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Although the unfavorable condition of the weather during the past week has prevented the regular amount of practice both on the field and the track, still a considerable amount has been done.

The men show themselves generally in earnest and take advantage of every opportunity for improvement; and everything now looks favorable for a successful season.

Let all those who have any chance of making the scrubs, and even not that for that matter, come out regularly and practice faithfully. By that means you not only increase your own chances for making the team, but at the same time you increase the efficiency of the team, by forcing those who hold places, on it to work harder to retain them; and by doing so they will become more efficient than if no one were spurring them on.

Remember that no one has such a "cinch" on any of the places, that he will not lose it the moment it becomes clear that he is outclassed by a competitor.

We are exceedingly fortunate in being able to get Col. W. J. Bryan to lecture at the University while he is passing through the state. We are always glad to have the privilege of seeing and hearing men in the public eye and especially those who have a national reputation for oratory. Not only is it fortunate that we have the opportunity to hear the great silver orator, but the cause to which the proceeds of the lecture is to be devoted is equally praiseworthy. According to the conditions on which he comes here, two hundred and fifty dollars of the proceeds are to go to the establishment of a prize to be given each year for the best essay on the Science of Government. After that the rest of the proceeds is to go to the University or the Literary Societies. The establishment of this prize, it seems to us is very wise; it will stimulate a research along a line that should be followed by all college students. We congratulate ourselves for the rare pleasure of hearing Col. Bryan.

The success of the first of the star course of lectures for this spring was exceedingly gratifying to those managing it. The great apprehension had been that it

would be a financial drag to those supporting it, but happily this was not the case.

The state of the weather was anything but desirable, still many both of the villagers and the students not members of the literary societies braved its inclemency and attended. Nor were they, we think, disappointed in their expectations. True the subject was different from that announced in the *Tar Heel* last week, but this change was made at the wise suggestion of the lecturer himself, for the reason that the one given was considered better suited to the audience, because it contained a more serious basis of thought.

Max O'Rell gave us a lecture sparkling with humor and wit, but underlying this could easily be detected a basis of clear thought and philosophic reasoning. The success of this one despite all drawbacks engenders bright hopes for the next; the weather can hardly be worse, while the subject and lecturer will be exceedingly popular.

We hope to see the interest in these lectures still kept up. If so, we shall probably be able to have a star course covering the whole year in the future.

The success of the law class before the Supreme Court is cause of rejoicing for the University. Twenty-three men from here stood the examination, sixteen of whom had received Judge McRae's certificate. Of the twenty-three men, twenty-two passed. This record speaks for itself of the high order of work done here. It is especially gratifying to Judge McRae that his first class has added new laurels to the already-famous record made by those of his predecessors. He expresses himself as well pleased with the stand they took, and feels that his efforts for their advancement have borne abundant fruit.

### Mass-Meeting.

Last Saturday evening at 4:45 o'clock in the Chapel a mass-meeting of the student body was held. Mr. W. S. Wilson was made chairman and Mr. W. F. Bryan stated the object of the meeting. It was to see if it were possible to get Hon William Jennings Bryan, who was to speak in Raleigh Tuesday, to come over to the Hill and address the student body. On motion a committee of five men were appointed to make all arrangements and the result of their efforts is known to all. The committee were: W. F. Bryan (chairman), Avent, Coffey, Berkley and Ross.

### Max O'Rell's Lecture.

"The Little Foibles of John Bull, Sandy, and Patt." was the theme treated by Max O'Rell in the lecture delivered by him in Gerrard Hall Saturday evening. A large audience heard the lecture, and it is safe to say that every one present was delighted with what he heard. It was a unique entertainment, and of a very high order. The lecturer fully sustained the lofty reputation which he has gained for himself in this and other countries. The speaker's ready wit and sparkling

humor kept the audience laughing almost continuously; and yet there was a serious thoughtfulness in much that he said that proved the lecturer to be a close, philosophical observer of life, as well as a humorist. His description of the foibles of John Bull were enough to have made even a Briton hurt himself laughing; and on the other hand his glowing tribute to the sturdy qualities of the liberty-loving Englishman could not be but delightful to a people descended from that race.

Max O'Rell has traveled all over the civilized world, and his lectures are made up largely from personal observations among the people whom he has visited. As a lecturer he is perfectly at home on the platform. His style is graceful and pleasing, his delivery vivacious and modest. His manner, gestures and accent heighten the charm of his words. Those who failed to hear him Saturday night missed a rare opportunity for enjoying an intellectual treat.

### Exchanges.

The Olympian Games will be held at the Paris Exposition during the coming summer. The sports include professional and amateur track and field games, Rugby and Association foot ball, hockey, cricket, lawn-tennis, croquet, bowling, base ball, lacrosse, and golf. Princeton will send over a delegation.

The Chinese Minister to the United States will deliver a lecture at the University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 22, on "The Proper Relation of the United States to the Orient."

The University of Pennsylvania will confer the degree of LL. D. on Diaz, President of Mexico, on Washington's birthday.

The Schumann Ladies Quartet, assisted by Miss Agnes Pringle, violinist and Miss Mead Martin, on the harp, will be here Saturday night. The performance will be held in the Chapel at 7:30, Admission 50 cts. For benefit of Athletic Association.

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