now appearing before the American public, having innumerable engagements with the great oratorio societies of the country and being in constant demand as soloist with the great orchestras. Her program here is of wide range, including old Italian airs, modern German, and French songs, an operatic aria (from Charpentier's "Louise") and a group of English songs and ballads.

OPINION ON THE "QUIET HOUR"

Opinion around the campus regarding the "quiet hour" proposed by the student council seems to be divided. Those living in large rooming houses feel that it would be a good thing, while those in smaller houses regard it as unnecessary, and deplore the addition of another rule to a code which seems already large enough to them. The fact that the measure passed by a unanimous vote is viewed somewhat suspiciously, and many professors believe that the new council will not amend to much. They take the view that the council will be a body to listen carefully to what Professors have to say and reassure him that he has it just so. On the other hand, certain members of the council insist that they have the courage to say just what they think, and to take the initiative in starting things around the campus. Talk it over at your county club and other meetings and let the council know what you want.

PEACE ORATOR CHOSEN

John E. Luidens Wins Easily Over Three Competitors

The peace contest in Normal Hall Friday evening resulted in the choice of John Luidens of Grand Rapids for first place and Terrie Anderson of Ironwood for second place. The other two contestants were Oscar Wood and Arthur Cable, both of Scottsville. Professor McKay acted as chairman in the absence of President McKinney. The judges were Attorneys F. E. Daggett, Professor DePerey Ross, and Rev. Dr. Leson of the First M. E. Church.

Mr. Luidens had a very strong oration, both in thought and phrasing, and his delivery was poised and convincing. He presented the argument for the uselessness of war so forcibly set forth in Norman Angell's "The Great Illusion," namely, that modern industry and commerce are so decisively international in their range that nations can not wage war on one another. Modern economic conditions encourage investments abroad. Miss Anderson's oration was a plea for the hastening of universal peace in our own day. Her measured and clear delivery undoubtedly went far to win her second place over the other two contestants.

The oratory was followed by a photo-play of a skit dealing in "innocent" character, which the operator ran through backwards and with the least amount of light turned on that was possible. Even vivioperator operators have a conscience.

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