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ANNUAL OPEN SESSION--EXCELSIOR LITERARY SOCIETY

The Excelsior Literary Society, composed entirely of boys, with Miss Hendrix as advisor, rendered a very creditable program on Friday night last in open session at the auditorium. The meeting was opened with George Lekanoff, presiding officer, and Duane Kimball, secretary, on the rostrum and members of the society occupying the front seats, and as a preliminary the society in concert gave greetings to the other three societies, after which George Lekanoff, president, in his earnest, efficient way, gave the speech of welcome. This was followed by the rendition of two darkey songs by the male quartet, composed of Logan Fann, Jacob Mynuk, George Lekanoff and Charles Williams, which were well rendered and enthusiastically received, after which Robert Chamberlin gave a humorous recitation; Jacob Mynuk and George Lekanoff delighted the audience with an instrumental duet, using the guitar and violin, and were compelled to respond to an encore. The farce, "Writing an Oration," in which Charles Williams, Logan Fann, Jacob Mynuk, Percy Minesinger and Gordon Hobucket took part, was the feature of the entertainment. It represented college boys assisting a classmate to compose a 4th of July oration. Much wit and eloquence was displayed. The audience was convulsed throughout the farce. George Lekanoff made his appearance as a soloist, accompanied on the piano by Alicia Kimball. He also was compelled to respond to an encore which he did in a very graceful manner. The reading, "A Eulogy," by Paul Liphart, showing his lapse of memory, was quite amusing and brought forth much laughter. Edward Gilbeau pleased the audience with a clarinet solo. Wallace Beebe and Joe Bonner as negro minstrels made many local hits and kept the audience laughing throughout their number. A Xylophone solo by David Kadashan concluded the entertainment. This was David's first appearance and he received quite an ovation.

The bulk of the Excelsior society was composed of our older and more advanced boys who are now with the colors "over there," and the few remaining worked hard to uphold the previous high standard of the society and should be congratulated on the good showing made under the conditions.

REPORTER'S NOTES

By Allan Shepard

One of the coal wagons is in the hands of the blacksmiths, who are doing the right thing by it in the way of repairs, etc.

Mrs. Coddling wishes to voice her praise of all the girls who are on the hospital detail. She says that all are doing well.

The blacksmiths have just completed the repairs on a lot of bedsteads for Brewer Hall and also the task of putting brands on a lot of shovels.

The Excelsior Society members wish to thank Mrs. Brewer for her assistance in preparing refreshments for their reception, held on Saturday evening. No-one can beat her when it comes to making things taste just right.

The carpenters are about through with the foundation for the new wagon shed. It will be located near the site of the old shed used for this purpose. It looks as though it will be larger than the shed formerly used as an implement house.

The gardeners have not been idle of late, as they have completed the task of pruning in the cherry orchard and have the loganberries and the blackberries nearly done, so far as pruning, wiring and staking is concerned. Mr. Turner, in speaking of our newly purchased lot of horses, stated the animals are proving very satisfactory.

The harnessmakers have quite a lot of work ahead of them. They are to fill an order for one set of harness for the Cheyenne River school, for the Sisseton school, two for Fort Apache Agency, one for Fort Hall, fifteen for Pueblo Bonita Agency, one for Salt River Agency, ten for Western Navajo Agency, and seven sets for ourselves. Now count up and see if this does not look like business.

A GOOD SESSION

The Y. M. C. A. held its regular meeting in the auditorium Sunday evening and rendered the following program:

Opening Song	- - - - -	Members
Duet	- - - - -	Mr. Stover and Mr. Craven
Talk	- - - - -	Mr. Stover of the First Congregational Church, Salem
Duet	- - - - -	Mr. Stover and Mr. Craven
Songs	- - - - -	Members

Mr. Stover gave a splendid talk and he held his audience until the end. All the boys are glad to hear him. A closing prayer was given by Mr. Stover.

The autumn day with misty gray
Brings sorrowing profound.
The songbirds gay have gone their way,
But the moths keep hanging 'round.

—Washington Star.