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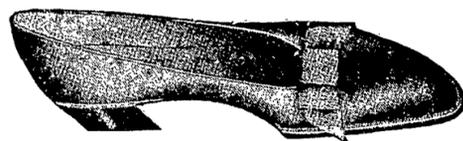
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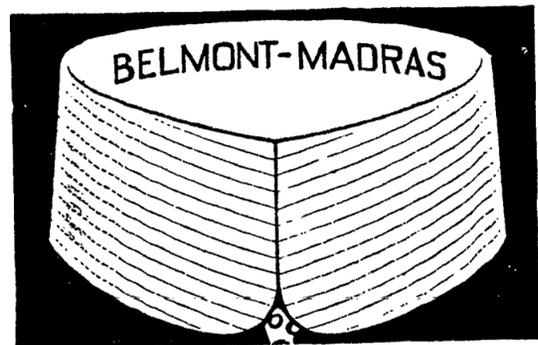
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UNION 28, SWARTHMORE 24

Garnet Five Lead Pennsylvania Quintet Throughout Contest but are Forced to Play Fast in Last Few Minutes of Game to Overcome Brilliant Swarthmore Spurt.

Since Union's last appearance on the home basketball court, there have been wonderful improvements in every direction. The team, can shoot, pass, guard, and make free throws with much greater accuracy than formerly. There have been improvements along the side lines also. The cheering though not yet up to the best possible standard, as students are still inclined to straggle out along the bleachers, is, however, much better. When Swarthmore was in the midst of that point-gaining streak, the Union cheering was excellent. Although there has been no special song practice lately, the old familiar numbers went off very well. The band was in its usual good form.

The few minutes practice before the game showed what both teams were made of. As has always been the case this year, Union's opponents were heavier than the local team, but not so speedy. Even in practice, neither quintet was especially strong on long shots. On free throws they seemed about even. Of

course, it was hard to judge pass work, but the Garnet players seemed more certain in making their connections.

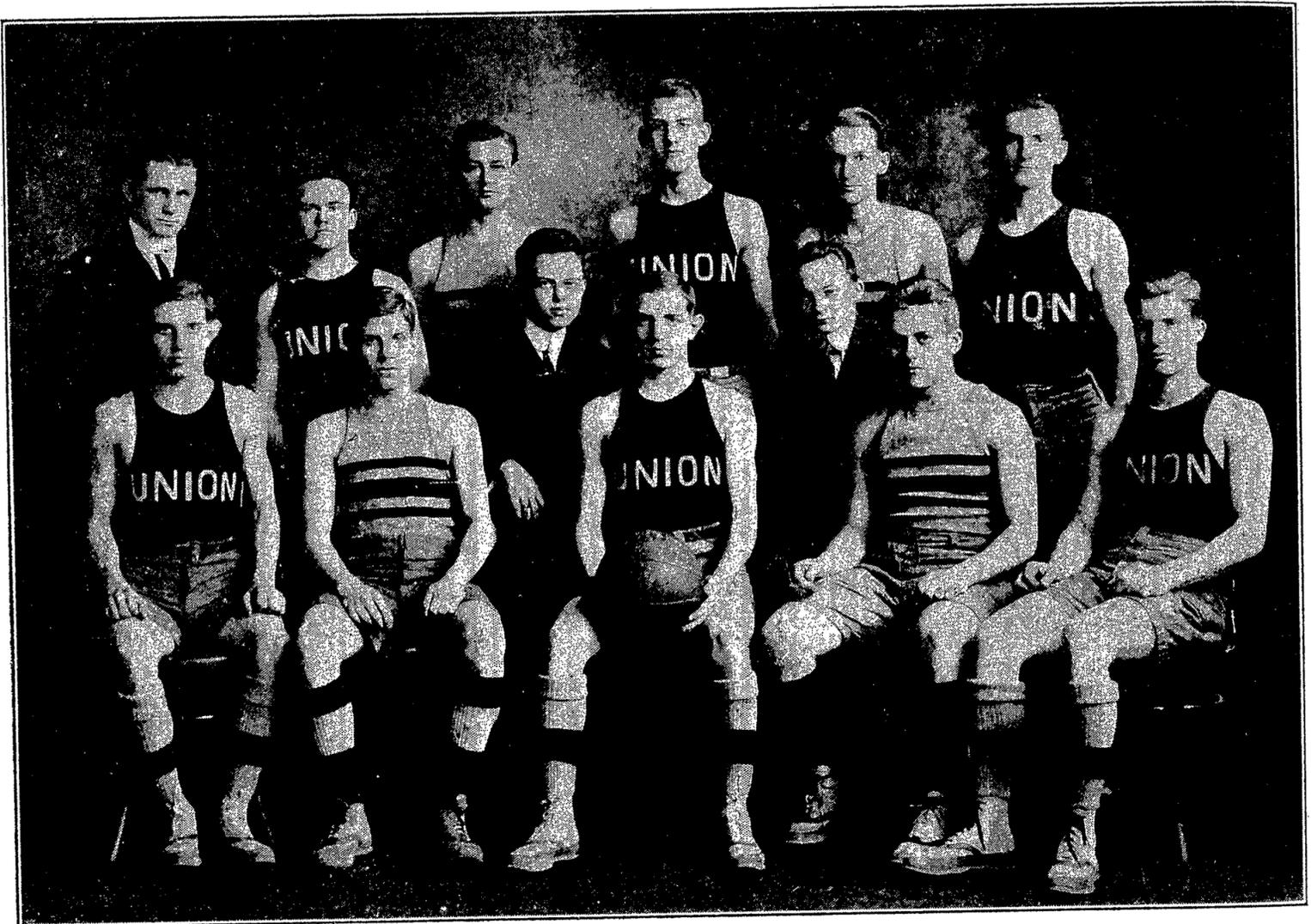
FIRST HALF

The game was opened with extreme caution, both sides guarding carefully. A foul, however, was called on each team and resulted in Houghton's starting the score for Union and in Weaver's doing the same for Swarthmore. The best either team could do was to try for long shots, but none of them worked. After nine minutes of play a fine pass landed in Houghton's hands, and by a clever side shot he gave Union her first basket. D. Beaver almost repeated the trick. Then fouls zigzagged between the quintets and gave Swarthmore another point. The Garnet right guard was asleep for one second, and it meant a basket. A personal foul gave the visitors another score. After another basket was recorded for Union, Swarthmore committed three fouls in quick succession, two for running with the ball, Union thus gaining an additional tally. Swarthmore caged the sphere on two free throws, but another of Houghton's side shots made up for that. The two Beavers finished the half by making a basket apiece. The score stood 7 to 14 in Union's favor. The half was all Union's; as an onlooker expressed it, the Garnet quintet "smothered" its opponents by its speed.

SECOND HALF.

Houghton started with a successful side shot, Weaver did the same, and Beaver returned the compliment. Then two Swarthmore men tried to get the ball away from a Union man by force. Houghton took advantage, but Weaver also scored a free throw a moment later. Then a diagonal shot from Dewey added materially to Union's column.

and Houghton's free throw was successful when a foul for running with the ball was called. Two fouls on Union's part did not help the visitors any, but a moment's negligence in guarding gave them a basket. However, Woods retaliated by a sensational shot from the center of the floor. A couple of free throws brought Union another point, but Swarthmore made a basket by way of re-



THE WHIRLWIND BASKETBALL SQUAD

Top row, (left to right) Coach Dawson, Scully, Glindmeyer, Woods, Cleveland, Houghton
 Front row, J. Beaver, Kirkup, Vaughan (assistant manager), D. Beaver (captain),
 Lewis (manager), Berger, Dewey.

The game was stopped for two minutes to straighten out a little problem of where a certain man was playing. When operations were renewed everything started to go Swarthmore's way; their streak of point-gaining had come. Within two minutes and a half the Keystone quintet had added eight points to their total on four baskets; one basket was a fine shot from the center of the court. Union began to find herself again,

ply. Scully entered the game at this point, and thus there were five sophomores on the floor. A point on a free throw for Union and a basket for Swarthmore brought the remaining time down to two minutes, and the score was 24 to 26 in our favor! The team went into the game more determined than ever; they not only succeeded in preventing their opponents from scoring, but added another basket to Union's total. Thus the

score stood 28 to 24, and Union had been successful in her first basketball contest with Swarthmore.

THE PLAYERS

Weaver was the most consistent member of the visiting team, and by his steady work made 14 of Swarthmore's 24 points. Houghton, by his clever free throws, was the biggest point getter for Union. But to pick out any particular stars would be going a little too far.

The lineup and summary are as follows:

Swarthmore	Union
Thomas	J. Beaver
Lutz	
	Right forward
MacKissick	D. Beaver
	Left forward
Eneas	Woods
	Center
McGovern	Dewey
	Scully
	Right guard
Weaver	Houghton
	Left guard

Field baskets: Lutz 2, Mac Kissick 3, Weaver 4, D. Beaver 4, J. Beaver 2, Dewey 1, Houghton 3, Woods 1. Free throws: Weaver 6 out of 11, Houghton 6 out of 10. Referee: Tilden. Time of halves: 20 minutes.

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THE CORNELL DEBATE

Garnet Speakers Hope to Make it "Three Straight"

Friday evening, Feb. 7, at eight o'clock, in the College chapel, the debating teams of Cornell University and Union College will meet. The debate promises to be an extremely hot one this year. Two years in

succession the Ithacans have gone down to defeat before the Schenectady men. Naturally Cornell feels the sting of her previous losses, and shows her determination to win this contest by sending the crack team of the University against Union; all the speakers are on the "'94 Debate Stage"—the greatest honor that can be obtained. But the Union speakers have all had experience in both interclub and intercollegiate debating work as well as the Cornell men. It is interesting to note that five of the eight debaters are from the Schenectady high school, and four from the Calhoun Debating Society of that institution, including the Union speakers and the Cornell alternate. Union's alternate is from the Webster Debating Club of S. H. S. The visiting alternate and one of Union's speakers were on four public high school debates together.

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Union, Affirmative

- 1 Hubert Mann '13
 - 2 Donald A. Coulter '15
 - 3 Theodore W. Hanigan '13
- Robert Payne '13, alternate.

Cornell, Negative

- 1 H. G. Wilson '14
 - 2 Harold Rigleman '14
 - 3 Albert H. Henderson '14
- William D. Smith '15, alternate.

Messrs. Wilson and Henderson are from the Cornell Law School.

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It is becoming a habit to beat Pennsy and be beaten by Union.—The Campus, University of Rochester.

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In the present period of civilization, an era of speed, excitement, new thoughts, Socialists and Suffragettes, we know not with what manner of salutation to greet our fair guests. Shall we address you as comrades, which you must know is the prevalent term of greeting in Socialistic Schenectady, or perhaps as fellow voters which is also an accepted hailing sign in the west and in certain exclusive sections of our city, or, may it merely be girls.

If we chose the latter as the favored one we seem to be hopelessly lacking in originality but yet, where can the man be found who has ever succeeded in adopting an original nomenclature for the female of the race. It requires the mind and hand of a genius or pastmaster to write about women and be so exhausting in his dealing of the attractive subject that his readers, after delving into the deep recesses of the study of woman-

kind are supplied with an abundance of appellations for the genus feminae.

Indeed we feel that we have gone beyond our depth in attempting to discuss the subject of girls, still this is your issue and if we didn't make an attempt at feminine fancies, we fear you might feel slighted. In glancing over the remarks of a Rutgers friend, we find him to be nigh unto the proverbial pessimist. His assertions are that girls are like philosophy—the more you study them the less you know, but that men keep on trying to know them just the same and that's the reason so many fellows are grouchy a good part of the time. He believes that there are several prominent types of girls. Some girls believe what we say and others are sensible. Some girls are sentimental, and others really like us when they say so. Some girls smile because they want to, others have studied the effect in their mirrors. Now he sums up the matter and tells us about the species in general. Girls are like the sand—we make an impression upon them for a short time, but a new love comes in with the rising tide and memories of us are washed away in the overflow.

Pardon us for wandering so far into the realms of the unknown, long ago we should have made known to you our joy at your presence among us and to have expressed to you a most hearty and cordial welcome. Doubtless you have observed that our institution was formed by the coming together of people of various minds and talents. We have always stood for union in one way or another and have ever detested solitude. It has become inherent with us to desire company and the older we grow the more potent becomes that desire. The Faculty have kindly consented to permit us to forget study

over the week-end and to entertain this chosen company to whose presence we have been looking forward for a considerable time, or in short, to relieve that above-mentioned desire. We sincerely hope that your short stay at Union may be a pleasurable one and even if, as our pessimistic friend claims, the impression which Union will make upon you may be only temporary, we trust it will be a favorable one and that you will visit us again in order that the impression shall be made more permanent, for psychology assures us that repetitions oftentimes render impressions lasting.

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EVERYTHING READY FOR PROM

The Junior Promenade will be held in the ball room of the Ten Eyck Hotel at Albany, on Friday evening, January 31. The decorations will doubtless excel in beauty those of former years, as Chairman Harry Anderson has arranged to have several prominent Albany decorators at work who will improve upon the usual trimmings of Union blankets and pennants.

There will be about two hundred people to enjoy the 1914 hop, which will begin at nine or nine-thirty o'clock, at the conclusion of the concert by Zita, which is an innovation, and last till about four o'clock.

The dance orders of the Prom are unusually attractive, being enclosed in an olive colored cover of leather and having a page devoted to each dance. On every leaf there is a quotation from Shakespeare, Byron, Pope, Goethe, Whittier, Shelly, Wadsworth, Milton or "Johnny" Bennett, which is decidedly appropriate for the occasion. A few of the typical quotations are:

"I think he holds you well and in the dearness of heart," Shakespeare.

"Music do I hear? Ha! Ha! Keep time," Shakespeare.

"We've met—Go now and forget—if you can!

"And beautiful maidens moved down in the dance," Whittier.

"Wiegen und tanzen und singen wir ein," Goethe.

"He is awake, He tells thee so himself," Shakespeare.

"And both were young and one was beautiful," Byron.

"First he did prize my beauty, then my speech," Shakespeare.

"This is a most auspicious occasion," "Johnny" Bennett.



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KAPPA ALPHA

Kappa Alpha patronesses for Junior Week are: Mrs. James G. McLoughlin, Mrs. W. Stillman Martin, Mrs. George Donnan and Mrs. Walter Briggs.

The guests during Junior Week are: Miss Dorothy Dunning of Albany, Miss Agnes C. Quinlan of New York, Miss Jean McGregor of Schenectady, Miss Olive Midlam of Albany and Miss Edith Jones of Albany.

SIGMA PHI

Sigma Phi will entertain its guests with a house dance tomorrow evening. The guests for Junior Week are: Miss Mabel Rice, Schenectady, N. Y., Miss Augusta Geer, Hoosic Falls, N. Y., Miss Peggy Cox, Albany, N. Y., Miss Margaret Edwards,

Schenectady, Miss Mary Geer, Hoosic Falls, N. Y., Miss Dorothy Potter, Schenectady, Miss Marion Bush, Schenectady, Miss Dorothy Pearson, Schenectady and Miss Helen Watkins, Schenectady, N. Y.

PSI UPSILON

Psi Upsilon is holding a house party during Junior Week. The patroness is Mrs. John D. Gunning of Freeport, L. I. The guests are: Miss Gladys Story of Freeport, Miss Miller of Albany, N. Y., Miss Gillis of Troy, N. Y., Miss Kitty Allison of Holis, N. Y., Miss Sarah Leon of Little Falls, N. Y., Miss Mary Kenworthy of Amsterdam, Miss Katherine Bell of Plattsburg.

DELTA UPSILON

The Delta Upsilon patronesses for Junior Week are Mrs. Robert Landon, Mrs. E. C. Whitmyre and Mrs. Olin H. Landreth. The fraternity's guests are: Miss Eleanor Akin, of Troy, N. Y., Miss Lucille Wyman, of Granville, N. Y., Miss Alice Whitmyre, of Schenectady, N. Y., Miss Eleanor Landon, Schenectady, N. Y., Miss Virginia Waddell, Scotia, N. Y., Miss Schermerhorn, Schenectady, Miss Emma Johnson, Albany, N. Y., Miss Edna Streibert, Albany, Miss Haushalter of Schenectady, Miss Nosttrand of Albany.

CHI PSI

Chi Psi entertained Thursday evening and on the following evening will give a dinner in honor of their guests at the Ten Eyck, in Albany. Saturday afternoon between the hours of four-thirty and six-thirty they will hold a reception at the lodge. Eight hundred invitations have been sent out for this function. In the evening there will be a dinner at the lodge. Zita will furnish music for the reception and the dinner. Their guests during the week will be the Misses Florence Durham, Schenectady, Ruth Wyman, Minneapolis, Minn., Dorothy Adams, Fergus Falls, Minn., Eleanor and Marion Smith,

Morrison, Ill., Ruth Cutler; Freeport, L. I., Hazel Hemkins, Billings, Mont. and Miss Freeman, Boston, Mass. Mrs. W. E. Brown and Mrs. J. H. Gardner, will act as patronesses while Mrs. F. E. Case will have charge of the reception. The lodge has been beautifully decorated for the functions of the week. The ceiling is banked with evergreen from which gleam myriads of colored lights while banks of flowers are prominent features of the decorations of each room.

The Alpha Delta Phi fraternity will have a house-dance Saturday night.

BETA THETA PI

Beta Theta Pi has been exceptionally busy preparing for Junior Week. The whole fraternity will attend all the college affairs of the week, the college dances, the musical clubs' concert and the basketball game. The fraternity dance is scheduled for Saturday night, music by Zita.

The patronesses are: Mrs. W. G. Bee, Mrs. H. F. Dewey, Mrs. A. J. Dillingham, Mrs. H. F. Dunn, Mrs. Edward Ellery, Mrs. W. C. Ely, Mrs. James England, Mrs. W. B. Landreth, Mrs. H. G. McKean, Mrs. L. C. Smith, Mrs. E. S. Vrooman.

The guests are: Miss Olive Ely of Albany, Miss Ruth Fullard of Gloversville, Miss Marjory Anthony, Miss Carolyn McAllister of Gouverneur, Miss Adele Kaemmerlen of Haverstraw, Miss Lancelie Lockwood of Newark, New Jersey, Miss Irene Palmer of Palmyra, Miss Marguerite Finch and Miss Helen Mertz of Port Chester, Miss Minnie Bee, Miss Nina Buckley, Miss Louis Chamberlin, Miss Doris Dewey, Miss Ellen Dewey, Miss Bessie Doyle, Miss Louise Landreth, Miss Bertha Reedy and Miss Frances Smith of Schenectady.

PHI DELTA THETA

Phi Delta Theta will give a theatre party Saturday evening in Albany. The patronesses for Junior Week will be Mrs. C. D. Hawn, Ravena, Mrs. Robert West, Sodus:

Mrs. George E. Lewis, Marion. The guests will be Miss Holms, Coeymans, Miss Doolittle, Albany, Miss Stine, Albany, Miss West, Sodus.

PHI GAMMA DELTA

The Phi Gamma Delta patronesses at the Junior Prom will be Mrs. A. H. Pepper, Mrs. H. G. Reist and Mrs. J. H. Burwell. Among the other guests will be Miss N. Locke, Miss Molly O'Donnell, Miss Harriet Ayers, Miss Helen Dornburgh and Miss Mildred Townsend.

PYRAMID CLUB

The members of the Pyramid Club will entertain their guests at an informal tea after Saturday's game. In the evening a theatre party will be held at the Van Curler. The patronesses will be Mrs. N. V. V. Franchot, Mrs. Harry A. Nye, Mrs. S. Vernon Travis, Mrs. Bert M. Hubbard.

Guests are Misses Florence M. Turner, Amsterdam, N. Y., Francis Wilson Wallace, Idaho, Ida E. Anderson, Olean, N. Y., Bessie Mitchell, Schenectady, N. Y., Edith W. Potter, Albany, N. Y., Katharine C. Savage, Amsterdam, N. Y., Clara E. Baldwin, Glens Falls, N. Y., Celia E. Baldwin, Glens Falls, N. Y., Elsie Derrick, Schenectady, N. Y., Anna E. McLoughlin, Schenectady, N. Y., Clara Britten, Schenectady, N. Y., Alice L. Rice, Schenectady N. Y., Agnes Blodgett, Downsville, N. Y.

THETA LAMDA PHI

Theta Lamda Phi has the following patronesses Mrs. Clarence Burleigh, Schenectady and Mrs. Frank Huntington, Schenectady.

The guests are: Miss Florence Beach, Voorheesville, Miss Eunice Saunders, Saratoga Springs, Miss Jessie Miller of Schenectady, and Miss Katherine McManus, of Albany.

OTHER GUESTS

Many of the fraternities are not holding the customary house parties this year but have members attending the various social functions. Complete lists of the patronesses for all the fraternities were published in the preceding issues of the Concordiensis and so in this issue we have only repeated the names of those guests who are actively engaged in the festivities.

The following guests have also been entertained on the hill this week: Miss Alice Whitmyre, Schenectady, N. Y., Miss Dooney, Schenectady, N. Y., Miss Elizabeth M. Leatt, Yonkers, N. Y., Miss Helena Butch, Schenectady, N. Y. and Miss Kathryn Kale, Amsterdam, N. Y.

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SOPHOMORE SOIREE

The soiree held at the Schenectady Boat Club on Thursday evening, was a delightful success in every way. The dance hall was artistically decorated with Union blankets and pennants which formed a pretty background for the sixty or more couples who glided over the smooth floor to the strains of Zita's orchestra. Refreshments were served in a most attractive way. Small tables set through the hall, accomodated the dancers better and with less confusion than in former years. The orders were most pleasing, being beautifully bound in old rose with "Union 1915" embossed on the cover, and containing a list of the dances and patronesses.

Dancing ceased at 2:30 and the happy, though tired couples voted the affair a tremendous success. Chairman Smith is to be commended upon the manner in which the affair went off.

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Milton G. Wend '13 has signified his intention of joining the Suffragists in their "hike" from New York to Washington next month. Wend has generously offered to send us from time to time items of interest regarding the the pilgrims' progress.

NEW GYM ASSURED

Contract for Building Will Be Let Within a Few Weeks

The new Union College Gymnasium will be started in the early spring. This is the official statement which comes from the meeting of the board of trustees, held in Albany on Tuesday afternoon. President Richmond in making this statement assured the student body that nothing will now prevent the building committee from going ahead.

The entire building will be erected, which will cost approximately \$100,000, and which will include not only the main building but the north and south wings, in accordance with the first plans for the gymnasium.

The gymnasium will be situated as has been announced, facing Avon Road on the lane which joins North and South College lanes at the east end of the campus.

President Richmond also announced that other matters of deep interest to the student body were taken up at the meeting of the board of trustees and would be made public soon.

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DR. RICHMOND'S WESTERN TRIP

On Tuesday noon, January 21, President Richmond, at a luncheon in Rochester, addressed the Chamber of Commerce. In the evening he attended the annual dinner of the Union Alumni Association of the same city. On Thursday he delivered the commencement address of the Detroit high schools. Friday afternoon the President addressed the Collegiate Alumni Association, and in the evening was present at the dinner of the Union Alumni of Buffalo. On Sunday he preached at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. On Wednesday, January 29, Dr. Richmond spoke before Johnstown Fortnightly Club. His subject "British Minstrels" was in the form of an illustrated address with song and harp accompaniment.

DR. RUDOLPH EUCKEN TO LECTURE

President Richmond has announced that the first four lectures of Ichabod Spencer Lectureship in Psychology will be delivered by Dr. Ruolph Eucken, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Jena. Dr. Eucken will lecture on the evenings of Feb. 3, 4, 17 and 18, on the following subjects:

February 3, Goethe as a Philosopher.

February 4, Idealism and Realism in the 19th Century.

February 17, Defense of Morality.

February 18, Philosophy and Religion.

Dr. Eucken is the Harvard exchange professor, and is recognized as perhaps the highest living interpreter of Philosophy. In 1908 he was awarded the Noble Prize in Literature. Since then he has been elected a member of the Royal Swedish Society of Science.

In the following month Professor Thorn-dyke will continue the course, with another series of lectures.

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RECORD OF R. P. I.—UNION GAMES

On Saturday afternoon the Garnet basketball team will win its fifth consecutive victory by defeating Pratt. Then on the evening of February 8, R. P. I. will come to Schenectady, endeavoring to break the winning streak.

The resumption of athletic relations between R. P. I. and Union naturally makes us inquisitive as to what prowess was shown by the two institutions in past years. It is almost impossible to get a complete account of former contests because of the difficulty of examining all the old records, but the following figures obtained from the records in the College Library, speak for themselves.

BASEBALL

	R. P. I.	Union
May 1885	28	4
May 1885	28	8
September 1885	12	5

October 1885	15	10
April 1886	12	4
May 1886	3	8
April 1887	16	18
May 1887	23	35
May 1888	5	4
April 1901	1	19
April 1901	6	5
April 1902	0	0
April 1903	9	19
June 1903	8	12
June 1905	10	11

FOOTBALL

	R. P. I.	Union
November 1886	11	4
November 1889	0	10
October 1892	0	4
October 1892	4	20
October 1893	6	10
September 1894	0	37
October 1895	0	26
October 1896	0 Medical	0
October 1898	0	22
September 1899	6	5
October 1899	0	6
October 1900	0	5
October 5, 1901	0	17
October 26, 1901	0	18
October 6, 1902	0	17
November 1903	11	12
October 1904	0	21

BASKETBALL

	R. P. I.	Union
1899	40	12
1903	24	2

TRACK

	R. P. I.	Union
1903	61	47
1905	60	48
1906	54	63

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AFTER JUNIOR WEEK

Union! Union! we've been thinking
 What a dull place this will be,
 When the girls are all transported
 Far beyond Schenectady.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

Last Wednesday evening, the Cosmopolitan Club enjoyed a very interesting talk by Mr. Sullivan on the condition of the Balkan States. Mr Sullivan discussed at length their history, their social conditions and their relations to each other. Dr Kellogg was among those present. There were also other guests from about the city. The next meeting will be held February 10. Mr Ewens will then be the speaker.

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TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY

At Union students are well provided with "eats" to help in their evening studies. Every night at 10:30 a licensed sandwich peddler visits the fraternity houses and sections on the hill and is doing a paying business.—
 The Hill News, St. Lawrence.

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DAY OF PRAYER

On Thursday, January 23, the College observed the annual Day of Prayer for Colleges. All regular college exercises were suspended excepting chapel, which was held at eleven o'clock. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Beattie '96, assisted by Rev. E.W. Miller '87, and Dr. F. W. Adams.

Dr. Beattie, in his sermon, pictured the ideal Christian life and showed how to apply it to every day life.

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HOLD ME JUST A LITTLE CLOSER

At the Wellesly Prom it will be a case of keep your distance. According to a recent ruling there must be a space of three inches between the girl and her partner. We have not been informed whether the dancers carry rulers in order to live up to the letter of the law, but we expect that the college girls have not had a voice in the framing of the law and will not, therefore be unduly exacting.

It is to be deplored if this three inch law will be enforced elsewhere than on the ball room floor.

HARMONIOUS COLLEGE YELLS

At a recent meeting of the Music Teachers' National Association, Mr. X. Y. Z. of certain Seminary plead for "the use of harmonious tones in college yells instead of the ear racking and head splitting discords now in use."

Greeks, free your children, your wives, and the shrines of the gods of your fathers, and the graves of your ancestors; we strive now for all of these," must echo harshly in his aesthetic ears; and how shocking and barbarous of the charging Ten Thousand to split

I'M THE GUY



Alack, alas, ah me, and willaday! "Ear racking and head splitting discords" indeed! No, the trouble is with Mr. X. Y. Z. whose musical education has been neglected and is incomplete. He knows not the martial Muse of music. That Salaminian yell, "On sons of the

the heads and shatter the nerves of qualing Persians with that mighty shout to Enyal- ius and the thud of spears on shields! And oh you Siren! If that was the incantation of the original ladies of the same name we do not wonder that the dry bones of the spell-

bound rattled on their shores. We will lay thirteen cents, our entire balance of each in pocket, on it that X. Y. Z. has never read Homer nor heard Jenkins on the field of battle; else he would know how great a part of prowess is the cry. No Mr. Z.; we feel certain emotions not within your comprehension which we must express. You must allow us our melodious cacophonies; to us the lusty rah-rah-rah is sweeter far than the last rose of any summer.

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THE LUCKY THIRTEEN

(Accepted contribution for literary contest)

It was a rough winter day, and rather than continue my journey, I remained for a time in the little village of Patten Hollow. Like all country places where the people had little to do in winter, most interest was centered in the daily gossip about the old stove in the postoffice. The postmaster kept general store for the neighborhood trade, and on stormy days when business was dull he joined the circle of idle fellows and led in the topics of discussion.

Being a quiet fellow and having little interest in the place except to learn the peculiarities of the people, I was readily admitted among the gossipers; and after making some inquiries concerning the leading persons of the village, I obtained plenty of information.

"Speakin' of the Van Pattens and the Greenes, did ye ever hear about their family history?" said the storekeeper lighting his pipe and giving me a shrewd glance as he tipped his chair back against the counter.

Curious to hear what he had to tell I confessed my ignorance about the subject and he began as follows:

"Well, the earliest of the settlers here in these parts was Lyman Van Patten. He was an old timer, else I never knew one. He lived to be a little over ninety-six, and could remember everything from the time of the war of '12 and '14 down to the last day

of his life. He was one of them fellers as went west in search of gold when folks flocked to Cal'forn'a, and I remember his tellin' his adventures here by this old stove as well as if 'twere yesterday. He showed me a watch chain made of big gold nuggets he dug up himself, and although no one ever saw him with money in his pockets he was supposed to be a rich old miser.

"He was a powerful old soul, with an iron constitution, for he outlived two wives and two sons, and when he died nine years ago, his only relative was poor Mrs. Greene, his youngest daughter. Her husband had died about nineteen years ago leavin' her to care for three children; and since the Greenes had no money it was hoped her father would help her; but he didn't. He lived down the road in that old brick house by the bridge, and had no housekeeper nor anybody to take care of him till some few weeks before his death.

"His daughter used to take him some eatables once in a while, but aside from her no one ever entered his house.

"As I was sayin', the old man died about nine years ago last April, and much to the wonder of all the neighborhood he had hardly enough money to pay funeral expenses, sayin' nothin' of payin' for his trouble to Widow Greene.

"We were sorry for her and gave her as much work as needed doin' about the village. She used to take in washin's and do everything to educate her children. At the time of the old man's death he had a bill here for tobacco he had bought, and I was willin' to call it square if she'd let me have the old hall clock as was left her; but she'd hear to it no way. She came around and paid the bill with her own hard earned money and kept the clock and what scanty furniture there was for herself.

"She was a brave woman, and as I was sayin', she got on some way. She sent two of her children away to school and worked and got the money from somewhere. But last year there was some big changes in their

family affairs. 'Twas the holiday season and the children had come home for vacation when some of the young folks planned a party at the cottage for surprisin' Widow Greene.

"And it was a surprise if I'm a judgin'," said the postmaster, as he cleared his throat and refilled his pipe. "The party was held on New Year's eve and everybody was to bring presents for the family. We all chipped in with provisions and useful things to make the widow comfortable and happy; and she was happy you can bet. You ought 'a' seen her that night, dressed in a pink dress lookin' just like she was young again. She was so happy and pleased with what the young folks had gone and done that she forgot her hardships and much of her piety too; for 'tho she was deadly opposed to dancin' she gave the young folks right to take up the carpets and dance on the floor in the hall and sittin' room.

"If you could 'a' seen them folks a dancin'. They got Joe Smith to play his fiddle as they went hoppin' around, and it was 'most twelve o'clock when they stopped, and Mrs. Greene wanted 'em to watch the old year out and the new year in. They all were willin' and agreed at the twelfth stroke of the old clock to circle about Mrs. Greene and wish her a Happy New Year.

"Well, the old clock was tickin' the last few seconds of the old year and the folks was waitin' hardly darin' to breathe when the hour was up. The strokes were slow and even and the company counted 'em. On the twelfth stroke every one jumped up to come around Mrs. Greene, and would ye believe it, that confounded old clock struck thirteen. Now as thirteen is supposed to be unlucky all the folks was scared like and superstitious.

"But us men folks wa'n't goin' to have a joke played on us in such fashion, so we went into the hall. The old clock appeared alright and untouched, but after tickin' a short time it stopped runnin'. All the women began foretillin' of evil spirits in

such behavior, and I was most beside myself with the queerness of it too; but I screwed up sand and told Widow Greene that somethin' was a matter with the works, and offered to inspect for the trouble.

"All the folks watched me as I took off the hands and the dial. It was quite a job, but I had tinkered much with time-pieces in my earlier days and I remembered some o' the tricks o' the trade. When I got the face off I could see in the old dusty works. Lands! I guarantee they hadn't been cleaned in fifty years. As I held up the lamp for closer inspection, what do you suppose I found? Why, stickin' down in the wheels was a bundle of old yeller papers tied with wooltwine cord. I fished 'em out and handed 'em to Widow Greene, but her hands trembled so she couldn't undo 'em, so I opened the bundle and read as best I could several deeds and mortgages, and besides in a sealed envelope was a slip of old newspaper with some drawin's on it showin' with an "x" where somethin' was hid in the wall of the old cellar.

"We men went with lanterns while Mrs. Greene's son fetched a crowbar. We hurried down to the old brick house and searched the cellar for a long time till finally we found a big stone in the wall that looked looser than the rest; and after pryin' it out with the crowbar we found a big hole where the old miser hid his gold. We pulled out the bags with pains and took them to Widow Greene. She was so dum' founded with it all she couldn't speak. 'Twas no wonder tho' for she had become a rich woman in the tick of a second, and she is now the leadin' property owner in the place."

F. WILL LESLIE.

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SAD DAYS IN TROY

The melancholy days have come,
The saddest of the year,
Not cold enough for whiskey straight,
But too d—— cold for beer.

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MUSICAL CLUBS

The Glee Club has come through a most prosperous and successful season. The clubs have a repertoire of excellent songs and numbers and have been drilled by long practice into fine shape. Eight concerts have been given this season, including the Buffalo trip during Thanksgiving recess. Ten more concerts will be held, although the Utica date is not definitely settled. The Troy, Albany, Amsterdam and Schenectady concerts have not been given definite dates, but are assured. The season will close April

Louisiana, who is chairman of harbors and waterways commission, Dr Chas. A. Richmond and William Pitt Mason, Professor of Chemistry at R. P. I. Prof Mason is a graduate of the Albany Medical College and the alumni feel that his presence at the banquet will further stimulate the friendly feeling caused by renewed relations with R. P. I. Governor Sulzer will be the guest of honor of the evening.

H. H. Dickinson '13 will play the old College songs, and pictures of the new gymnasium will be distributed among the alumni.



The Musical Clubs

15th. The concerts scheduled by Manager Male are: Gloversville, February 6, Scotia, February 25. Utica, February 21, Canajoharie and Fort Plain, February 22, Lansingburg, March 25 and Glens Falls March 26.

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ALUMNI BANQUET

The banquet of the Union College Alumni of Northeastern New York will be held at the Hotel Ten Eyck. Albany, N. Y., tonight. Dr. Andrew McFarlane, '84, will act as chairman; the speakers of the evening will include, United States Senator J. E. Ransdell '82 of

When these old grads and younger alumni renew their student affiliations and are reminded of the great progress and bright prospects of their Alma Mater, there will undoubtedly be a great manifestation of enthusiasm among all.

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COMMITTEES APPOINTED

President Male of the senior class has appointed the two following committees:

Class Song: LaBarron, Dickinson, R. C. Whitney.

Class Memorial: D. W. Whitney, Riedlinger, Mayham.

COMMUNICATIONS

(The editors are not responsible for any ideas or opinions expressed in this column and insist that all communications submitted be signed.)

THE SUFFRAGISTS

To the editor:

There has been considerable criticism on the "hike" lately of the recent "hike" of some suffragists from New York to Albany and also of the proposed walk from New York to Washington, next month. The Woman Suffrage question is one of present day importance, especially as it will probably come before the people of this state in 1915 for their direct vote. Since there appears to be some misunderstanding as to the purposes of these "pilgrims" may I say a few words in their defense? It takes many sorts of people to make up this world of ours and, among others, there are those who think that they have grasped a great idea and they are so anxious to see this idea put into effect that they are willing to give time and energy, and receive severe criticisms and undesired publicity in their efforts to help make their idea effective. Then there are the more conservative people who take these ideas more slowly and calmly and give them such support as they may, through conventional channels. A much similar case to our present one was the abolition movement before the Civil war. Those hardy spirits who started that movement were subjected to all sorts of ridicule and contempt, but they felt that they were right and persisted. At that time we were fighting for the emancipation of the colored race. Now we desire the freedom of woman, not the freedom from home life and family responsibilities so much as the opportunity to help in the elimination of such conditions and institutions as may harm the life and welfare of the family and the future of their children.

I believe, that a large part of the men of this country are willing to give woman the

power of suffrage, but, like a hundred other good ideas, this thought is held back, by a lack of knowledge of the facts, an inertia and lack of initiative, a conservatism which often prevents them from supporting their ideal. If we were all reasoning creatures, the questions of right and expediency would soon be settled but most of us are still guided by emotion, popular opinion and an emulation of popular leaders, and so, it seems to me, the leaders of the suffrage movement are taking advantage of real psychological facts in pursuing their present course. First of all, the walkers will have an opportunity to address thousands of people on the way; the suffrage "literature" will be distributed; for a few days it will be a subject of conversation in the wayside homes, the criticism will arouse its supporters in the many families to a defense of their position and result in the winning over of many people to the more reasonable view of the matter. Again the "hike" will be heralded all over the country in the newspapers and as these are at present the chief formers of public opinion the beneficial effect will be real. As to the actual worth of the message to be carried to the new president, that possesses value mainly in giving a tangible object to the pilgrimage and may also be of use if Mr. Wilson, in acknowledging it, should declare himself fully in favor of suffrage for women.

Sincerely,

MILTON G. WEND, 1913

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Henry Z. Persons, '15 and Thomas A. Dent, '15 have left on a trip to the Canal Zone. They left on January 25, and expect to spend about eighteen days in all. Six days will be spent in the trip down, six or seven days at Panama and various other points in the Canal Zone, and six days on the return trip.

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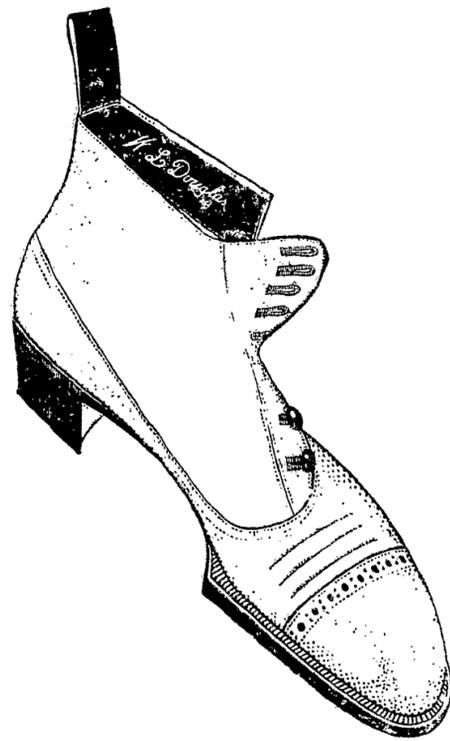
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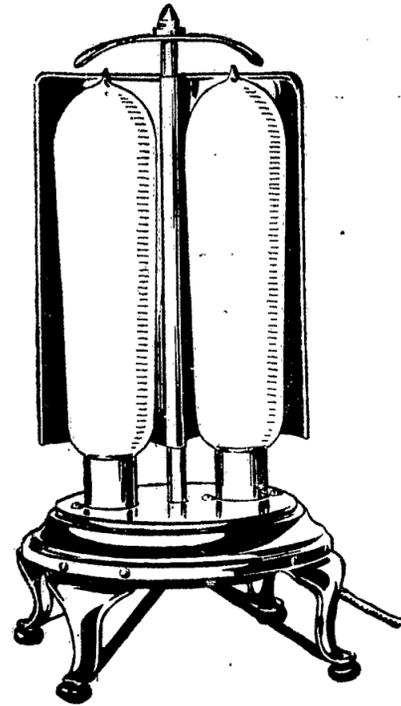
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