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RISKS LIFE TO FIGHT PLAGUE

MISSIONARIES RESPOND TO APPEALS FOR HELP IN NORTH CHINA

Dr. Crumpacker and E. Vaniman in Plague Swept District

News that thrills the whole McPherson College constituency comes from distant China, where we have at least seven former McPherson College students and graduates. The terrible pneumonic plague has broken out in north China and is ravaging that country of thousands of simple and superstitious natives.

This disease is different from the subonic plague of India in that it is peculiar to cooler climates. No one has ever yet recovered from it. The germ is inhaled thru the nose or mouth and effects the lungs. The incubation period is from two to seven days after the disease takes hold on one.

All doctors in Shansi province have been rushed to the locality of the disease, next the ministers were called on. It was the appeal to the missionaries that brought our beloved and large hearted Dr. Frank H. Crumpacker, well known to all alumni of McPherson College. He went where the plague was the fiercest. Mrs. Crumpacker writes that all is well with him as far as she knows.

In combating the plague the men are compelled to wear some sort of masks to cover their faces and heads. Several persons engaged in working with the natives lost their lives because of failure to take this precaution.

Ernest Vaniman and wife and R. C. Flory and wife are at the same station as the Crumpackers, and have been called in to some kind of service. Mr. Vaniman is along with Dr. Crumpacker while Mr. Flory holds the job down at the mission.

Dr. Harnly Reports Fine Meeting

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Kansas Academy of Science was a very interesting meeting according to Dr. Harnly who attended it. It was held at Lawrence a week ago Friday and Saturday. Many scientific papers were read among them one by Prof. Herman Allen, an M. C. alumnus and one by W. Knaus, of McPherson.

As all who have been members for twenty years are elected to life membership Dr. Harnly was notified that he has a life membership. He has been a member for twenty five years.

Irving Society Notes

Last Saturday night a big debate was staged in the Irving Literary Society to a large assembly of three non inter-tainers. The question under discussion was "Resolved that it is more desirable for a college man to have a steady job than several 'now and thens'." There were no judges and thus no decision.

I. P. A. State Contest Friday

We failed "to go over the top" by a very small margin Friday evening at the Anti-Tobacco Contest. But Friday night of this week we hope to have a single ring circus and want a crowd of boosters to back Brandt.

You will probably remember under the disadvantageous circumstances Mr. Paul Brandt entered the contest. But let bygones be bygones those who have examined his oration, and they are in a position to know, say he has a fine oration.

We regret very much to hear that Friends University has been compelled to take their hat out of the ring.

We hear from Fairmount that they are in the fight with the same old time snap and go.

Cooper's representative in debate had excellent delivery and we are anxious to see its orator in this contest.

The man who represents Central on their home floor is from the state of Colorado. He has had much experience on the platform and promises to put up a good oration.

have been compelled to take their hat out of the ring. Prof. E. R. Shaw a few weeks ago. He is to lecture at the Central College Auditorium, March 28, at 8 o'clock.

Come to the contest Friday night at Central College Auditorium, March 29, at eight o'clock. Admission 25c. See Phillippi or George Boone as soon as possible so they can reserve you a seat in the M. C. section.

ANTI-TOBACCO ASSOCIATION HELD CONVENTION

J. SCHMIDT WON SECOND PLACE IN ORATORICAL CONTEST

Organization Effected....Prof. McKeever of K. U. Gave Eloquent Address Warren of Central Won First Place

McPherson's orator J. Schmidt came out a close second in the State Anti-Tobacco Oratorical Contest held at Central College last Friday evening. He was only a point behind the winner, Mr. Warren of Central College. A large delegation of M. C. backers attended the contest. Four schools were entered, besides the two named above Southwestern's orator won third, and Miltonville College representative fourth place.

The first annual convention of the Inter-Collegiate Anti-Tobacco Association of Kansas Convened at Central College, Friday afternoon, March 22. A short business session was held at 4 P. M. in which delegations from Central, Tabor, Miltonvale, Southwestern and McPherson Colleges together with the Executive Committee adopted a constitution and effected a permanent organization. The Executive Committee consisted of Dr. G. W. Fields, President; Dr. H. G. Harnly, Vice President; and Prof. L. Hoffman,

Secretary and Treasurer.

The following were elected officers of the Association for the coming year: Mr. Osborne of Miltonvale College, President; Mr. E. H. Buller of Tabor College, Vice President; and J. Howard Engle, Secretary and Treas.

A campaign will be launched immediately among the colleges of the State to effect local associations. It is the aim of the State Association to have local Associations in every college of the state by another year. In connection with the annual contest to be held each year, there is to be held a convention or training conference for the purpose of educating the public and especially the college students on the harmful results caused from the use of tobacco.

Following the orations, Prof. McKeever of Kansas University gave a most excellent address. In brief he gave the essence of the messages brought by the orators, adding recent data and statistics of the tobacco industry and the spread of the tobacco evil. He stated that the United States spent \$15.00 per capita last year, that the whole industry costs the United States \$1,200,000,000 annually and that Kansas spends \$25,000,000 a year for tobacco.

Prof. McKeever made a strong plea for the boy, showing that the youths of our country determine our nation of tomorrow. He gave the double

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TRACK PRACTICE BEGAN TUESDAY

OVER THIRTY START TRAINING FOR THE INTER-CLASS MEET APRIL FIFTH.

Track Graded. Few men in School With Former Track Experience

Track and field practice started with a rush the past week. It marks the beginning of the first real work done in this line of sport at McPherson College. Saturday work was begun on the old track around the base ball field. Some grading was done and it was put in suitable shape for practice. With a little more grading and the filling in of chinders M. C. should have a first class speedway.

Each afternoon the athletic field is filled with scantily clad athletes who are busily engaged in learning all the mysteries of putting the shot, throwing the discus and getting started quickly. And each morning the past week the identity of those aspiring athletes could be easily discovered by the careful manner in which they picked their way from building to building. All members of the squad will testify that whatever delay there has been in starting a good deal of it should have been made up by the strenuous work of the past week.

Last Tuesday noon Coach Verink called a meeting of all the men of the school and outlined the work of the season.—Most of the men came to the meeting. The coach stated that training would start at once for the inter-class meet to be held April 5th. The four College classes and the Freshman-Junior and Sophomore-Senior Acads are each to enter teams. This meet will give every man in school a show what he can do. From the results of this meet the Coach will select the men who are to comprise the college team. About thirty men signed up for the events they wish to try for, and practice was begun Tuesday evening.

The dates for the intercollegiate meets have not been arranged for as yet but will be in a few days. Since school leaves out May 10th the period for training will be very short and the men will have to put in some pretty consistent and untiring practice to get in shape.

While few men have had previous training in this branch of athletics there seems to be a wealth of good material which gives every promise of becoming real stars and ably representing M. C. in the coming meets.

Pictures of China at Volunteer Band

At a meeting of the Volunteer Band on Thursday evening, Miss Metzger showed a great number of pictures which she had taken in China. These pictures gave a view of the Chinese people, their country, and cities and their homes. She also showed a number of slides which concerned the life/work of the missionaries on the field.

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FACULTY TO EDIT SPECTATOR

Will Put Out April Number

At their meeting last Tuesday the faculty acted favorably on the suggestion from the Spectator Staff that the former edit an issue of the Spectator. Prof. L. E. Crank will have charge and we predict that under his gentle treatment "th' little ol' college sheet" will be mighty interesting reading.

Intercollegiate

The Student Council sent letters of greeting to the soldier boys of Baker who are in actual service. The letter was sent to about 220 boys who are at present in the army of the United States.

K. U. is to have a memorial for University men now in the service. The tablet will probably be divided into sections for the navy, the army, the Y. M. C. A. and another section for those men who are not enlisted, but who are doing active government work.—Kansas.

The Baker University Glee Club will start on its first trip of the year soon, when it leaves for a week's tour of south and southeast Kansas.

Thirty sweaters have been turned in at the Red Cross Department at K. U. and according to the amount of yarn that has been checked out, there will be sixty more sweaters turned in during the next few weeks. These sweaters are all sent to K. U. athletes in army service.—Kansas.

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**D. Brubaker and E. Vanman Won in
Stock Judging Contest**

The Judging of live stock is one of the most practical courses offered in the agriculture course at the college and recently the class in judging held a most interesting contest. Each year it has been the custom of the class to divide into teams of two and hold a contest and fine prizes have been presented to those handling in the best cards. The class this year numbered about twenty five.

F. P. Dettler generously furnished the pennants which were awarded the winners.

This year the contest was held under the supervision of the County Agent, Mr. V. M. Emmert. The draft horses and beef cattle belonging to E. J. Selberg, the dairy cattle owned by Darrah Brothers, and the hogs belonging to Stuart Simpson, comprised the contest. Prof. Mohler who is the instructor was unable to conduct the contest as he was ill at the time but he is mighty proud of the record made by the men.

Men's Glee Club to Sing at Window

The warblers of the College are to have another chance to express themselves, when the Men's Glee Club give a program at Window. It is to be Thursday evening. The Club made quite a hit in their initial program at Roxbury and the people of Window can be assured of an evening of good music. Several new clever stunts are to be put on this time in addition to the regular program of solos, quartets and songs by the entire club.

Rider-Haldeman

Their many friends in M. C. were pleasantly surprised last week to learn that Leland H. Haldeman and Daisy Rider were married at Leavenworth March 11. Miss Rider was instructor in Art here last year and was one of the most popular members of the faculty. "Haldy" is known by practically every one in McPherson. Since enlisting last fall he has been in training at Ft. Leavenworth. Mr and Mrs. Haldeman will make their home at Leavenworth.

Six Days of School to a Senior

Monday—Blue
Tuesday—Dull
Wednesday—Dry
Thursday—Sad
Friday—Good
Saturday—All in
Sunday—Wind blows

Ray Cullen Attended Y. M. C. A. Meeting

Ray Cullen attended the Y. M. C. A. meeting for the new college Y. M. presidents held at Washburn last Saturday and Sunday. All Y. M. presidents and faculty advisors in Kansas were delegates to the meeting. Twelve colleges were represented but only two faculty advisors were present.

The convention was very interesting. "Dutch" Wedel, A. R. Elliot "Sonny" Elliot and MacLain from Manhattan were the speakers. They discussed the best methods to pursue in selecting the cabinets and the general work of the college Y. M. In view of the war and the fact that most of the men were first or second year men the speakers emphasized the idea of keeping alive the work at the home base.

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(My commission expires May 20, 1918.)

X. W. C. A.

Miss Metzger gave a very interesting description of the home life of a missionary at the meeting Wednesday morning. That phase of a missionary's life has so often been pictured in sombre colors that it was a pleasure to hear of a home in China which seems to be all that home could be even in America.

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PERSONALS

Miss Bessie Brubaker spent the week end at the College.

Ralph Meyers left for his home near Morrill, Kansas last week.

Miss Fansley to Dr. Harnly: "Say Doctor, do you have any brain?"

Mr. Alfred Schmutz of Abilene spent the week end with Paul Hoffman.

Miss Ruth Fergus' mother and little sister were dorm visitors last week.

Miss McVey, who was ill for several days, met her classes Wednesday.

The Reserve Basket Ball team had their pictures taken Friday.

Miss Eva Kleoper who attended school last year is again in school.

Roy Brubaker who is recovering from an operation, was visiting friends on the Hill Friday.

Prof. Studebaker and J. Schmidt were in Newton Thursday working on Jonathan's exemption claim.

Dr. Kurtz spoke on "True Patriotism" at the Teachers Institute at Lyons last Friday night.

Morris Harnly has completed his training in aviation in Italy and is waiting orders to go to the front.

Dr. Kurtz delivered a lecture at Holmeville, Neb. last night on the Lyceum Course there.

Julia Garst: "High heeled shoes makes wrinkles on the forehead of the wearers."

The tennis courts have been the scene of much activity the past week. From sun up to sun down there is always some one playing.

Roy and Lowell Franz left for their home at Conway Springs, Friday evening called there by the death of their grandmother.

Elery Becker spent last Saturday and Sunday visiting A. Harms who is teaching at Peabody. Mr. Harms is getting along fine in his work and intends to teach for several years. He is married.

Clarence Bailey and Ernest Ikenberry arrived from Morrill Thursday evening, where they had attended the dedication of the new church there. Ralph Myers and Dave Eichelberger returned to school Tuesday.

Mr. T. P. Oxley and wife and two children visited friends on the Hill several days last week. Both are former M. C. students. Mrs. Oxley is a sister of Sam Ebbert. They live at Quinter, Kansas.

Fred Hollenberger was taken suddenly ill Thursday evening with an attack of appendicitis. An operation was necessary and was performed Friday morning. He is getting along very well.

Prof. Mohler was back on the job Thursday morning after an enforced vacation of several weeks. While suffering a relapse of the Liberty measles he got the mumps and was quite sick.

New method to get rid of chaps, to be used exclusively by girls; wash the face in cold water and wear kid gloves on the hands.

ANTI-TOBACCO CONTEST

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standard a hard blow, in an appeal to the women of America. The tobacco evil would be rapidly eradicated if the women would sneer at the user. The public today sneers at any movement against tobacco just as it did a decade or two ago at the prohibition movement.

"Tobacco," said Prof. McKeever "is a direct ally of the Kaiser." In recent tests made among soldiers the tobacco users fell 40 per cent below the non-users in marksmanship and endurance.

He referred to Kansas as a leader not only in liquor prohibition but also in nicotine prohibition. He expressed his faith in Kansas as maintaining her high standard of morals. He congratulated McPherson as the "maker of a great dream" and "the hot-bed of a great movement" which parallels the greatest moral reforms of our country.

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DEBATE TEAMS BROKE EVEN FRIDAY NIGHT

**AFFIRMATIVE LOSES TO COOPER
NEGATIVE WINS FROM BETHEL**

**M. C. Finishes Pentangular with Two
Defeats and Two Victories**

McPherson College experienced both kinds of unanimous decisions in the debate contest last Friday evening. The first a defeat was received from Cooper College at Sterling. But the negative team holding forth at McPherson successfully met the arguments of the visitors from Bethel College and were declared the victors.

McPherson has come out fairly good in the pentangular debate, having lost two and won two. The contests last Friday night were the last of the inter-collegiate debates of this year. Reports from all the contests have not been received, but the winner of the pentangular is either Cooper or Fairmount. The teams which have represented M. C. have been very strong and in each contest they have been commended for their argument and subject matter.

Jones and Forney who had suffered defeat at Fairmount, decisively proved Friday night that they were able to turn the tables to their own advantage. With a forcefulness in their delivery which was not equaled by their opponents they presented their arguments in a most convincing manner. In spite of the fact that a large delegation attended the contest at Central the Chapel here was comfortably filled. The audience was most enthusiastic and followed the debate with much interest. While the decision was unanimous in favor of M. C. the debate was an exciting contest and Bethel's, men K. R. Galle and W. J. Graber put up a fine debate. Several from Bethel attended the contest.

M. C. Affirmative team of Carl Rexroad and Crawford Brubaker were unsuccessful in their contest with Cooper College. The contest was hard fought. The judges graded the men and M. C. team was only 18½ points out of 103½ behind their opponents. The Cooper team were excellent in delivery and this fact won the debate for them. Prof. Studebaker, debate coach and Edward VanPelt accompanied the team. The men were certainly treated royally by the Cooper people. The audience was most attentive and courteous and after the contest 333 eagerly congratulated our men on their splendid subject matter. The team was very favorably impressed by the fine treatment accorded them by the judges.

**Dr. Thayer Speaks to Men at Y. M.
Devotionals**

Rev Thayer who spoke at the Y. M. meeting Wednesday morning is an ex-President of Fairmount College and the present pastor of the local Congregational Church. He gave the men a very earnest address in which he made a clarion call for service. He criticized the religiosity of religion and decried all formality in the worship of Christ. He confined his conception of prayer and showed that service was the nerve of Christianity. And this service he identified with that on the western front in France.

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