

**NORTHWESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY NOTES.**

A large force of men are working around the grounds clearing up all remaining evidences of the catastrophe of last spring.

The evening parades on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, between five and six o'clock, are proving to be quite a popular attraction to many citizens of the town.

As the leaves bud out and the days become warmer, a great many visitors are seen around the Academy campus, many of them taking advantage of the liberality of the institution to remain to dinner and evening parade.

As it draws toward time for commencement, there is a great deal going on around the Academy. Members of the bicycle corps may be frequently seen out practicing up for their first run. There is much interest, as usual, as to where the corps will camp the last week before commencement.

A great deal of interest is developing in the corps as to who shall be the winner of the "Chidester Scholarship Medal" at the close of the period. Cadet Cooley has been the fortunate winner of this honor every period this year, although several of his fellow cadets have held him to a very close margin. The fifth period examinations closed Wednesday.

The dancing class held their annual German Wednesday evening, most of the guests coming from Chicago and suburbs. Mr. and Mrs. Hart chaperoned quite a number of young ladies from Ravenswood. A great many of the ladies took dinner at the Academy and the mess hall had quite the appearance of a ladies' seminary at the evening meal. The German, as usual, was a great success, the favors being especially appropriate for the occasion.

A party consisting of about forty of the boys as well as some of the faculty and ladies were the guests of President Hart of the Chicago baseball team at the West Side Ball Park at the opening game of the season. The cadets' presence unfortunately did not bring victory to the home team, but this was certainly not due to lack of enthusiasm. These trips to the West Side Park have become annual affairs with the corps and very enjoyable excursions due to the courtesy of Mr. Hart.

The base ball team opened their season last week. The first two games were called off on account of bad weather. Their first game was played with the strong team of the Northwestern Academy of Evanston.

It was a little rough on the boys, not having had opportunity to get broken in with some minor teams. They, however, held the score down to 9 to 1. There are some excellent individual players on the team and, under Mr. Marshall's able coaching there will doubtless be some interesting games the balance of the season.

Last Friday was tree-planting day at the Academy, the senior class following the time honored custom of adding their class tree to the beautiful row of elms on Ravine avenue. Each tree in the row is a living monument of some class which is now scattered throughout the breadth of the land. With suitable ceremonies the lead casket, enclosing the class history, prophecy and photos, was buried beneath the tree. Colonel Davidson made, as usual, a very appropriate speech for the occasion. The first shovelfull of dirt was thrown on by the class president, Captain Clark, accompanied by the senior class yell and followed by a hearty yell from the whole school.

The cadets held their annual carnival at the Academy Saturday, April 25th. As usual, it was a grand success. Cadet Captain Clark was director-general and was ably assisted by a very efficient staff of cadets.

As usual, every seat in the house was taken and the cadets netted in the neighborhood of \$120 for the athletic association. The gymnasium squads, especially the tumbling and horizontal bar work, brought forth continued applause. The bar-bell drills and wall scaling of the "crack company" and the saber exercises of the saber detachment proved, as usual, hits with the audience. The most laughable feature of the program, however, was a reproduction of the automobile gun battery's trip to Washington. After reviewing the events of the day on the road, the lights were turned out and, in one last effort to start the machine, an explosion occurred and when the lights came on again nothing was seen but the scattered wheels and parts lying around on the floor, the crew lying about a little the worse for wear, and a dummy representing one of the members came tumbling out of the rafters. The hall was very tastily decorated, especially the boxes.

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