



WILLIAM ERNEST BEACH

Thesis: *Renewal of the Milwaukee Avenue Viaduct.*

Armour C. E. Society

Glee Club

Chapin Club

November 2, 1889 marks the birth of our classmate, Beach. From the first, much was heard of him in his own family circle, but it was not until about the time he entered the North Division High School in 1904 that he became known to the world. By some hook or crook in February, 1908, we see him entering boldly into the world with a high school sheep skin under his arm.

In order to pass the time away after graduation he worked for the Rand McNally Company until the fall of 1908, when he entered Armour with the desire of becoming a noted civil engineer. Whether or not this desire materializes remains to be seen. We find William at Cutler's on Saturday selling new soles to innocent purchasers. He has a reputation for selling a pair of shoes to a customer which are just opposite the kind which the buyer wanted. But as someone said, that is neither here nor there. In the spring of 1910, our hero, like many other of his classmates aided Uncle Sam in taking the 13th census. This he found a very profitable occupation and only wished it had to be done oftener.

In the summer of 1910 Beach was one of the roughnecks at the civil camp. It was on the homeward trip at Manitowoc, on account of a member of the fair sex that he established the world's record running broad jump. Very few fellows can jump on a moving boat, already ten feet from shore, much less perform this same feat encumbered with two suitcases, but this is just what Billy did in a pinch.

Chapin Club is Billy's hangout and if you ever want to play a good game of billiards call on him. He has faithfully attended all the Armour dances and is usually on hand for other school functions. He is a great talker and has a streak of laziness in him, but when he gets down to business he rips things up in great style. He and Si have been working hard on their plans for the renewal of the Milwaukee Ave. viaduct, and hope to have them in in time to get their sheepskin on May 29, 1912.