

SOCIETY NOTES

TENNYSON PROGRAM GIVEN BY ZATASIANS

The program of the Zatasian Society on Jan. 20, centered around Tennyson and his works. All the numbers were interesting but especially so were the readings from Tennyson and the story of Enoch Arden, which was so well told.

The program consisted of six numbers as follows:

I. Life of Tennyson—Olive Jinnette.

II. Tennyson as an artist—Minnie Casstephens.

III. Ballads—Beulah Allen.

IV. "Sweet and Low"—Josephine Mock and Margaret Levering.

V. Story of Enoch Arden—Eva Holder.

VI. Reading, The Revenge—Ruth Levering.

Under miscellaneous business the following new officers were elected: President, Marianna White; Secretary, Josephine Mock; Marshal, Sylvia White.

WEBSTERIANS ON CANCELLATION OF WAR DEBTS

Pres. Harris made a very appropriate talk to the Webs on Friday January 20, at the last meeting of the term. He very carefully summarized the work accomplished thus far. "Although," he said, "no records have been broken, yet the society has completed very satisfactorily its task for the first semester." In conclusion he wished every one the best of success thru the coming week of examinations and extended a warm invitation to each member to meet again February third.

Following this, the debate for the evening, Resolved; that all International debts be cancelled, was given. The Negative, Fishel, and N. English won the decision of the judges. They very forcefully brought out the tremendous addition, in taxes, it would place on the already overburdened American populace. Further, they showed what a demoralizing effect the cancellation of the reparations would have on the French Nation at this critical time.

The Affirmative, Smith and Winn gave a good argument. They interpreted the cancellation of international debts as the only panacea for the present business depression in the world. Further they pointed out how England had already made strides towards cancelling her debts, regardless of other nations, and clearly showed how Great Britain, through this step would capture the coveted commerce of the world. In conclusion they argued that this action of England would force the United States to cancel her debts and that by waiting American would not only lose her commerce, but also a great amount of her prestige.

After the debate, Geo. Kinney kept the society well amused, for several minutes, with his original jokes concerning the affairs and actions of his fellow students.

Mr. W. L. Rudd added much to the success of the evening by the rendering of several popular pieces on his harmonica.

The literary exercises were brought to a close by J. C. Penny. He gave a very carefully prepared talk on, "The Best Part of a Woman's Life."

Critic, Jack Ragsdale gave a short but impressive report after which the society adjourned.

PHILOMATHEANS READ NEWSPAPER

The Philomathean Literary Society held its regular meeting Friday evening, Jan. 20. The program was in the form of a newspaper. "The Times."

I. National News—Isabel Pancoast.

II. Current news from the scientific world.—Anna Doub.

III. Editorial—Ruth Reynolds.

IV. News from the Old North State.—Helen Bostick.

V. Comic Section—Blanche Robertson.

VI. Vocal Solo—Vera Farlow.

The rendition of this program proved very instructive as well as

amusing.

The following officers were elected; President, Edna Raiford; secretary, Henrietta Lassiter; marshal, Elizabeth Brooks.

Evelyn Henley gave a good critic's report, and after a few remarks of general criticism, society adjourned.

CLAYS DEBATE TARRIFF

Since the holidays it seems that the Henry Clays have entered into a period of real work. The new members have become more or less acquainted with the rules and work of the society, and are seeing beyond these, the real purpose and life of the organization.

On the evening of January 20, the following program was given:

I. Debate: Resolved, that reciprocity is a better method of regulating international commercial intercourse than a protective tariff.

II. Current Events.

The query was well debated by both sides—Reynolds, Nicholson, and Branson presented the affirmative argument on the following points:

Practicability and adaptability of reciprocity. Reciprocity eliminates party issue.

The negative debaters, Brown Knight and Holder, won the debate on the grounds, that tariff is source of revenue, and upholds American standards of living.

L. L. Williams, gave the society many current events. One of the most interesting things he said was that Mr. J. Elwood Cox had been suggested as the new Postmaster General who would succeed Will H. Hays.

Dewey Crews gave a good critic's report.

PLAN COMBINE OF 19 R. R. SYSTEMS

A tentative plan for consolidation of all major American railroads into 19 great competing system, has been announced by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The proposed combination, authorized under the transportation act, is designed to remove weaknesses in the national railroad system shown by the operation of the rate-making power of the Commission, and to effect readjustment of terminal and other subsidiary facilities with resultant economy in operation and delivery of shipments.

Hearings will be called soon by the Commission for the purpose of discussing the proposed consolidations. As the consolidation scheme is not mandatory, the probability of executing it is regarded as rather problematical. Under the law no plan can be adopted, which has not received the approval of the individual lines affected, as well as that of the Commission. Because of this reason it is expected that discussion will be prolonged. The Commission in a statement says that it "sought to minimize dismemberment of existing lines and systems."

THE HUMBLE CORNCOB

Aside from their feasibility in the manufacture of "Missouri meerschams," the corncob has possessed but little commercial value. The Department of Agriculture has discovered that the corncob contains ten per cent of high grade furfural, and therefore is extremely useful as supplying a basic need in the manufacture of coal tar products from dyestuffs to photographic laboratory materials. Some of the more enthusiastic ones in the Department have it all figured out that furfural was one of the many very smart things which the Germans were reported to have gotten down to a fine point before they started the war.

RESEARCH BELOW ZERO

The science of cold—of extremely low temperatures—may be regarded by many persons as still remote from industry. Cryogenics, as this science is called, nevertheless, has become a practical subject, particularly the characteristics of gas mixtures in relation to liquefaction and separation of gases for industrial application purposes. Liquid oxygen has a practical application as an explosive. If an absorbent pad is saturated with a liquid hydrocarbon, it can, in presence of liquid oxy-



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gen. be exploded with great violence. The combination is used at the present time in mines in France and Germany. The only commercial use of liquid air is as a source of liquid and gaseous oxygen. Other uses may be developed. Knowledge of cryogenics aids in separation of pure helium. Substituting helium for hydrogen removes many dangers from airships and balloon.

HOW MONEY GROWS

Chauncey M. Depew, erstwhile United States Senator from New York, put \$100 in a Peekskill, N. Y., savings bank in 1860. It was his first \$100. Maybe Senator Depew found, as many do, that the first \$100 proved to be the hardest. Anyway, in spite of strenuous temptation, he refused to draw upon that \$100, and, as a result of later prosperity, finally forgot about it. Not long ago Senator Depew entered the Peekskill bank to greet some old friends and they reminded him of his "nest egg." On computing the interest it was found that the original deposit of \$100 had grown to \$800, and owing to the long period in which it had lain undisturbed had achieved the distinction of being known as the bank's star account.

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