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Wanted—Potato Seed

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Potatoes have been grown so long from cuttings that they are getting out of the habit of producing seed. Seed for breeding-purposes is in demand and is worth six dollars a thimbleful—when the thimbleful can be procured. Edward F. Bigelow, writing in "The Guide to Nature" (Round Beach, Conn., January), tells an amusing tale of his efforts to obtain the seed of this exceedingly common food-plant. He has been told everywhere that it can be had "by the bushel," but he rarely finds it. In Maine he is informed that it is plentiful in Ohio and in Indiana they refer to him to Michigan. Experts tell the truth. Mr. Barbant's explanation is given below. William Stuart, horticulturist of the United States Bureau of Plant Industry, writes that the reason more seed-balls are not developed is that Edward Bigelow does not produce pollen capable of germination. Such pollen develops best in Northern climates, and the seed balls of potatoes are thus seen most frequently in Maine, northern Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Walter A. Davis, "Thirteen years ago I originated the annual summer school of nature-study at the Connecticut Agricultural College, Storrs, Conn., and was the director of the first session. One of the members of the staff at that session was Professor Golley, the horticulturist of the college. This expert in fruit culturing made one day an astonishing statement that I thought was intended to be oracular rather than literally true. He asserted in regard to the fruiting-berries of the common potato, he exclaimed, 'All these berries have disappeared from the state. I give twenty-five dollars for one found within Connecticut.'

"No more of that lesson that day for me, I did not expect to receive twenty-five dollars but I wanted the satisfaction of proving that the professor was in error. Potato-balls? It seemed only yesterday that I saw them lying on the ground by the quarter, the peck, the half-bushel! Potato-balls? I remember hurrying from the end of a sharp stick with almost the accuracy of a catapult.

"I slipped out of the class-room and hunted to the nearest patch. Over an acre of ground, up and down between the rows I travelled, but if the prize had been one hundred dollars I should have received it not. No potato-balls were there. Still, I was determined to show Professor Golley that he was wrong. When I returned home I hunted in my garden and in the gardens of other people. I haunted the potato-fields and searched acres."

Fraternity Notes

ETA LAMBDA SIGMA BANQUET.

The twenty-third annual banquet of the Eta Lambda Sigma fraternity was held at the Hotel Bond in Hartford, March 11, 1916. After an excellent menu the usual toasts were given. T. 16. Desmond, '06, served as an excellent toastmaster and introduced a number of alumni and undergraduates who responded with well chosen talks. This was followed with several informal toasts and the gathering broke up at a late hour after a very pleasant evening. An unusual number of alumni were present and three of the charter members of the Fraternity had the pleasant meeting for the first time in many years.

C. S. C.

George K. Zucker, '13, is the manager of the local real estate agency in East Orange, New Jersey.

SIGMA ALPHA PHI.

Ernest Rasmussen is at present located with the Union Iron works of San Francisco. He has been in the employ of the engineering concern in Savannah, Georgia. His engagement to Miss Esther Bissel of Modesto, Cal., was recently announced. Luther, ex. '13, was a recent visitor of the college.

Arnold Rasmussen is located in the real estate business in Seattle, Wash. Theodore Searle, '12, will get his B. S. Degree this June.

ALPHA PHI.

P. B. Davis, '12s, is tax collector in the town of Franklin, Conn.

E. B. Morse, '15, represented the Athenaeum Fraternity at the funeral of Walter F. Brundage, in Danbury last month.

J. M. Crawford, Birdsell, Johnson, '17s, and C. D. Willis, '19, were initiated on March 11th. Homer, '17s, is pledged.

K. B. I. GOSSES.

The installation dinner of the Epsilon Chapter of Phi Epsilon Pi was held at the Hotel Bond in Hartford, March 11th, when the following men were initiated as charter members: Harry Persky, '16; David Traurig and Nathan Cohen, '17; Lawrence Hoffman, '17; Donald J. Hirsch, '19, and Harold Kasekovich, '17. Phi Epsilon Pi is a non-sectarian organization founded in 1902 at the City College of New York for the purpose of bringing the three New York City Colleges closer together. It announced as its purpose to take "men of character regardless of creed."

It has a total membership of 890 men with chapters at the following institutions: A. C. C. N. Y., Columbia, Cornell, Dickinson College, Georgia Tech, N. Y. U., Penn. State, Pittsburgh University, Rutgers College, University of Alabama, University of Connecticut, Kansas, Lawrentian University, University of Missouri, The Ohio State University, Philadelphia University, University of Pennsylvania, University of the Pacific, University of Maine, Washington and Jefferson College, Webster University.

Alumni Day

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th, 1916.

The Second Annual Alumni Day will be held at the College, March 25, 1916, and bids fair to surpass last year's initiation of the alumni organization. The events and accommodations offered and in the number of guests expected to return.

It is advisable for all who intend to come back to arrive on Friday afternoon or early on Saturday, for you will then have the time to look the hill over and renew all your old acquaintances.

The real celebration starts with an Inter-Class Track-meet at 10:30, Saturday morning. It is planned to round off the day at 3:30, in the hands of the Domestic Science Dining Room. At 10:30 the cadet companies will hold the usual competition drill in the Armory. After the event there will be plenty of time to look around and all will be furnished with competent guides as long as the supply lasts.

At 8:15 the Dramatic Club presents its annual performance, "The College Widow." This play will be given in the Armory, using the new scenery. The cast is very large and the time (Continued on page 2)

Alumni Attention

It will be the policy of the Campus, so far as is practical, to print the Alumni Notes by classes. For this reason all are requested to send notes and notices for publication to Walter T. Clark, Alumni Editor, who will classify them for printing. An Alumni Department is never successful unless all co-operate to make it so. If each and every one of the Alumni will do his best this feature of the Campus will be a success.

Alumni Notes

Through brief mention in a letter received by a former classmate, it has been learned that Kuma Inouye, who was a member of the class of 1911 at the Connecticut Agricultural College and has since entered the Japanese army, has been promoted for bravery from second to first lieutenant of the Tokio First Regiment of Infantry. In a letter which was recently received from Inouye, who is now stationed at Sandusky, Mass., landscape contractor and member of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, Inouye modestly forgets to describe the bravery which won him his promotion.

Inouye's family is one of the most prominent in Japan, some of his relatives being diplomats, bankers, lawyers and ship-owners. When he left America he took with him a number of American farmers whom he hoped to develop into a Japanese breed with edible legs such as he had tasted in this country and he writes of his frog experiments in an interesting fashion.

Inouye is a graduate of Tokyo University, class of 1908, where he specialized in protein chemistry, and he came to this country in the fall of 1908 and entered the Sophomore class where he took the Dairy and Horticultural courses. He was a member of the Gold Hall Club, Tennis Association, Dramatic Club, and the Eta Lambda Sigma Fraternity. While in this country he lectured upon Japan in New York, Hartford, and Boston. Inouye was called back to the colors in April of 1911 and, returning to Japan, took with him for experimental purposes "advanced registered" Holstein and Jersey bulls and cows, a Morgan stallion, and a herd of Maine Island Red hens and thirty frogs.

Inouye grew greatly interested in frog culture, largely as the result of frequenting Broadway restaurants. He writes of his experiments as follows:

"The animals are all doing finely and have repaid themselves and have become accustomed to the American climate, but my frogs which I hoped to cross with the red frogs of my country, have not come into good ones and one female died coming across, but I have now about fifty of my cross. They are larger than the Japanese.

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"THE COLLEGE"

Editorials

For the first time in the history of the College, a national Greek-letter Fraternity has broken into our local and formed a chapter. Aside from the benefit derived by the members of a national fraternity, there is a distinct advantage to the Institution which is represented. Connecticut is not too well-known in the college world and every movement of this kind serves to advertise our college. Action in this direction, then, appears very laudable and is to be highly commended because of the gain the institution will receive.

The Campus wishes to congratulate the Kappa Beta Iota Fraternity upon being the first ones to take this step and trust that the example may be followed by others.

Alumni Day is near at hand and it is up to us to make it successful. We may have to give up our nice soft beds and spend uneasy nights in our rat-rooms, we may lose a few minutes for muchneeded study or gym work, still showing visitors around, our supper may be early and we may not hear the speeches at the Alumni Dinner; but, remember "The College.

With various activities attracting our attention and lessening our roll, most of us do not feel able to attend all the entertainments offered at the Armory during the winter, but the night of Alumni Day the Dramatic Club presents an annual play and asks the support of all the students. The proceeds are to be appropriated to a just cause and for that reason let us swell the funds and help get this burden out of the way.

Some of the underclassmen may feel disappointed at being compelled to remain for the Commencement Exercises next June. The Faculty has made this ruling at the request of the Seniors who recommended it for the following reasons:

When the Seniors made arrangements for the Commencement program it was found that nearly all the class were desirous of ideas as to how it should be arranged because they had never attended a College Commencement. That the excellence may be bettered year by year is, then, the first reason. In the second place, the last week of College is much less attractive and business-like if the undergraduate houses have flopped homeward like a bunch of wandering chickens.

Stay and act as hosts to the score of friends that return in June. The last year was the most important of all that is the 35th Anniversary of the founding of the College is to be celebrated this June and no person who has ever been connected with the institution in any way whatever can afford to miss this event.

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rather long but not a single minute is missed throughout for the action is quick and clever.

After this entertainment the frat-rooms will be open to all their members. Non-fraternity men are invited to visit the Commons Club rooms in Koons Hall and to make their headquarters during their visit.

Accommodations in the dormitories will be provided as usual and everything possible will be done to facilitate transportation from Willimantic to the College. Any further inquiries in regard to trains, accommodations or excursions should be addressed to W. H. Allen, Box 2, Storrs, Conn.

Mr. Allen is Chairman of the Undergraduate Committee and is assisted by Miller, '16, Oue, '18, Kilbride, '17, and Klingman, '17.

What To See Alumni Day

ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT STORRS.

If it is a year or so since you have visited the College you will notice considerable additions to Faculty Row and an extension of the same at the south side of Storrs Field. The wind-mill is gone and with it memories of St. Patrick's Day fights and vain attempts to put your initials on the tall of the fan. A fine new Farm Machinery Building has been erected south of the Dairy Building and is remarkably well equipped with modern farm machinery of all kinds and has been built in accordance with the Farm Department has increased their stock of horses, beef cattle, sheep and swine and have just completed a new sheep pen and a new barn on the Jacobson place. New houses have sprung up down the turnpike and the College community is taking on a more pleasant and permanent look.

If it is five years since you have seen the College the most prominent object of all is the new standpipe, which some have mistaken for an immense altar, especially when fifteen or more acres of corn were surrounding it. Permanent buildings added since 1906 are the Hort. Building, and the green-houses; Koons Hall, another dormitory similar to Storrs Hall; the Hawley Armory and gymnasium, both in size of floor and equipment is excelled by few colleges in New England; the Dining Hall; the Poultry Building, unique in that it is the only building at a New England Agricultural Institution devoted strictly to Poultry Husbandry; and the new Dairy and Horse Barns. Other changes can be rapidly set down—electric lights; Gold Hall is gone; the Horse Barn has been moved; the old Experiment farm green-houses have been torn down; Faculty cottages number fifteen; roads and sidewalks are passable most of the time; the grinds are kept up on a definite plan and you will find everything quite different.

If you have not been back for ten years you will not recognize the place. It is only those who have grown up with the institution who realize the many changes that have taken place especially in the administration of C. L. Beach as President.

On March 24th the College work will be in full swing. All the professors and others will be at their work and you will have the best chance to see how the College is running. You will be sure of a place to sleep, plenty to eat, lots of entertainment and quantities of stuff to learn or jot down in your note-book.

Remember our motto, "The College.

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frog, but have the American, what you call, full tone of voice. It will be years before their legs become of note like your New York Delmonicos, but feel content will eat as good, bye and bye."

Inoney plans to return when his term of duty expires to finish his term at Storrs and he will complete his research and experimental work and study for a doctor's degree at Yale University.

A Co-op

In earlier issues the Campus advocated the opening of a co-operative store at the College. The reading question has concerned the success of such an enterprise. Several, and the most important of the needs of a successful co-operative store at C. A. C. may be mentioned here.

First, let us consider the buying. It is an accepted fact that the more business such a store has the more successful it is bound to be. Hence our store would have to buy to its utmost, and yet discerningly. Orders would have to be given as large as possible, in order to take full advantage of discounts. Such orders might be had if the College, faculty and students

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combined faith fully in buying through the store. There seems to be no plausible reason why such a combination should not be, so grant that such be the case.

Our store must have much more room than it has at present for the storage of goods that are awaiting distribution. This should not be much of a barrier. Surely, none such as to hold up such a beneficial enterprise as this. In fact there is all the room necessary in the Administration Building at present. A little remodeling is all that is necessary.

In the remodeling plans that would permit the exhibition of the store's miscellaneous supply, would have to be carried out. College jewelry, pennants, athletic goods, candy, and the many different things that college men buy must be put on exhibition in order to be sold.

In a sort of summary, then, let us say that the success of a co-operative store at C. A. C. depends upon the following first, the undivided patronage of the entire College; second, ample accommodations; third, variety of stock.

A. E. ST. G.

Junior-Senior Banquet
The annual Junior-Senior Banquet was held this year at the Garde, in Hartford, on March 3rd. The members of the two classes assembled late in the afternoon and spent the evening at the different theatres. At 6:30 the following menu was served in the banquet hall at the hotel:
Sirloin Steak—Panned French Fried Potatoes Coleslaw Green Peas Baked Cauliflower Home Made Apple Pie Coffee

"SMOKES"
Prof. E. O. Smith was the toastmaster of the evening, and after tracing the history of class contests and the Junior-Senior Banquet through the many years he has been connected with the institution, introduced R. S. Harris, '17, who made the speech of welcome to the guests of the Junior Class. R. C. Ackerman, '16, responded for the Seniors in a few well chosen words.

It was announced that President Beach had been unable to come to the banquet, but the faculty was represented by Dr. H. D. Newton, who gave a very interesting talk upon "Associations in College Life." J. R. Case, "16, was next in a later issue of the Campus. The supper, served in the banquet hall at the hotel:

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13. The Little Gray Dove Star
Miss Bremner

14. Miss Crosby

15. The Serenade Herbert

16. Someone I Used to Know Eberly

17. I Cannot Sing the Old Songs Miss Crosby and Miss Sherin

8. Oh, John

Miss La Sheek

9. I Cannot Sing the Old Songs Miss Crosby and Miss Sherin

10. Sketches—we What Happened Mrs. Rosina Draycourt

Miss Gertrude Crosby

Mrs. Clara Mellish Miss La Sheek

(b) Contradictions

Mrs. Battle

Miss La Sheek

Miss Crosby

11. Irish Song—Norsah Pigott

Miss Sherin

12. How Girls Walk Miss Crosby

13. Scotch Songs (b) My Laddie Miss Crosby

Thayer

(b) Oh, Whistle and I’ll Come to You

Burns

Miss La Sheek

PART II

14. Golightly—Rosby Miss Crosby and Miss Sherin

Miss La Sheek

15. Duet—Piano and Banjo Mandolin Miss Sherin and Miss Bremner

16. War and Peace—Walter Eccles (a) “Quick Time” McCann

(b) Watch on the Rhine

Humphreys

(c) “Marchalbae”

17. Auff Wiedersehen

WANTED—POTATO SEED

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I invited others into the work. I talked about it from the lecture platform in various parts of the State. At last came a letter and a packet, "Here, Mr. Bigelow," said the letter, "are fifty dollars' worth. I found these two in hunting over an acre of potato-patch, and I send them to you. Collector, fifty dollars from the professor. You keep twenty-five. That will be fair to both." With high anticipations I unwound the fastenings and removed the cover of that box: but how dissimilar to those great, round, smooth, tomato-like forms so familiar to me, just a few days ago, as it seemed, in boyhood's familiarity with the potato-patch! These were vestigial berries no larger than peas! So far as I have searched in vain to prove that Professor Gullery is wrong, but he must still limit that claim to Connecticut, although it would not cost him a fortune should he extend to the United States in general.

"From the lecture platform in Teacher's Institutes in Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania I have told the story of that startling announcement, and in most places I have offered a year's subscription to this magazine for a box of well-developed specimens. Last August I made the offer before more than two thousand teachers of Allen County at Pittsburgh, Pa., and again in one of the country districts of southern Indiana. The announcement was received with general surprise and the remark, 'We can send them to you by the bushel. We will bankrupt you on subscriptions.' But of the thousands of teachers that promised to search the fields only about a dozen have responded, and no package contained more than eight or ten balls. Nearly all have been vestigial. In the thirteen years not more than thirty large, smooth, round, perfect specimens have reached me. As a result of my efforts during the past summer, I have obtained at a cost of six dollars less than a thimbleful of the seed.

"Now the question is, 'What is going to happen to the potato-crop when no more seed is obtainable?' Most readers know that what we call the plant-
ling of seed-potatoes in the planting of pieces of potato to raise a new crop: it is really but a sort of cutting as one might cut twigs of willow and set them in the ground to produce new trees. Like grafting, it produces its own kind.

"But when we plant potato-seed it is like planting apple-seeds, for we do not know what will happen. The seeds seem to be insane and try to produce a little of everything. Fortunate is the experimenter that finds in the varied potato-seedlings some particular form that can be better than the original. I long ago gave up all attempts to attain fame and fortune by originating an early rose or something equally epoch-making, but I find it interesting to experiment with the seeds and I get kaleidoscope effects that most conspicuously manifest themselves about the second or third year."

"These investigations have led to efforts to ascertain where in the United States the seed may yet be obtained. A number of correspondents have told me that Luther Burbank of Santa Rosa, Cal., has plenty. Mr. Burbank throws the will-o'-the-wisp clear across the continent to Maine, and writes:

"The reason for the scarcity of potato-seed is that the potatoeers have been growing from cuttings so long that it has given up its habits of going to seed."

"It is somewhat difficult to obtain potato-seed, but you can probably obtain it from some of the nurseries or seed houses in Maine."

"Here is what the Department of Agriculture of the State of Maine says:"

"I do not know of any one at present who is experimenting in growing potatoes from seed. The season has been so bad here in southern Maine that I have not seen any mature seed-tubs. I have some seed home in a little vial, probably several hundred. These are several years old, and I do not know whether they would germinate or not."

"The more extensive the correspondence the case more is inclined to agree with the great Dresser seed-house of Philadelphia when it writes:

"We regret to say that we are unable to furnish you with the potatoe-seed, and do not know any source of supply for seeds."

"Readers, this is an alarm-cry! Potato-eed is growing from this country. All that can be obtained should be put at once into the hands of competent experimenter."

"What are we going to do when the present varieties of potatoes have run out, and no more seed can be obtained?"

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**Commencement Week Plans**

A BIG CELEBRATION COMING.

Plans for the biggest Commencement in the history of the College were drawn up not long ago by a committee from the Faculty, the Alumni Association and the class of 1916. Only a mere outline can be given here as plans for each date have not reached the point where they are made public. This program has been ratified by

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President Beach and will probably go through with little or no change. This year the attendance of the entire College body up to June 12th will be required and it is expected that many visitors aside from the friends of the graduates who will attend. Of unusual interest is the commemoration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the College. This will be the first of its kind and it seems fitting that it should come when President Beach is at the head of the institution, for he has done work in the last few years that has doubled the attendance, raised the scholarship standards and increased the value of the College property to nearly $800,000.

It is hoped by all who look forward to the June festivities that many class reunions will take place. Following the custom of meeting every five years after graduation will bring '86, '91, '96, '01, '06, and '11 back on the hill and several of these classes are already making their plans.

The program follows:

May 31st—June 2nd.
Senior Class Examinations.
Saturday, June 10th.
10.00 a.m. Tennis Matches.
1.00 p.m. Baseball Game.
Sunday, June 11th.
2.00 p.m. Baccalaureate Sermon in the Hawley Armory.
The Seniors escorted by the Freshmen.
7.00 p.m. College Sing.
Monday, June 12th.
10.00 a.m. Class Day Exercises for the School of Agriculture.
2.00 p.m. Class Day Exercises for the Class of 1916.
4.00 p.m. Baseball Game.
Alumni vs. 1916 or Faculty vs. Variity.
9.00 p.m. Freshmen Dinners and Banquets.
Tuesday, June 13th.
9.00-10.00 a.m. Exhibition Drill.
Announcement of Military Appointments.
10.15-12.00 a.m. Commandment Exercises.
12.30-2.30 p.m. Alumni Dinner.
4.00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting of the Alumni Association.
8.00 p.m. Alumni Dance.

Athletic Notes

REVIEW OF THE BASKETBALL SEASON.

The basketball season recently closed with a very successful season against Rhode Island State in which our fire scored two clean-cut victories by the scores of 22-11 and 26-11. Out of the eight games played we lost but three, one to Springfield Y. M. C. A. College, one to Wesleyan, and the other to New Hampshire State by the narrow margin of two points. The season opened with a victory over the Emeralds of William & by

the score of 32-11, which was the first time the team had been defeated in three years. The next game with Wesleyan was lost on their floor, 42-25. Our team then travelled to Springfield and was completely outclassed.

Our victories then began with the defeat of the Trinity Independents, 24-24, and in a heart-breaking game we lost to New Hampshire State, 25-22. We took on the Bristol A. C. team as a practice game and pulled up 76 to their 29. Then came our week of compulsory vacation after which the boys came back with their two victories over Rhode Island State. Coach Donahue and the men worked hard and their efforts were rewarded in the first game for they pulled out a victory with a score of 29-11. The five journeyed down the next week to Kingston, where the little Rhody team expected to turn the tables but the team came through with the final victory of 26-18. It was the first time that Rhode Island had been beaten on their own floor in fifteen years.

Too much credit cannot be given to Coach Donahue for his efforts in putting out a winning team. His ability to handle men is remarkable and all are looking forward to a successful season next year when he returns to coach football and basketball. Thanks should be given to those men on the second team who came out daily to lend their efforts in whipping the 'varsity five into shape. And last but not least much credit is due Manager Ackerman for the good schedule he was able to secure.

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