

**MILITARY ACADEMY.**

The football team and "subs" went to see the Wisconsin-Michigan game in Chicago, Saturday. They were accompanied by Professors Marshall and Lawton.

Among the old boys visiting the Academy the past week were Hart and Bissell, class of '02; Lomax, '99; Greenbaum, '01; Bayless, Mayer, Smead and Raynor, '93.

The grandstand, which the Academy ladies presented to the corps, was christened at Wednesday's game and the fact that every seat was filled classed it as a success from the start.

The foot ball team of Northwestern University, of Evanston, were somewhat surprised that they could not even make a score on the boys. They must remember that speed and endurance count, sometimes, more than age and weight.

There will be quite a party of cadets attending the Burton Holmes lectures again this year, going each Friday evening. These lectures are proving as interesting and instructive as those given by Mr. Stoddard at the old Central Music Hall.

Automobile gun carriage No. 3, has returned from Washington. It certainly looks as if it had struck some hard propositions, and some credence is now being placed in the boys' stories of their hardships. Everybody is now waiting their turn for a ride.

The several pictures taken of the auto corps, at Washington, were put on exhibition last week. They show the corps in front of the Army and Navy building, at Camp Roosevelt, and the corps sight seeing at Harper's Ferry and on some of the battlefields.

A party of about thirty of the cadets attended the theater in Chicago last week in company with Captain Reddick and Professor Nute to see Mansfield play Julius Caesar. Professor Nute gave the school an interesting talk on Julius Caesar Saturday morning.

There was a general sigh of relief Wednesday noon due to the finishing of the first period's "exams." It not known yet how many fell by the wayside. There will doubtless be, however, a number of very industrious cadets next period making up work they failed to pass satisfactorily.

Major Davidson received a very pleasant letter last week from Coen, '02, who is now in Yale. From all reports it would seem that he is still keeping up his old Academy record

for good scholarship. He succeeded in entering without condition and is carrying a high scholarship grade in his class.

The two big 5-ton boilers for the heating plant arrived, Thursday, and attracted a great deal of attention as they passed through town drawn by four horses. They have been placed in the basement of the mess hall and we expect to feel some of their warmth in the course of a week. They are of the latest type, internally fired, and are 100-horse power each.

The Academy is just in receipt of a letter from Chidester, '99, who is now attending Boston School of Technology. In his letter was enclosed a check in payment of a gold medal to be known as the "Chidester Scholarship Medal," to be given at the end of each period to the student who has maintained the highest scholarship average, a bar with his name to be attached, as is now done with the "Jewell Drill Medal."

About thirty of the cadets who did not go to the Michigan-Wisconsin game in Chicago, went to the Des Plaines river on a hunting expedition, accompanied by Major Davidson and Professor Nute. There were the usual number of stories of game seen and just barely missed and a few squirrels, but those in search of hazelnuts and butternuts came back well rewarded. Mr. Tillman's big hayrack and Freberg's bus were used as conveyances. Mesdames Davidson, Reddick and Rogers accompanied the party and served refreshments in the middle of the afternoon.

The contractor constructing the new mess hall thought we would be able to get into it last Sunday, but delay in getting some of the oak trimmings has delayed a few days longer. Everything is being planned now for a grand opening Sunday, November 9. The building is a great addition and is pronounced by everyone as being nearly perfect in every respect. New equipment is being put in throughout and all of the latest pattern. A big, 5-foot fire-place has been put into the diningroom, which not only adds greatly to the appearance, but also to the cheerfulness of the room.

The football team canceled old scores, Wednesday, by defeating the Lake View high school 36 to 5. Lake View won two games from us last year by small scores and came out prepared to repeat the performance, but the boys were too fast for them. The effect of the training table and the systematic life showed clearly all through the game. Clark,

Herrick, Harshbarger, Tieson, Meyer and Evans all did splendid work. In fact, there was little fault to find with the whole team. The only fumble made resulted in a 40-yard run by . . . . . of Lake View. Scoring them their one touch down. The cadets entertained the visiting team at supper as usual.

Hallowe'en was spent as usual in a jolly romp by all. The festivities started early in the forenoon when the "chef" and his assistants began barbecuing the young pigs. A big hole was dug in the ground near the temporary kitchen and a lot of iron bars laid across, and the pigs, with apples in their mouths and properly decorated for the occasion were stretched on these bars. A fire was built near by and the hot ashes kept shoveled into the fire place. The chef's assistant stood by, frequently basting the animals with a spiced mixture consisting of vinegar, sugar, cinnamon, pepper, and various other condiments, which belong to the secrets of the culinary department. This portion of the ground proved a great attraction all day, and when any of the cadets were off duty for a few minutes they could always be found gathered around the lee side, inhaling the appetizing odors and impatiently waiting for the evening. Those who were to costume for the evening, consisting of about three-fourths of the corps, were excused from drill twenty minutes early, and assisted by Capt. Reddick and the ladies were properly arrayed for the evening. Supper formation, at 6:30 p.m. was a grotesque affair. Farmers, peddlers, Indians, hod-carriers, cowboys, Mexicans, ballet girls, colonial dames, characters of all nationalities and in all colors and styles of dress were to be seen. In the center of the mess tent was an enormous table with the pigs, decorated as only "chef" knows how to decorate them, while on all sides were pumpkin jack-o'-lanterns with their grinning mouths and gleaming eyes. It would seem as if 150 pounds of barbecued pig should be enough to feed 100 people, but long before everyone was through the deliciously spiced pig had disappeared, this, despite the fact that there were sweet potatoes pumpkin pies, doughnuts, and other good things served in abundance besides. The grand march began in the gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock, led by such new members of the band as did not know how to play. While the march was in progress the ladies handed out to each one a great big popcorn ball, and later in the evening everyone was given apples, chestnuts, doughnuts, etc. At a given signal the

grand march was broken up and in a minute the rafters and all parts of the hall were covered by grotesque figures hunting for hidden apples. The balance of the evening passed away quickly with apple contest and other sports, the most interesting of all being the scramble for the bushel of peanuts and bushel of chestnuts. Prizes were won by the following cadets: Apple contest, E. Marble; best character acting, Abe Franklin; best costume, Spencer Otis, Jr., first, R. G. Maxon and A. H. Thompson, second. With a hearty school yell and cheer for the Academy ladies, who had as usual provided the evening's entertainment, the party broke up and the cadets repaired to their quarters to spend a night of strange dreams.

Judge Hibbard is greatly pleased with the vote he received here at home as a candidate for county judge. It was phenomenally large on the west side, and he appreciates it, as he does the smaller one on the east side. His east side neighbors know him well, his eminent social position, his varied and extensive legal learning and wide experience, and not wishing to let him retire from our local bench, many of them voted for Jones so as to keep the judge here at home for another fourteen years' service in our police court.

A feature of more than passing interest at the reception given by Mrs. Small on Wednesday afternoon were the glorious pink chrysanthemums which decorated the reception hall. These beautiful flowers, which took the first prize for Mr. Bahr at the flower show in Chicago last year, and have indeed won for him that same distinction four or five times, were first produced by Mr. Egan and named by him in honor of his wife, "the Mrs. William C. Egan." That Mr. Egan is a profound lover of plants and flowers and shrubs and trees and all growing things is manifest in the beautiful grounds surrounding his attractive home, Egandale. Egandale glories in a reputation for beauty and interest, that is not merely local, for all during the summer months this enchanting spot is a favorite mecca of botanists and scientific students from far and near.

Mrs. Ben Livesay, who, with her two children, Gladys and Byron, has been making her sister, Mrs. A. E. Dorsey, a three weeks' visit, returned to Chicago, Thursday, to remain until the first of next week, when she will leave to join her husband in Oklahoma.

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