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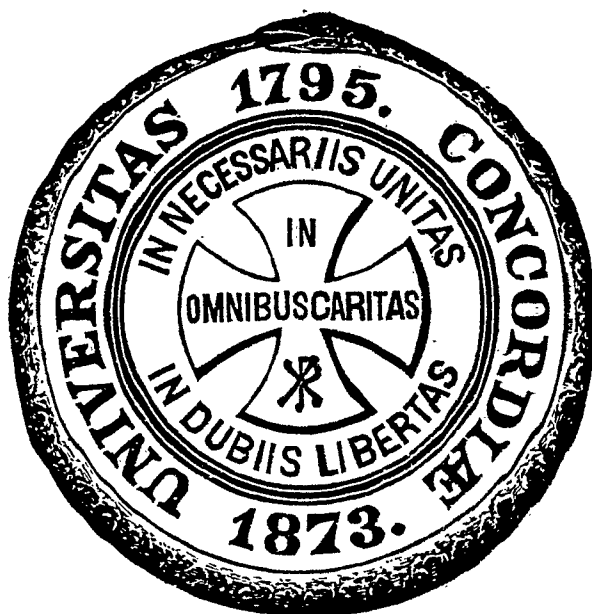
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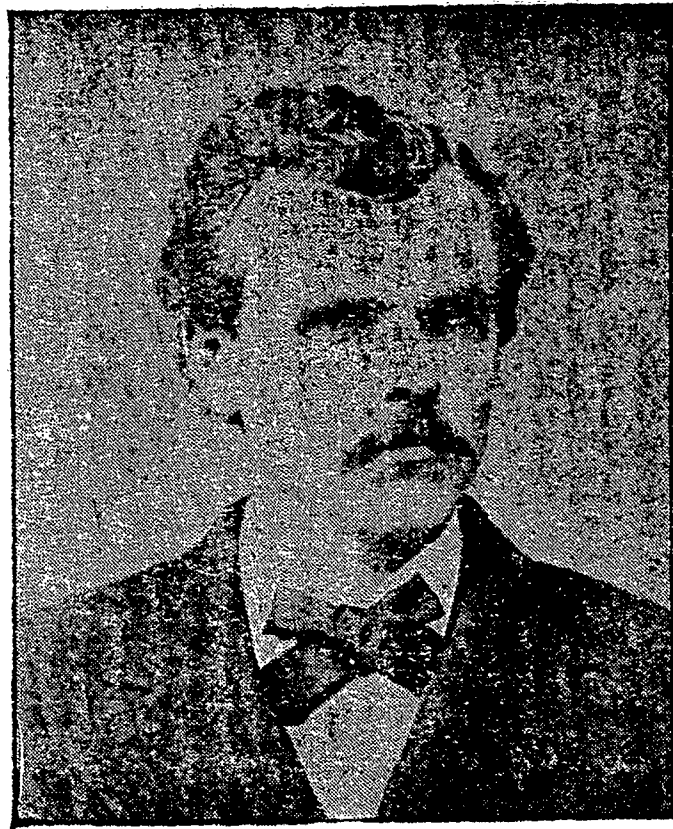
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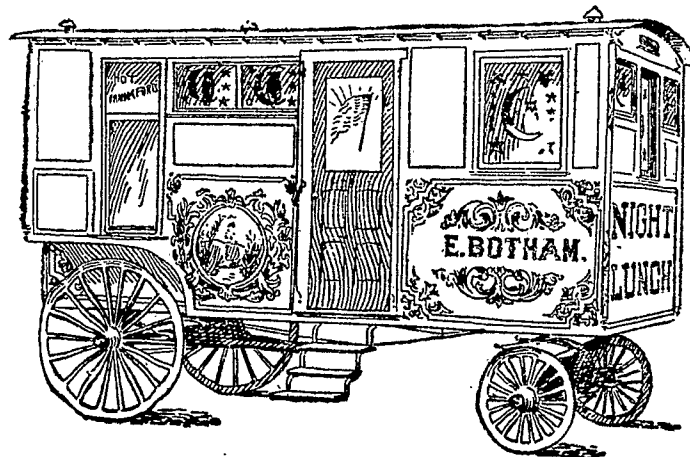
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DISFRANCHISEMENT OF THE NEGRO.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE.

Two events of recent occurrence mark a new phase in the development of the colored suffrage question in this country. One is the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States affirming the validity of the suffrage clause of the Mississippi constitution, thereby acknowledging the right of a state to limit the exercise of its suffrage, although the restrictions imposed are expected to apply to the colored race only. The other is the election of November, 1898, in North Carolina, and the spirit in which the result has been received throughout the country. The election is acknowledged to have been revolutionary in its character, but there is no disposition manifested to interfere or question the permanence of its result.

The question is rapidly nearing a crisis. The South, impatient under the rule of ignorance and incompetency, anxious for the welfare of their country, and goaded to desperation by the maladministration of negro control, have risen in protest and are endeavoring by legal means to free themselves from the hated yoke. "The whites must rule," is the battle cry to which all the South is rallying. Already many of the southern states have passed constitutional amendments placing educational and property qualifications on the right of suffrage, aimed directly at the disfranchisement of their negro populations.

Mississippi took the first step by framing a new constitution, the suffrage clause of which can be so interpreted as to disseminate against the ignorant colored voter and in favor of the ignorant white voter. South Carolina followed

in 1895, adding in addition to the educational test a property qualification, and in 1897 Louisiana went further than either of the other states by limiting the application of the tests to those families who had not had the right of suffrage before 1867, thus openly and without even the semblance of justice depriving the negro of his constitutional rights.

To us of the North, imbued as we are with the spirit of political equality and the doctrine of universal suffrage, with no parallel environment to warp and bias our judgment; such measures are without support in law or justice, directly contrary to the fundamental principles of a Republican government. But is this true? Is universal suffrage the foundation of a government of the people by the people and for the people? Suffrage is not a natural right; nor a legal, political or general result of freedom or citizenship. The large majority of citizens do not and cannot vote. Ignorance and poverty in whatever class, without distinction of race or color, ought to be and must eventually be excluded from all share in government. Universal suffrage has no foundation except in the popular intelligence. It would be a great relief for some of the ballot-box evils, if the example of New England, where the electorate is of the highest order, were followed by all the states. Massachusetts requires of voters a prepayment of taxes, and voting and officeholding are limited to those who can read the constitution in the English language and write their own names. If then a property and educational qualification for suffrage is considered necessary in those states in which the average of intelligence is so high and in which there is no clearly marked distinction of classes; how much more necessary are such tests in the South, where the distinction between poverty and wealth, intelligence and ignorance is so marked and where such an impassable barrier exists between the thriftless,

illiterate black on the one hand and the prosperous intelligent white on the other.

Although we cannot but condemn class legislation, has the disfranchisement of the negro no justification? Of all the important constituent parts of our nation the negro is by far the most ignorant; nearly half of the race are absolutely illiterate, only a minority of the other half have a common school education while but a remnant are liberally educated. The negro has not been, either by apprenticeship, nor political education, nor intellectual culture prepared for the electoral franchise. Colored suffrage was a wrong to the nation, to the states, to the white and black races and especially to the blacks themselves. Negro suffrage as a rule is a farce, a burlesque on elections. The negroes vote as puppets, as machines, without the least conception of the significance of the act they are performing. Is it just, then, that the right of suffrage should be left in the hands of those who neither know nor are capable of knowing the responsibilities which accompany it? Is it just to the South, is it just to the nation that ignorance and superstition should have an equal share in the government with intelligence and reason? Should there not be some educational qualification for suffrage which will secure the South from the rule of men who can neither read nor write?

Yet such a condition of affairs exists in many districts of the South today. In many instances local administration is almost entirely under the control of the blacks. What is the result? The reins of government are loosed, law and justice are suspended, riot and crime are rife, and social and economic disorders overrun the communities. In Wilmington, for example, which was the center of disturbances in North Carolina, all the principle offices were in the hands of the negroes. What was the condition of the municipality under such a regime? There was no security for person or property, foreign capitalists were afraid to invest their money, business interests suffered and the prosperity of the city declined. Are then commercial interests and municipal welfare to be endangered by the maladministration of negro control? Up to the

present time the black has shown himself utterly incapable of governing. All his efforts in that direction have been failures. As long as he continues shiftless, ignorant, incompetent and superstitious, is there not justification in the refusal to give the Negro absolute control over invested capital and municipal affairs.

Again the negro of the South, living as a rule from hand to mouth, lazy, thriftless and unprovident, contributes little or nothing to the support of the state. Should then the non-taxpayers have an equal share in the government with the taxpayers? Our forefathers fought for no taxation without representation; is not the corollary as just, "no representation without taxation?" Yet such is the result of colored suffrage that in many districts of the South the negroes, while furnishing nothing to the public revenues, have entire control of the raising and expenditure of these revenues. Is this just or fair? No. Justice and fairness both demand that some more equal distribution of powers should be made. But what? On the one hand the welfare of the South requires that government be in the hands of competent men; on the other, the casting and counting of his ballot is the negro's constitutional right.

This is the problem. What then is the solution? Either the government will fail in the South or it must be modified in form. It is just that the white should rule but it is neither just to the black, nor advantageous to the white that the poor black be deprived of his right of suffrage, while the poor white retains his. Deny the franchise to the black alone and we confess that our vaunted scheme of universal suffrage is a farce; disfranchise ignorance and poverty in both classes and the principles of political equality are sustained, justice is reconciled and the welfare of the South preserved.

EDWARD WINSLOW STRONG.

"Young maid," said he, "I ask of thee
To fly, to fly, to fly with me."

"Young man," said she, "now don't you be
Too fly, too fly, too fly with me."—Ex.

INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY A DAY OF SURPRISES ON THE GRIDIRON.

Last Saturday's football games furnished some of the biggest surprises the gridiron has known in a long time. Two of the large 'varsity elevens, confident of success, were outplayed and beaten by teams not supposed to rank in their class. Cornell, imagined by everyone to be especially weak, took "Old Nassau" into camp by a score of five to nothing, while Columbia, a new eleven of this single season's standing, duplicated Cornell's score by defeating Yale in a rattling game. This latter result, while unexpected, still cannot be compared with the Tiger's upset at Ithaca.

Hard, active and sincere preparation for these games by the victorious elevens is undoubtedly the cause of the unlooked-for defeats. Columbia, under the supervision of an old Yale player—a discredited coach of this year, has been doing the hardest kind of work ever since August with the main object in view of making "Old Eli" hustle when the two elevens should meet. Yale's defeat cannot be ascribed to any particular weakness on her part, but rather it must be attributed to the superior aggressiveness and general team work of the New York eleven. The great enthusiasm of the Columbia undergraduates at the game may also have served as a decided stimulus to the blue and white.

Cornell has had both poor material and strife about her management to contend with since the beginning of the season. That she has done so well is indeed remarkable. Princeton's general weakness in the game is said to be due to the sultry weather prevailing in New Jersey during the past week and to the consequential loss of snap and vigor among her men. This excuse may go for the time but it will not do to urge it on November 25, when the Yale-Princeton game occurs. It would seem at present that both these elevens are very evenly matched. Their work from now on will certainly be very keenly watched on all sides.

The Carlisle Indians succeeded in being the first eleven to score on Harvard this season. The crimson men, however, proved themselves easily the superiors of the Indians in strength and endurance. Not a Harvard man was hurt in any way, while several of the government school men had to be helped off the field. Considering the Indians' remarkable showing to date, it must be admitted that Harvard, to all appearances, has now certainly the finest aggregation of football players in the country.

Pennsylvania braced up on Saturday and, despite the tiresome effects of a thousand mile journey, came very near defeating, in fact should have defeated, the strong eleven of the University of Chicago. Her supporters are very much elated over her improved showing.

Considering Wesleyan's strong showing against Union and West Point's defeat of Dartmouth, an exciting struggle can be predicted when the New Hampshire eleven encounters the Connecticut team. Wesleyan certainly appears to have excellent chances of success.

Williams defeated Syracuse on Saturday by a small score, but her work would not thus far indicate that she will be a strong factor in the triangular league championship.

But two games now remain for Union this season unless the faculty consent to an arrangement for a Thanksgiving Day game. Colgate and Hamilton will be her opponents. Both games will be on the campus and good struggles are anticipated. The Garnet should certainly triumph over Colgate but the issue seems much more in doubt in regard to Hamilton. It will be remembered that Hamilton was the only eleven that defeated "Bill" Smith's aggregation last year and then it was by a score of seventeen to ten. Both elevens so far appear to be evenly matched and a hard tussle should certainly ensue. Bryan and Robinson have both proved themselves strong additions to the eleven and with Willis back this week further strength should be gained. Union's defense thus far has been unquestionably weak. It is to be sincerely hoped for that a decided improvement takes place at once. Hamilton encounters the Carlisle Indians at Utica this Saturday and a good idea of her strength may be ascertained by the result of that game.

THE WESLEYAN GAME.

Her Strong Eleven Outplays the Garnet at Springfield.

Union's trip to Springfield last Saturday was unsuccessful in many ways. Not only were the Garnet representatives beaten in a thorough manner but the management was not even able to defray expenses and lost money to the extent of over one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Previous to starting, no one on the eleven would have believed that Wesleyan would have been able to run up a score of forty-one points to Union's nothing. That she did so, cannot be wholly traced to her superior playing, although it can be in a great measure. The Connecticut eleven played a strong, fast, snappy game, which carried the Schenectady men before it with rapidity. Union stood firm a number of times throughout the game but seemed to lack stamina at the proper moment. A more impartial referee would have undoubtedly decreased Wesleyan's score and at the same time might have allowed Union to increase hers by at least five points. Referee Davis was by no means fair and several times made Union suffer by unjust decisions. Disapproval of his actions was manifested not only by the spectators but by the Springfield press of the following day.

Union seemed discouraged almost from the start and, after the ball had been taken away from her toward the end of the first half, played in rather a half-hearted manner. The remarkably snappy play of Wesleyan, and the utter failure of the Union eleven behind the line, with the exception of Paige, to get into defensive play tells the whole story of the defeat.

The day was rainy, foggy and as disagreeable as it could be and in consequence but two hundred people paid the admission fee despite the fact that the game had been thoroughly advertised. The muddy field and the slippery ball made fumbling frequent on both sides.

The first half was fought in both eleven's territories. Union at one time succeeded in reaching Wesleyan's ten yard line only to have the ball taken away from her. Gordon bucked

the line, got up, and the referee gave Wesleyan the ball, no one knows why. Wesleyan ran up a total of seventeen points in this half.

In the second, the Garnet was ploughed through for a total of twenty-four more. Wesleyan's largest gains were made by means of the quarterback running with the ball and by several double passes. The line up:

WESLEYAN.	UNION.
S. Dodd.....right end.....	Thebo
Ackert.....right tackle..	Robinson, Fenton
Brown.....right guard..	Collier, Robinson
Silliman.....center.....	Finnegan
Lufkin.....left guard.....	Bryan
Montgomery.....left tackle.....	Shaw
Cornwall.....left end.....	Carver
C. Dodd.....quarter.....	Acheson, Weed
Wing.....left half back.....	Gordon
Hartzell.....right half back.....	Wells, Slack
Ingliss.....full back.....	Paige

Score, Wesleyan, 41; Union, 0; touchdowns, Ingliss, 3, Cornwall, 1, Hartzell, 3; goals, Brown, 6; referee, Mr. Davis, Wesleyan, '96; umpire, Mr. Palmer of Cornell; linesmen, Calden of Wesleyan, and Weed of Union.

SCRUB vs. SCHENECTADY.

The Second Eleven Victorious over the Local Team.

The second of the series of games between the second eleven and General Electric team of this city took place Saturday afternoon on the campus. The weather was damp and sultry, but this did not keep the crowd away as there was a large representation of rooters who were made happy by fast snappy football. During the first half, the chances were about even until near the close when the town team began to show signs of weakening. During the second half, the scrub had everything their own way, which was owing, on the one hand to superior all around work, and on the other to their opponents' loss of players through injuries. The playing was fast at all times, and the features of the game were the tackling and gains of Smith and Tilden for the Electrics, and the excellent game put up by Anderson, Woolworth and Raymond for the scrub.

In the first half Union had the kick off, and after the electricians' advances of thirty yards Union secured the ball on downs. The leather soon came again into their opponents' possession, who gained about thirty yards more through center rushes, but finally lost the ball on a fumble. Union now settled down to work and was rapidly carrying their opponents before them when time was called.

In the second half things assumed a brightening aspect for the scrub. By steady line bucking they brought the ball from their twenty yard line to the Schenectady's five yard line. A fumble gave the ball to the Electrics but they failed to make any gains, and after a lively scrimmage the ball rolled over the line and Woolworth falling on it made a touchdown. No goal was kicked, and the half ended shortly. The line up follows:

SCHENECTADY
FOOTBALL TEAM.

UNION'S
SECOND ELEVEN.

Glen (Capt.), Brown.	left end	Hawkes
Bissell	left tackle	Hoadley
Bookhout	left guard	Elliott
Calkins	center	Bolles
Curtis	right guard	Dickinson
DeLoffre	right tackle	Pritchard
Smith	right end	Sumereski
Tilden	quarter back	Anderson (Capt.)
Mooney	left half back	Dunning
Shoeffler	right half back	Raymond
Mynderse, Marshall, W. C. Yates	full back	Woolworth

Summary: Union scrub, 5; G. E., 0; touchdown, Woolworth; referee, William C. Yates, Union '98; umpire, John E. Parker, 1901; time of halves, 20 minutes each.

1900 DEFEATS THE U. C. I.

The senior class football eleven, in view of their approaching inter-class games, met the team representing the Union Classical Institute on the campus Friday afternoon, and defeated the high school boys by a score of 28 to 0. The superior weight of the seniors represented by such sturdy warriors as Winterberg and "Chicopee" Smith, was too much for their juvenile opponents and the running up of a large score was the result.

The best playing for U. C. I. was done by Steele, the left half, and Smith, the plucky little quarter back; while for 1900 the runs of Lawton and Ripley, and the effective line bucking of Tuggey were the most important features.

The game throughout presented many humorous spectacles, among which were: the sensational run of "Chicopee," who, with the pig-skin (?) snugly tucked under his belt, sprinted down the field for forty yards; the resigned attitudes of the 1900 subs., Loucks and Potter, who stood on the sidelines eager to see some unfortunate classmate laid out; the confusion of the players caused by the appearance of a second ball; and the beautiful run by the dog Dan. A large crowd of students both of the college and U. C. I. were present. Among the latter were a bevy of the fair sex who cheered their heroes on to glory and defeat.

The line up and score follows:

U. C. I., 0.	1900, 28.	
Lansing	right end	Ripley
Alexander	right tackle	Boorn
Reed	right guard	Smith
Vedder	center	Winterberg
Parker	left guard	Elliott
Quick	left tackle	Broughton
Ketchum	left end	Lawton
C. Smith	quarter back	Anderson
Steele	left half back	Featherstonhaugh
Kuhn	right half back	Brown
Link	full back	Tuggey

LATE FRATERNITY INITIATES.

The following is the list of the fraternities and the freshmen initiated by them too late for publication in last week's issue:

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Guy B. Griswold, Whitehall; Arthur P. Clark, Jordan; Louis F. Shroeder, Port Leyden; Sanford A. Moeller, Albany; George H. Brown, Housatonic, Mass.

BETA THETA PI.

William Acheson, Troy; Thomas R. Tillott, Auburn; Harry Bowler, Amsterdam.

KAPPA ALPHA.

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THE FOOTBALL management is in need of funds, and the advisory board reports that there is still in the neighborhood of \$400 of subscriptions remain-

ing unpaid. Now these are two conditions that ought not to exist. The football team is certainly deserving of financial support. The men are giving up valuable time and many pleasures for the less congenial work of training, and on every hand there is to be heard nothing but praise for team and management alike. But words are cheap, and perhaps the very men who are so anxious to express their satisfaction have not paid in their football subscriptions. Praise is all right, rooting is all right, it's all very well to pound the backs of the seats in chapel meeting, but just at present the team needs some more substantial support in the shape of funds. Fellows, pay up.

THE CONCORDIENSIS hereby announces the opening of competition for positions on the editorial board as follows: from the class of 1903 five men will be appointed as reporters, to serve during their sophomore year; and from the class of 1902 there will be four appointments as associate editors to hold office during their junior year. Competition will begin at once and the appointments, which will be announced on or about the first of May, 1900, will, in every case, be made on a basis of work submitted. The attention of sophomores, in particular, is called to the fact that any member of the class may try for a position as associate editor. The mere fact that a man has "made" the paper during his freshman year is in itself no reason why he should be retained; and the five sophomores whose work, as regards quantity and quality, is most satisfactory will receive the appointments for next year. All students who intend to take up journalism as a profession or who are in any way interested in literary work, should avail themselves of this opportunity offered. Those desiring to compete for these positions are requested to register their names with the editor-in-chief.

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CHARLES M. JENKINS, '29.

Sketch of the Life of Union's Oldest Living Alumnus.

Among the alumni of almost every college in the country there is being waged a friendly contest as to which one shall hold the title of "Oldest Alumnus." This spirit of generous rivalry is quickened and increased by the annual alumni banquets and reunions at which these alumni assemble, and for a short hour live over their college life, telling of their own youthful days and reviewing the past, until as the man grows older he comes to realize the respect and distinction that is attached to the term, and is filled with the desire to hold the contested title.

Yale, Harvard and many other of the older colleges have alumni living who were graduated in the early years of the present century and in whom the undergraduates and alumni take pride and respect, but none have more just reason to glory in this fact than has our own alma mater. The man who has the honor of being the oldest alumnus of *Universitas Concordiæ* is Mr. Charles M. Jenkins, who graduated in 1829.

Mr. Jenkins was born in 1800, at Rensselaerville, Albany County, where he received his early education. Later he attended the academies at Greenville and Lansingburgh where he prepared for Union. Entering this institution at the beginning of his sophomore year; he graduated with honor in 1829. From college he took up the study of law at the Litchfield (Conn.) Law School, in which the only instructor was Judge Parker, father of the present Judge Parker of this state. Since graduation Mr. Jenkins has been practicing law in Albany under the firm name of Cooper & Jenkins and has had a large and lucrative practice.

Mr. Jenkins has always been a warm and loyal alumnus of his alma mater and has attended a large number of banquets and reunions. As a lawyer he has been signally successful and has been connected with a number of important cases and settlements of estates, notable among the latter the settlement of the Van Rensselaer estate which was one of the old Patroon grants.

Mr. Jenkins is a greatly respected member of the Albany Bar, and is connected with a number of legal organizations. While in college he was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, and on graduation was awarded a Phi Beta Kappa key.

Mr. Jenkins' home is at Rensselaerville, his birthplace, where in the midst of a grove of locusts stands the old family homestead, and where, surrounded by his children, grand children and great grand children, this Christian character is quietly enjoying the evening of a life of usefulness.

Special interest attaches to Mr. Jenkins at the present time because during the past week he has been among us. Probably few of the students were aware who was the oldest living graduate of the college, and not many realized that the venerable son of Old Union was on the campus last week. Mr. Jenkins came partly on business and in part for the pleasure of seeing again the old college he loves so well. Friday afternoon he visited the grounds, going the rounds of the buildings and on Friday evening he attended the Kappa Alpha initiation in the latter's rooms over the post office. It is certainly a matter of regret that the whole student body was not aware of his presence in time to show him the respect and honor which is due him.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Amherst vs. Mass. Agricultural College at Amherst.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Yale vs. West Point at West Point.

Amherst vs. M. I. T. at Amherst.

Princeton vs. Brown at Princeton.

Harvard vs. U. of P. at Philadelphia.

Union vs. Colgate at Schenectady.

Lehigh vs. Lafayette at Easton.

Stevens Institute vs. Rutgers at New Brunswick.

Williams vs. Laureate A. C. at Troy.

Hamilton vs. Carlisle Indians at Utica.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Cornell vs. Columbia at New York.

Lehigh vs. Maryland A. C. at Baltimore.

FOOTBALL SCORES.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Princeton, 17; Lehigh, 0.
 Swarthmore, 34; Rutgers, 0.
 Amherst, 11; Bowdoin, 6.
 Williams, 12; Trinity, 0.
 Tufts, 29; M. I. T., 0.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Columbia, 5; Yale, 0.
 Cornell, 5; Princeton, 0.
 Harvard, 22; Carlisle Indians, 10.
 West Point, 6; Dartmouth, 2.
 Chicago, 5; Pennsylvania, 5.
 Brown, 35; Newton A. C., 0.
 Lafayette, 5; Naval Cadets, 0.
 Williams, 6; Syracuse, 0.
 Lehigh, 50; N. Y. University, 0.
 Wesleyan, 41; Union, 0.
 Boston College, 18; Amherst, 0.
 Swarthmore, 22; Stevens, 2.
 Pennsylvania State, 15; Dickinson, 0.
 Ursinus, 53; Rutgers, 6.
 M. I. T., 6; Worcester Polytechnic, 6.

PRESS CLUB ORGANIZES.

The college correspondents for newspapers, and other students interested in journalism to the number of about twenty, met in the chapel on Friday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Press Club. The advisability of forming such a club was discussed, and all present were greatly in favor of the scheme. It was argued that all the preparatory schools within a certain radius could be kept in touch with the college by such means, and further that all the metropolitan papers should have correspondents at Union—a condition of affairs not now in practice. By exercising a control over all news sent out from the college, many false reports can be done away with. These and other reasons made it apparent that the club should organize, which it did by electing the following officers: President, Philip L. Thomson; vice-president, Gardiner Kline; secretary-treasurer, Arthur S. Golden; censor, Lester T. Hubbard. A committee composed of the president, C. P. Wagoner and P. L. Merriman was directed to draw up a constitution to be presented at a subsequent meeting.

DR. MULFORD'S ADDRESS.

The regular vesper service was held as usual in the chapel Sunday afternoon, and the good sized audience present had the pleasure of listening to the Rev. Dr. H. D. B. Mulford, professor of English at Rutgers.

Dr. Mulford spoke of the bond of interest between Union and Rutgers and paid a high tribute to Dr. Raymond. He then treated the merits of the book of Proverbs, adducing some valuable lessons from it.

He pictured vision in three ways, first treating its nobility, then its necessity, and finally its naturalness.

In conclusion the speaker said that there has been lately a great change in the manner of study and that to everyone the need of vision is apparent. We should live so as to appreciate vision, not only for this life but also for the life to come.

MONDAY'S COLLEGE MEETING.

In accordance with the sentiment expressed in last week's *Concordiensis* relative to the manner of exit from chapel, a committee composed of the presidents and vice-presidents of the classes drafted a set of resolutions, which was adopted by the student body. It was to the effect that order of rank should be observed; the students standing while the faculty leave and then the other classes following as their seniority give them the privilege.

The election of the assistant track manager was the next piece of business accomplished and Joseph H. Clement, Jr., 1901, was unanimously chosen for the office.

It was the sentiment of the students that another university banquet should be held as in '98, and a committee has been appointed to arrange for it.

A protest was made against the fellows crowding on the field during games, as it seriously hinders the play. It is to be hoped that care will be taken in this matter in the future.

Messrs. Raitt, Potter and Winterberg were appointed to petition the faculty for a recess the Monday preceding election day.

AMONG THE ALUMNI.

News of Interest Concerning Union's Graduates.

[Every student and alumnus of Union is invited to send to the Editor-in-Chief items of interest for insertion in this department. News of a personal nature, about any alumnus, will be gladly received and printed.]

'59.—At the annual session of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New York, held at Troy recently, James H. Robinson of Delhi, N. Y., was elected moderator. The Troy Times publishes the following sketch of his life:

"Rev. Dr. J. H. Robinson, the newly elected moderator, has been in the ministry since 1863. At that time he was preaching in New York and was a member of the Second New York Presbytery. He was a member of the class of '59 of Union College and was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Allegheny City, Penn., in 1863. In 1871 he became a charter member of the Otsego Presbytery, and has labored in that field ever since. He is an unassuming man, but one of excellent judgment, and is a strict disciplinarian. He is very popular among the clergy of the central part of the state. He is at present pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Delhi. About six years ago he received the degree of doctor of divinity from his Alma Mater. His labors in the Otsego Presbytery have been of such a remarkable character that the Presbytery has sprung from a mere nothing into a prominence that places it with the foremost organizations of the church in the state."

'62.—Prof. S. B. Howe and wife of this city spent the summer touring through Europe.

'72.—By a curious coincidence William James Hillis is candidate for recorder and Charles Hood Mills has been nominated for comptroller of the city of Albany. Both are running on the Independent Municipal ticket.

'78.—Hon. Seymour VanSantvoord of Troy is the democratic candidate for treasurer of Rensselaer county.

'93.—Roger G. Perkins, who has been spending a few weeks with his father, Professor Per-

kins, on college hill, has gone to Cleveland, O., where he will resume his duties as Resident Pathologist at the Lake Side Hospital. After his graduation at Union, Mr. Perkins took a post graduate course at Harvard, and then went to Johns Hopkins University, where he received the degree of M. D. last June.

'93.—Harry Glen, librarian of the Schenectady free public library, spent the summer on a tour through southern England and France.

'97.—At the Schenectady county Republican convention, James Wingate of Princetown was nominated for school commissioner. His name was placed before the convention by Frank McMillan, '98.

A local daily published the following sketch of the life of the candidate:

"The nominee for school commissioner on the republican ticket, Mr. James Wingate, is well known to every person in the county interested in school work, for he has been closely identified with educational interests for several years.

"Mr. Wingate was born on the Wingate homestead farm in the town of Princetown, near Kelly's Station, in 1871. His ancestry is Scotch, his great grandfather coming from Scotland and settling in this country. He also comes from a republican family, his father, Andrew T. Wingate, having represented his town as supervisor in the late sixties. Mr. Wingate received his early education in the district school in the town in which he has always lived. In 1887 he entered the Union Classical Institute in this city and graduated with honors with the class of '90. Following his graduation he taught school in three different districts in his native town with pronounced success, and gained a splendid idea of the workings of the public schools. In the fall of 1893 he entered Union College, where he spent four years in earnest study and graduated with the class of '97. Since then he has taught school in the village of Duanesburg and also in the town of Rotterdam.

"Success has followed Prof. Wingate's efforts as a teacher, and with a liberal education, a thorough knowledge of school work, young,

progressive and enterprising, he is well equipped for the duties of school commissioner."

'98.—John Crapo Merchant has entered the Albany Medical College.

'98.—Perley Poore Sheehan has a position on the reportorial staff of the New York Evening World.

'98.—William Dike Reed has held a position with the New York Herald since his graduation. He has just begun his second year at the New York Law School.

'98.—Charles Duane Griffith visited his brother, D. E. Griffith, 1902, last week. Mr. Griffith is now located in New York, where he has a position in the general accountant's office of the Wagner Palace Car Co.

CAMPUS CHAT.

A Variety of Topics Picked Up Here and There.

Bowler, 1903, spent Sunday at his home in Amsterdam.

Bennett, 1901, spent Sunday with his parents in Amsterdam.

Edward E. Draper, '97, of Lansingburgh, was on the hill Monday.

Rev. Philip H. Cole, '88, of Syracuse was in town last week Wednesday.

Mr. Green, Vermont 1902, visited friends at the Phi Delta Theta house last week.

Walter S. McEwan, '95, of Loudonville visited Beta Theta Phi friends last week.

J. Harwood Dudley, '75, of Johnstown, and Col. W. F. Fox, '60, of Albany, were the guests of the Chi Psi fraternity last Thursday.

John Fay Putnam, who is teaching in Johnstown, N. Y., and expects to enter Union next year, was the guest of Argersinger, 1901, and Hunt, 1903, last week.

The Seniors and Juniors played a tie game of football on the campus Monday, neither side scoring. The lateness of the day prevents a detailed account in this issue.

G. Ernest Raitt, 1900, led the Y. M. C. A. prayer meeting last evening. The subject for discussion was, "The Gift of Power," Acts 1: 1-8. Next week Leland L. Boorn, 1900, will conduct the meeting. Subject: "God's Unfailing Promises." Reference: Psalms 91: 1-16.

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An interesting debate was held at the Philomathean hall last Wednesday evening. The question was, "Resolved, that in accordance with her duty, the United States cannot stop short of complete subjection of the Phillipines." Read, 1900, Griffith, 1902, and Mulvaney, 1903, supported the affirmative, and the negative speakers were, Brown, 1900, and Fenster, 1903. The judges decided the debate in favor of the affirmative.

Orin G. Cox, '98, was on the hill last Thursday and gave a talk to the senior class in Economics. Mr. Cox is now at New York, where he attends the Union Theological Seminary. He is also pursuing a course of sociological studies under the direction of Franklin H. Giddings, '77, of Columbia college. In his address Mr. Cox emphasized the importance of practical sociology and economics, drawing illustrations from his personal experiences in New York.

The second descriptive essays of the fall term are due from the freshmen this afternoon. The subjects offered are as follows:

1. The Architectural Plan of Union College.
2. Schenectady as a Center of Transportation.
3. South Africa from the Standpoint of Political Geography.
4. The General Electric works.
5. Old Schenectady, as it May be Seen Today.
6. Sunday Morning in Schenectady.

The Adelphic Literary society held its usual meeting last Thursday evening. Seven names were proposed for membership, and Lewis, 1903, and Powell, 1903, were initiated, and Hartin, 1903, Jenkins, 1903, and Bowler, 1903, were elected into the society. The following question was debated: "Resolved, that England's policy in regard to the Transvaal, if carried out, would be for the best interest of mankind." The speakers for the affirmative were, Dunham, 1900; South, 1902; and Parsons, 1902. H. B. Jones, 1900, led the debate for the negative, assisted by Winterberg, 1900, and Powell, 1900, Featherstonhaugh, 1900, who acted as judge, decided in favor of the negative. The president reported that arrangements have been completed to hold a joint debate with the Philomatheans the first week of each month.

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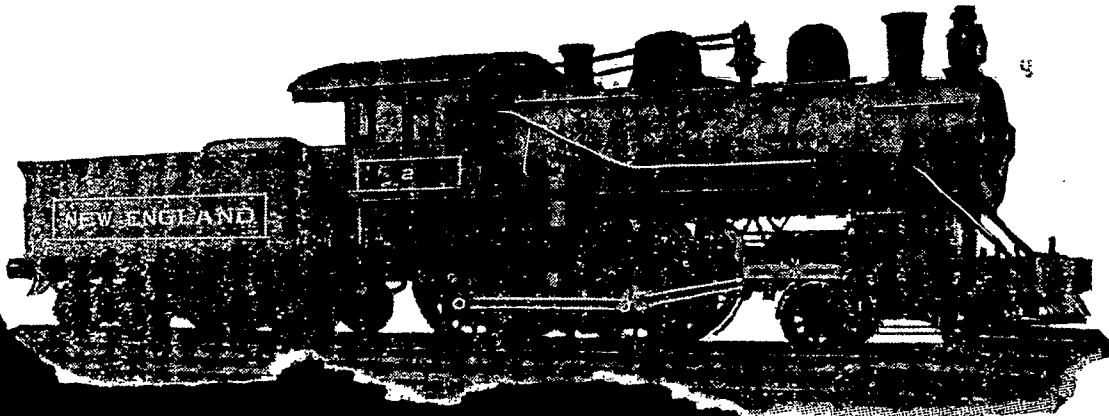
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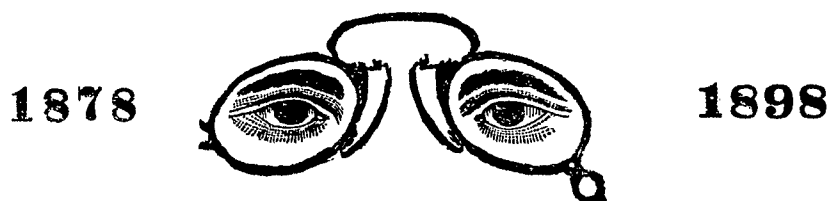
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