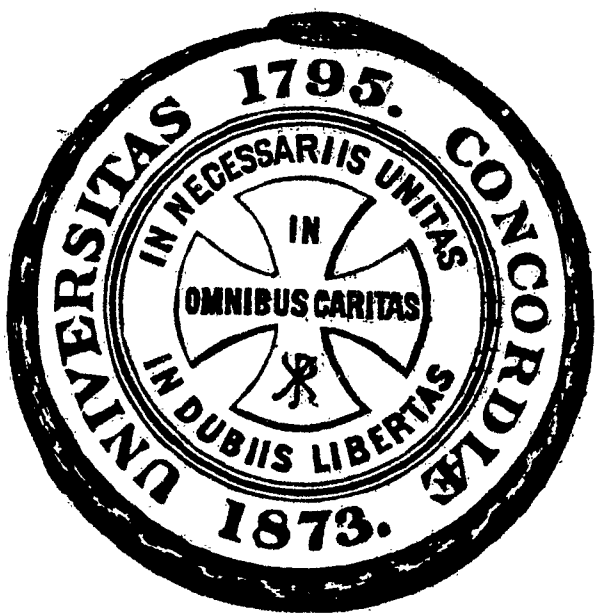


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Track Athletics.

A picture of the track team was taken last Saturday. It was intended to comprise those men who would have been on last Spring's team. Consequently it was somewhat restricted in numbers as quite a few have left college who would have otherwise been counted in. This picture is intended for this year's Garnet and another will be taken in Spring comprising all men who make this year's team. Those who were in last Saturday's picture are as follows: Captain O'Neill, '97; Price, '99; Hinman, '99; MacMillan, '98; Crothers, '98; Fisher, '98; Hartnagle, '98; Sylvester, '99; W. Yates, '98; Cotton, '97; French, '99; Vrooman, '98; Wright, '99; Deyoe, '98; Hoxie, '98; Hegeman, '99; Hild, '98.

There are undoubtedly others in college who will be added to this list before the year is over, and it is hoped the number will be greatly increased. If the fall meet had been counted the number would have been increased by quite a few and we are glad to notice that the freshman class would have had its share. Too much encouragement cannot be given to those who are inclined towards track athletics. By a proper course of training they can not only benefit themselves physically but have the opportunity to do something for the college.

It is with great hopes that we look forward to this year's meet. No definite schedule has as yet been arranged. The reason is that the formation of the new league has not been completed. The regular mid-winter meet will be held sometime in March.

For two consecutive years in-door meets have been held with the Cooperstown Athletic Club. Two years ago we were beaten only with difficulty by them. Last year they were but five points ahead of us and this winter if a meet can be arranged, we expect to win.

We hope to send a strong team to the intercollegiates this Spring; no doubt Manager Herring will have several other important meets scheduled for us before long.

The team in its present condition as a whole is very strong. Every event is well sustained.

In the dashes, O'Neill, Price, Hinman, French, Gage and F. R. Davis are the most promising men. O'Neill and Hinman will vie with each other in the quarter-mile run.

Nothing especially strong has as yet developed for the half-mile but it is hoped, that French, who has signified his intention of training for that event, will turn out as good a man for that as he has already in the dashes and quarter-mile.

In the mile, Wright, Hartnagle and Multer are at present doing the best work.

The hurdle races will be well taken care of by Crothers, Pearse, Vroman and Sylvester.

Walbridge is expected to develop into an excellent man for the bicycle races. He and Hild can be relied upon to do good work for the college at their first opportunity.

In the shot put and hammer throw, MacMillan and C. Vrooman are improving rapidly and records will undoubtedly be much improved by next Spring.

Fisher, Deyoe, Sylvester and Miller will contend in the pole vault and Schofield, W. Yates, Deyoe, Fisher and Davis in the high jump.

Cotton, Hegeman and Guttman are three good men for the mile walk.

Schofield, Jones and Davis have shown themselves to be excellent broad jumpers.

The fact that a large number of men have signified their intention to try for the team should stimulate the interest rather than discourage anyone from trying for a position. Freshmen will have the same chances for making the team as the members of any other class. Captain O'Neill will be only too glad to help along any and all beginners and give them the benefit of his experience. A trainer will undoubtedly be hired in the Spring.

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A Synopsis of President Raymond's Address Sunday Afternoon.

A peculiarly appropriate and forcible discourse was preached in the chapel last Sunday afternoon by President Raymond, the subject of which was, "Essential Elements in a Successful College Association." A large body of students and members of the faculty was present.

In presenting the case of the college Y. M. C. A., Dr. Raymond said two questions at once presented themselves. First, What is a successful college association; and second, Are the elements essential to such an association different from the elements essential to other successful associations. The speaker expressed it as his conviction that the success of any college association is measured by the extent to which it makes Christian discipline desirable by every student who is seeking to make the most of himself. In other words the successful college association makes Christianity a dominating influence in the institution.

In regard to the second question the speaker said that only in degree were the elements the same. College men formed a class by themselves and were indeed little understood by the outside world, and appreciated less. In connection with this he cited an interview with General Miles, in which the great Indian fighter tried to prove to him that the college yell and the war-whoop of the plains were an expression of the same wild nature.

A primary condition of Christian work in colleges is sincerity. A man known to cheat in the class room talks into the air whenever he attempts to persuade others to believe in Christ. Nothing would do more for the cause of Christianity among students than the suppression of such men.

Moral distinctions must be clear and absolute, otherwise they have no influence. Much of Christianity's weakness today lies in calling things wrong which are not wrong in themselves. False distinctions never foster righteousness. Evil is all in the heart of man and we

shall never make any advance in righteousness, until in our teaching we put it there, for not till then will we put virtue where it belongs.

There must be more preaching of this truth before there will be more genuine righteousness; that men must learn how to use this world rather than simply how to let it alone. This is the only Christianity that is authoritative, for it is what Christ himself taught and practiced. He did not avoid men and for purposes of holiness, flee to the mountains.

This has an intensely practical bearing upon our college work. One of the essential elements of successful association work is that the members identify themselves thoroughly with all college interests; showing how to enjoy and use social life without degrading oneself or destroying studious habits; how to engage in athletics without sacrificing character or scholarship; how to share college enthusiasm without being carried away with it into foolish and unworthy practices.

One practical result of this kind of Christian work will be to increase popular respect for Christians and a greater willingness to listen to their words.

Dr. Raymond spoke for a half hour and touched upon many subjects which were extremely interesting and of vital importance to the student. Lack of space prevents a more extended account.

The New Thermometer.

The large thermometer which hangs to the left of the main entrance to Washburn Hall was given to the college by Gilbert K. Harroun. Its usefulness is manifested by the large number of students who inspect its readings daily, so as to determine whether it is policy for them to shiver in hopes of getting a bolt.

Dr. George Alexander, '66, was in Schenectady, Monday, January 11. He was in attendance upon the semi-centennial anniversary of Dr. Day's pastorate of the Baptist Church.

The Sophomore Soiree.

The Sophomore soiree committee held a meeting at the Phi Gamma Delta house Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6, and decided to hold the annual soiree at the Van Curler Opera House, Friday evening, Feb. 19, 1897.

The floor at the Van Curler will be repaired and relaid and covered with new crash previous to the dance.

The private boxes will be disposed of at auction and in order to accomodate the large number of parties who have signified their intention of purchasing boxes, the committee will have the two front rows of chairs in the orchestra circle removed and the space divided into boxes by means of screens.

Complete arrangements for the music have not yet been completed, but it will probably be furnished by Gioscia's full orchestra.

Several parties from Albany, Troy and Schenectady have bid for the privilege of furnishing refreshments and the menus submitted are of an exceptionally high order. The contract will be awarded at the next meeting of the committee. The invitations are now being printed and will be mailed as soon as possible.

The soiree will be '99's first appearance socially and they are putting forth every effort to make it a success long to be remembered at Union.

This will be the only large dance at Schenectady during the winter, and as it immediately precedes Washington's birthday and Lent, it will be largely attended.

The committee consists of F. J. Bonesteele, Chi Psi, chairman; F. H. Fisk, Jr., Delta Phi; F. R. Champion, Beta Theta Pi; R. C. Gambee, Phi Delta Theta; A. B. Lawrence, Kappa Alpha; S. C. Medbury, Jr., Psi Upsilon; W. Tucker, Alpha Delta Phi; H. L. Beardsley, Phi Gamma Delta; W. R. Nellis, Delta Upsilon; R. Hall, Sigma Phi; and R. C. MacMahon.

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Y. M. C. A.

Report of the devotional committee for present term.

- JAN. 19. Leader—D. L. Wood, '97.
Sub.—The Bible Ideal of Character.
Ref.—Prov. 31:20-31; II Tim. 2:15;
I Cor. 15:5-8.
- JAN. 26. Leader—E. LeC. Hegeman, '99.
Sub.—The Hope that maketh not
ashamed.
Ref.—Rom. 5:1-5; Phil. 1:20-27.
- FEB. 2. Leader—H. R. Hover, '98.
Sub.—The need of a young man.
Ref.—Eccl. 12:1; II Tim. 3:14-17.
- FEB. 9. Leader—E. H. Rogers, '98.
Sub.—Life in earnest.
Ref.—Phil. 3:7-14; II Cor. 5.
- FEB. 16. Leader—E. W. Strong, '99.
Sub.—It is written.
Ref.—Matt. 4:1-10; Luke 10:26;
Acts 8:30-31.
- FEB. 23. Leader—Ira Hotaling, '97.
Sub.—Practical Religion.
Ref.—I Cor. 10:31-33.
(Patriotic service.)
- MAR. 2. Leader—R. S. Hoxie, '98.
Sub.—The Wondrous Relationship.
Ref.—Mark 3:31-35.
- MAR. 9. Leader—H. K. Wright, '99.
Sub.—Do I Discourage Others?
Ref.—Matt. 23:1-17; Mark 10:46-52.
- MAR. 16. Leader—H. E. Glazier, '97.
Sub.—How am I Investing my Life?
Ref.—Luke 16:12.
(Missionary meeting.)

Services will be held on the dates indicated above in the Y. M. C. A. rooms M. S. S. C., beginning promptly at 7 o'clock P. M.

Any scheduled leader unable to act will kindly secure a substitute.

We wish to say that this organization is a college institution, and we welcome, therefore, not only the students, but also the president and faculty to our services, and especially do we invite them to our Tuesday evening service.

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THE college musical organizations are billed to give their Schenectady concert on Tuesday evening, Jan. 19. Every student in college should attend. There is not the slightest reason for any student to remain away as the price of the tickets is within the means of all. The support of college affairs such as the one in question should be regarded as one of the necessary expenses of a student. A profitable and enjoyable evening may be had by any one in attending this concert. The students belonging to the clubs have worked hard to accomplish what has already been done and the least their fellow student can do to show their appreciation is to go and hear them.

A REPORT of President Raymond's address delivered to the students last Sunday afternoon appears elsewhere in this paper. This report calls attention to the series of short sermons by which the students have been favored in the past and to which it is hoped they may continue to listen in the future.

Last Sunday the attendance was unusual. There were fifty-eight students present which is

about double the usual number. No student ever attends these Sunday afternoon services and listens to the carefully prepared remarks of the president with indifference. He immediately becomes interested and his interest continues until the sermon is finished. His appreciation of the address which he may have been listening to is followed by regret that he had ever failed to attend in the past.

The foregoing remarks are addressed to the students of this college, in furtherance of the work of the Y. M. C. A. and for the interests of the students themselves who through thoughtlessness rather than indifference have failed to appreciate the efforts which repeatedly have been made to make these services of interest as well as profit.

INSTEAD of building a new residence at the junction of Union Avenue with Union Street as was at first planned Dr. Potter has made arrangements with the college authorities to move into his former residence which is at present occupied by Professors Landreth and Hoffman. Instead of the original plan he will construct two houses which are to be occupied by the before mentioned professors.

There is no doubt but that this new arrangement from the standpoint of accommodation is an improvement upon the original plan.

"How MUCH is there in it?" The foregoing question was asked a few days ago by a student of this college who had heard that the editors of THE PARTHENON desired some one to draw a black and white poster for purposes of advertising.

We regret the necessity of having to state that there is "nothing in it." We do not wish to criticise any person for desiring to make an honest dollar, but we do criticise the lack of collegiate spirit manifest in such a question. If the college publications including THE GARNET, CONCORDIENSIS and PARTHENON were able to pay for such matter as the students furnish they would be veritable gold mines. A little experience however in the actual business, followed by a little paying of deficiencies would convince these people that they hold an entirely erroneous idea regarding such matters.

"How much is there in it?" The words, the sound, the very form of the sentence is so entirely opposed to a healthy collegiate sentiment that it is a wonder any student should have expressed it. The spirit which is manifest in this sentence is the same which fosters professionalism in athletes, mutilates books in the library, subscribes to college affairs and then forgets to pay, it is the spirit which makes good tradesmen but indifferent scholars.

THE merchants of Baltimore have subscribed \$239,500 to Johns Hopkins University to tide the institution over the difficulties of the present, which are largely due to the issue of its investments in Baltimore and Ohio railroad stock.—Ex.

And in 101 years Schenectady has given to Union College \$7,000.

IT SEEMS to be necessary to again call attention to a flagrant violation of the library rules. Some members of the Freshman class are the principal offenders. The library corridor and alcoves were constructed for library purposes only. Students who use the library as a study hall are lacking in a just appreciation of the rights of others. It is absolutely impossible for any person to do any serious reading when there are eight or ten students walking noisily about the tables, talking to one another as though they considered this building as an annex to the gymnasium. Furthermore, the chairs and tables are placed in the alcoves for the use of those who are using the books of that particular section. It is extremely annoying to find students in the English or Philosophical alcoves studying their mathematical textbook. They are occupying the chairs as well as the room which belongs to others.

The place for students to study text book lessons is their rooms or the chapel. Any place rather than the library.

WE UNDERSTAND that there is some dissatisfaction among the students who have been drilling for the various musical clubs over the prospect which is held out to them as members of these organizations. It is the intention of the management to include as large a number of those who have been practicing as would be practical in the Schenectady, Albany and Troy concerts. The impression that the number is to be cut down to half as many when the clubs give a concert out of town is erroneous. From twenty to twenty-five will be included in nearly every concert given out of town.

There is certainly two sides to this question. Those who are dissatisfied say, the organization should be the same on all occasions, and that if the management cannot afford to take a large number on the out of town trips then the number in the Schenectady concert should be reduced accordingly. They advance as reasons for this, the fact, that the drilling required of the students for the first concert is but little less than that required for the whole. And also, that any aggregation of musicians after drilling for the purpose of producing the best results with a certain num-

ber, must necessarily fall short of that result when the number is altered, particularly so if reduced.

The management on the other hand knows best what he can afford. If he can take only a limited number out of town and be certain of clearing expenses, then it would be folly for him to take more. Furthermore, it is not always the intention to take along the same men. Some may be taken on one trip and some on another, and the only way to be able to judge who are the best men is to give a large concert such as the one given in Schenectady is to be. And last but not least, the most important test of a man's ability is that which comes when he is actually confronting an audience. One who may have stood the test before may here fail.

College Notes.

AN ALL-AMERICAN FOOT BALL TEAM.

Mr. Caspar Whitney picks out the following All-America team in the last Harper's Weekly: Ends, Cabot of Harvard, and Gelbert of Pennsylvania; tackles, Murphy of Yale and Church of Princeton; guards, Woodruff and Wharton of Pennsylvania; center, Gailey of Princeton; quarter and captain, Fincke of Yale; half backs, Kelley of Princeton and Wrightington of Harvard; full back, Baird of Princeton. — *Yale Alumni Weekly*.

GIFT TO THE GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT OF LEHIGH.

The department of geology in the University has just received a collection of triassic shales and sandstones of the Connecticut valley. These shales and sandstones have long been noted for their impressions and ripple marks, rainprints and the tracks made by the reptiles of that period, which are from time to time found in quarrying the stones.

The shales obtained by the University contain foot-prints varying from several inches in spread to but a portion of an inch in width and are among the most important of the acquisitions to the museum for many years. These fossils are a gift to the University from the Philadelphia Lehigh club whose members generously contributed the money for their purchase. No college has a more enthusiastic and loyal body of alumni than Lehigh. The practical illustration of this loyalty, shown by the Philadelphia club, is worthy of all praise and imitation.—*Brown and White*.

Obituary.

The Rev. Dr. James Rankine, Rector of the Delanson Divinity School, died at Geneva, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1896. He was born on Nov. 5, 1827, at Ayrshire, Scotland.

During boyhood his parents came to America and settled at Canandaigua, N. Y. He was graduated from Union with high honors in the class of '46. Dr. Rankine was tutor at Union for a time and later accepted the position of assistant professor of mathematics at Trinity College, Hartford. He was afterward rector of St. Paul's Church, Oswego, president of Hobart College, served for many years as trustee of both Hobart and Union and was rector of the Divinity School at Geneva for thirty years.

Dr. Rankine was a member of the Delta Phi Fraternity, and one of the few survivors of his class who attended its reunion last June.

Joseph H. Seeberger, ex-'95, died at his residence San Antonio, Texas, on Dec. 20, and was buried from his mother's home, in Troy, Dec. 28. He had been in ill health for some time and was under medical treatment at the time of his death.

"Pop. Seeberger" as he was commonly called, was a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and during his brief stay at college made many friends and was a general favorite with those who knew him.

Demetrius M. Chadsey, '40, one of Union's oldest alumni, died Thursday evening, Jan. 8. Mr. Chadsey was the oldest lawyer in Schenectady and a lifelong resident of that city where he was highly respected, having been honored with many offices of confidence and trust. He died in the 81st year of his age.

Amusements at the Van Curler.

Friday, Jan. 15.—Miss Georgia Cayvan in "Squire Kate."

Tuesday, Jan. 19.—Union College Glee, Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club's Concert.

Civil Service Examinations.

The United States Civil Service commission will hold an examination in Washington, D. C., and other large cities, where there are applicants, at 9 A. M., Jan. 29, 1897, to fill a vacancy in the position of first assistant in Division of Chemistry. Two days are required for the examination. The salary is \$1,800 per annum.

The subjects for examination are: Essay and report writing, French and German, General and Analytical Chemistry and Agricultural Analysis.

Persons desiring to take this examination are requested to write to U. S. Civil Service commission, Washington, D. C., for application blanks and to file applications.

There will be an examination by the United States Coast Survey commission in Washington, D. C., Jan. 26 and 27, 1897, at 9 A. M., for the purpose of filling five vacancies in the positions of topographical draftsmen and establishing a general register of eligibles.

The subjects for examination will be: Letter writing, geography of U. S., arithmetic and elementary mathematics, algebra to quadratics, plane geometry and elements of trigonometry, geographical projections, tracing of drawings and topographical drawing and lettering. In addition to these subjects, competitors for positions in U. S. Geographical survey will be examined in free-hand drawing.

Applicants may be examined for any or all of the offices but should so state in their application. The entrance salary is \$900 per annum. Applicants should write for further information to Washington.

Philomatheans Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of the Philomathean Society on Friday afternoon the following officers were elected for the winter term: President, Raymond D. Fuller; vice-president, Abel Merchant, Jr.; treasurer, William D. Reed; secretary, H. K. Wright; curator, E. M. Brownell; constitutional committee, H. H. Brown, C. J. Hewitt, George C. Perry.

Personals.

Mabon, '98, has returned and resumed his studies in the Junior class.

Gayety, '98, Tuggey, 1900, and Raitt, 1900, skated to Cohoes Saturday, returning in the evening.

Emeritus Prof. Ezra Abel Huntington, D. D., LL. D., of Auburn Theological Seminary is also an old Union man.

The 1900 class pins have arrived. They are square in shape, with the letter U and 1900 in gold on a garnet back-ground.

Hotaling, '97, Cady, '97, Vrooman, '98, Reed, '98, Rodgers, '98, Swann, '98, Utter, '98, Wood, 1900, and Loucks, 1900, attended the annual reunion of the Albany High School Alumni Association.

Prof. Hoffman announces that he and his sister are now at Oxford, England. He has spent some time at the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, at both of which he has taken up special studies. He is now paying especial attention to the work on "Evolution of Religion" and works of Kant under Dr. Caird of Oxford, the author of the same.

In 1867 Dr. Perkins engraved the names of his class in chemistry on a pane of colored glass and had it placed in one of the laboratory windows. He has kept up the practice every year since until it has become an established custom. The present class will make the thirtieth consecutive one. This novel collection of autographs is highly valued by Dr. Perkins and has been the subject of many magazine articles.

On the evening of Jan. 6, '97, Rev. Edwin Waite Miller, A. M., a graduate of Union, was inaugurated as Hyde Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Policy of Auburn Theological Seminary. Prof. Samuel B. Howe, of Schenectady, likewise a graduate of Union College, represented the Board of Commissioners. The ceremonies took place in the chapel which was filled by faculty, commissioners, trustees, students and friends. Emeritus Prof. Samuel Miles Hopkins, D. D., delivered the charge to his successor, who was also a pupil of Dr. Hopkins. Last year, 1894-95, Mr. Miller acted as instructor in that department. He was elected professor last May. His address was on "The Work of John Wycliffe and the First Stage of the Protestant Reformation." It was a good speech of an hour in length.

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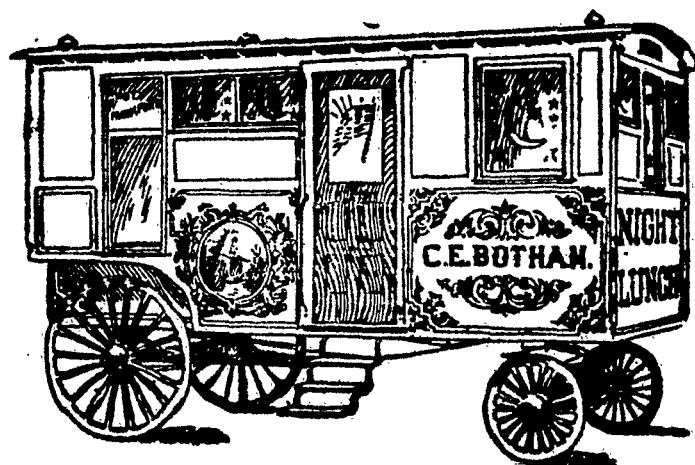
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Exchanges.

The *Academy Graduate*, published by the Newburgh Academy, is an attractive publication.

The *Tech*, one of the most ably edited magazines which comes to us from any purely scientific school, appeared last month in an appropriate Christmas cover. The "lounger," as usual, has furnished a full page of well written and interesting matter.

The *Stevens Life*, is an excellent magazine. It is full of interesting matter and would be a valuable magazine for any engineering student to possess.

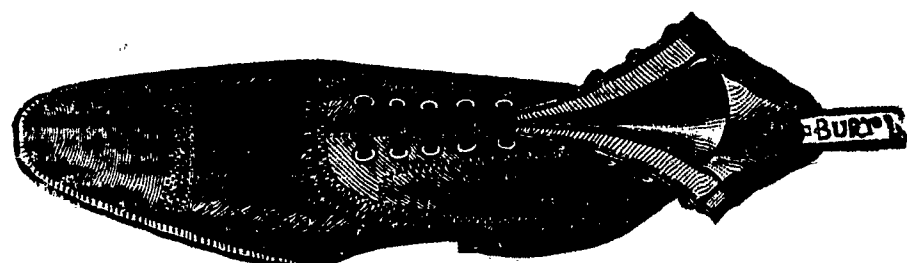
The December number of the *Cue* contains an interesting sketch, entitled "Memories of Fort Crailo," besides several other well written articles.

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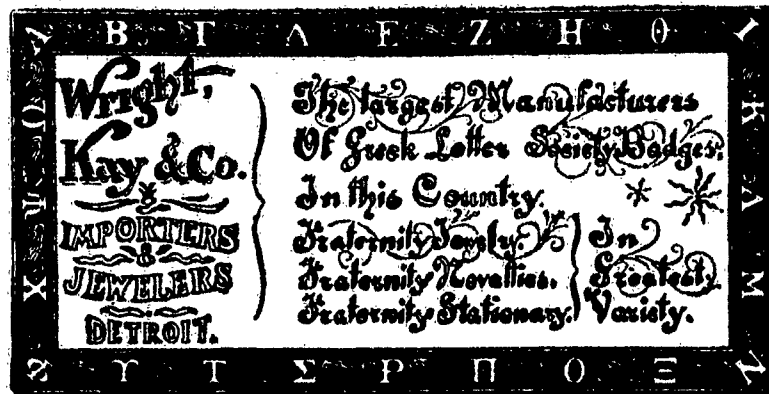
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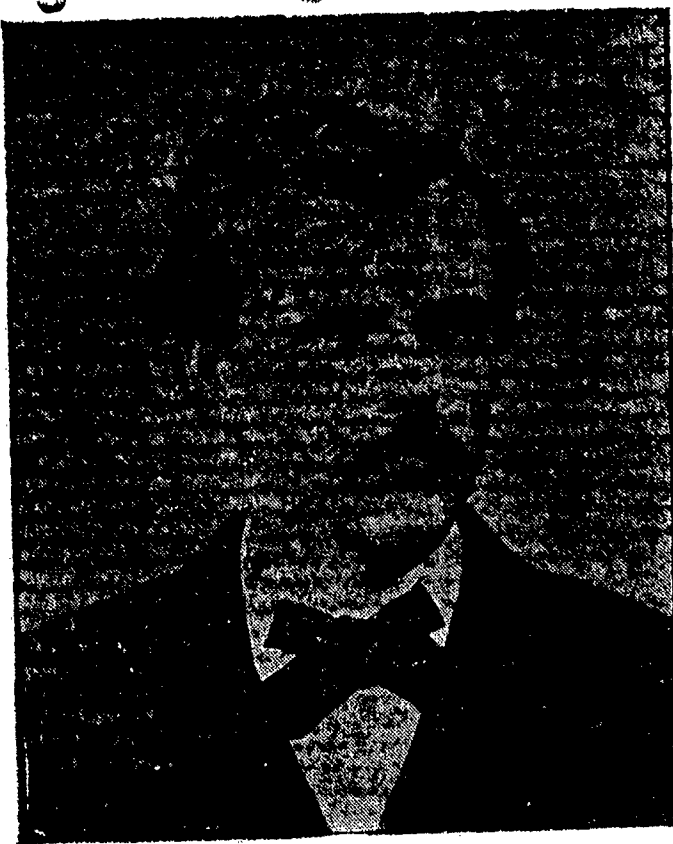
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