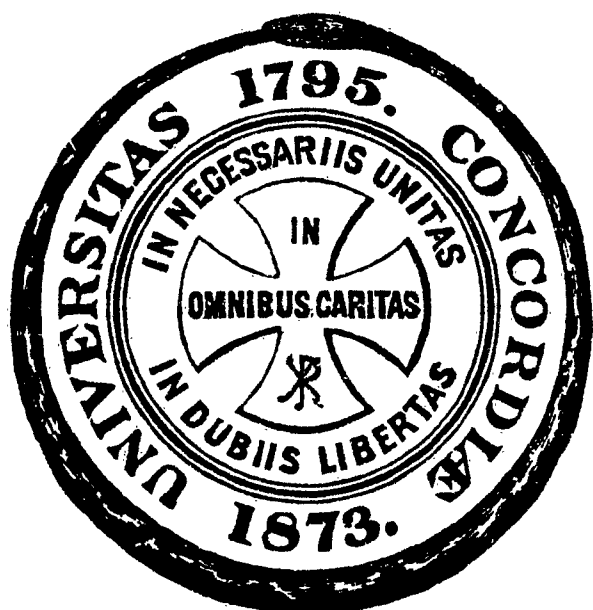


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The Albany Concert.

The third and most successful concert of the season was given by the college musical clubs in Albany, Thursday Evening, Feb. 4.

The popularity of Union in Albany was shown by the large and enthusiastic audience that assembled at Jermain Hall. Every seat was occupied. The stars and stripes and Union's flags and colors were used for the decorations, and they made a pleasing background for the clubs as they formed upon the stage. A beautiful floral piece, bearing the word "hikah," was placed on the piano in the center of the stage as the clubs appeared, and the large audience joined in a general and cordial welcome to Union.

From the opening number on the programme to the close every selection was enthusiastically encored. The singing of the Glee club deserves special commendation, as every selection pleased the audience and showed the effect of careful training and excellent direction.

The Sophomore quartette caused a great deal of laughter with their humorous song "Dried Apple Pies," and were obliged to respond to several encores.

The Banjo and Mandolin clubs also did excellent work and were fully appreciated by the large audience. "Wah Sid," the Chinese march, was given at its best, and was one of the many selections that was encored.

Mr. Cook, 1900, showed his genius as a humorist and fully entertained the audience with his irresistibly funny recitations. He was recalled several times and later, by special request, he gave "Casey in Court."

The Union songs and the closing college cheer delighted the many alumni, undergraduates and friends present, and were a fitting close to a most successful concert.

The clubs were royally entertained during their brief visit in Albany. In the afternoon a tea was given by Mrs. William P. Rudd. Mr. Rudd, '73, is the president of the college alumni association of northern New York, and did much toward furthering the success of the concert.

The hostess was aided in receiving at the tea by Mrs. A. V. V. Raymond, Mrs. Albert Vander Veer, Mrs. Albert V. Benson, Miss Leake, Miss Florence Juliette Jones, Miss Flora Brady, Miss Kathryn Clinton Baldwin and Miss Elizabeth Penn Leonard. Miss Mabel Whitney poured chocolate and Miss Alice Martin presided at the coffee urn.

The garnet of Union was predominant in the tastily arranged decorations, and the rich red roses gave a greater effect to the scene. The tea table was loaded with the caterer's art, all in the college color.

The Glee club gave several selections during the afternoon which added to the enjoyment of those present.

Among the guests were noticed Mrs. Luther Tucker, Miss Tucker, Gen. Amasa J. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Amasa J. Parker, Jr., Miss Anna Parker, Prof. and Mrs. Warren, Miss Lucy Plympton, Lieut.-Gov. and Mrs. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. John V. L. Pruyn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seymour Pearse, Miss Battershall, Miss Hilliard, Miss Virginia Murphey, Miss Morton, Miss Taylor, Mr. William Vischer, Miss Elsie Norton, Miss Nina Ward, Miss Wales, Miss Learned, Miss Lansing, Mrs. William Barnes, Jr., Miss Anderson, Mrs. J. Warner Bott, Miss Margaret Liscomb, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Terry Durant, Mr. and Mrs. Horace G. Young, Miss Helen Martin, Miss Julia Walsh, Miss Pauline Townsend, Miss Pruyn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius E. Franklin, Mr. Douw H. Fonda, Jr., Mr. Robert Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey

Pratt Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John De Witt Peltz, Miss Murphy, Miss Oliver and Miss Annie Ghio.

The concert over, the members of the clubs and many Union alumni and undergraduates repaired to the Albany club where they were royally entertained.

The greatest credit is due to Mr. William P. Rudd, '73, Cornelius E. Franklin, '83, and F. W. Cameron, '81, for their efficient labors in furthering the success of the concert, and to the respective leaders, the management, and the many other alumni and undergraduates who faithfully worked for it.

To quote the Albany *Argus*, "The performance was one of the best ever given in this city by a college glee club, and was listened to throughout with the greatest pleasure, the various numbers being applauded to the echo."

The *Express* said, "The glee club is as good as that of any college which has sung here, and it was far above the average."

The patronesses of the concert were: Mrs. John E. McElroy, Mrs. Albert Vander Veer, Mrs. William P. Rudd, Mrs. Luther M. Tucker, Mrs. James K. McClure, Mrs. Edward D. Ronan, Mrs. John V. L. Pruyn, Mrs. H. G. Littlefield, Mrs. John Delehanty, Mrs. Frederick Harris, Mrs. Edward McKinney, Mrs. Walter S. McEwan, Mrs. Howard Pemberton, Mrs. Matthew Bender, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. Lewis Cass, Miss Lucy A. Plympton, Mrs. Ellen Boyd, Mrs. Willis G. Merriman, Mrs. Charles M. Culver, Mrs. C. E. Franklin, Mrs. Frederick W. Cameron, Mrs. William Loucks, Mrs. Montgomery Mosher, Mrs. John S. Hoy and Mrs. Charles F. Bridge.

The Phi Gamma Delta Dance.

There was a most delightful reception held at the Phi Gamma Delta House, Friday Evening, February 5.

Among the ladies present were the Misses Anna G. Cookingham, May Cookingham, Effie F. Watson and Florence Cochrane, of Albany; Misses Grace Hawks, Leila Gregg, Elizabeth Chambers, Hedwig Durler, Florence Ballard, Anna B. Hubbs, Clara L. Dunning, Fanny Durler, Ruth Reynolds of Schenectady, and Miss C. Mae De Graff of Boston, Mass.

Founders' Week.

It is the intention of the faculty to fittingly commemorate each year the granting of the original charter to Union College. Founders' week is ever to be kept in the memory of the students of Old Union by holding all the social and literary events of the winter term at that time.

This year Charter day falls on Thursday, February 18. The Allison-Foote prize debate will be held on the evening of Charter day in the First Presbyterian Church. The subject for debate is, "A wise policy for the United States precludes territorial acquisition." The two literary societies will contest for the prize of \$50 which will be awarded to the society presenting as a whole the strongest argument. There is also an individual prize of \$50 for the best single speech by any debator, regardless of his society relations.

The Adelphic society has chosen the affirmative side of the question and will be represented by Francis E. Cullen, '98, Walter M. Swann, '98, and Ira Hotaling, '97.

The following will debate upon the negative for the Philomathean society: William D. Reed, '98, George A. Holcombe, '98, and H. H. Brown, '97.

On Friday afternoon of Founders' week Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D. D., of New York, will lecture upon "Robert Louis Stevenson." Dr. Van Dyke is one of the leading literary men of the day. He is a careful student of letters and literary life, and a most popular lecturer.

The week will be closed with the ever welcome social function, the Sophomore soiree. This dance will be held in the Van Curler, Friday evening, Feb. 19, and will equal all of Union's past brilliant records in the social world.

Prof. Ashmore is lecturing to the Seniors and Juniors on the Monuments of Athens and Rome. He is at present engaged in describing the Acropolis and its ruins. The lectures are illustrated by photographs, obtained last winter in Greece and Italy.

Athletic Notes.

A fencing club is being formed. The opportunity to join it is extended to all.

Dr. Linhart's classes in boxing are becoming quite proficient in the art. A number of classes have been formed and quite an active interest is being manifested by a large number of students.

The Freshmen are considering holding an indoor athletic meet with the U. C. I. Such a contest, it is believed, would be a great success and would bring out the new material for the mid-winter meet.

Base ball practice is held regularly in the gymnasium in the early part of the afternoon. The latter part of the afternoon the gymnasium is occupied by the candidates for the track team. Quite a number are to be seen there every day.

A meeting of those interested in boxing was held in Prof. Hale's room last Friday p. m. and the following officers were elected: President, W. C. Yates, '98; vice-president, R. S. Hoxie, '98; secretary, S. C. Medbury, '99; treasurer, E. W. Strong, '99; steward, N. Walbridge, 1900; executive committee, Vroman, '98, Hoxie, '98, and Davis, 1900.

Last year, Union sent a team to compete in the relay races which were held in Philadelphia under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania. Another team will undoubtedly be sent this year. Those who competed last year were, O'Neill, '97, Sands, ex-'98, Sommers, ex-'98, and Cregan, ex-'99. Captain O'Neill is now the only man of the four in college. There is an excellent chance for any runner in college to get a position on the team.

Arrangements are being made to hold the mid-winter athletic meet in the Centre St. Opera House, March 12. Possibly the time may be changed to an earlier date.

The list of events will be as follows:

25-yds. dash, 440-yds. run, 1 mile run, 25-yds. hurdle, running high jump, running broad jump, running high kick, putting 12-lb. shot, pole vault, indian club swinging and fencing.

About twenty men are now working in the gymnasium, but it is hopeful that more, especially from the Sophomore and Freshmen classes will soon be in regular training.

It will be a class meet, and the percentage system arranged by Dr. Linhart, will be used. The executive committee to take charge of the meet will soon be appointed.

A great deal of interest has always been centered in our cross-country running. Many other colleges, however, make more of it than we do. It is an excellent sport and one of the healthiest of exercises. Few men can make the track team, but almost anybody can, with a little practice, keep up with the ordinary group of cross-country runners. It is also through this kind of running that some of the best runners in colleges have found out their ability and developed themselves accordingly. These runs should become more popular. Union has advantages over many other colleges in the convenience of its location. Situated as it is, on the outskirts of Schenectady, having easy access to the surrounding country, it is greatly favored. The lay of the country is also excellent for this sport.

Of course this is not the season for cross-country running, but a team is now being formed in the Sophomore class exclusively for this kind of running and this article was thus suggested. All white suits with a garnet '99 will be worn. The object is the promotion of cross-country running and anyone in the class can become a member. If all the classes would follow suit, inter-class cross-country races could be arranged in the spring.

Subjects for Commencement Orations and Essays.

The general subject for the Alexander Extemporaneous Debate at Commencement is, "The Federal Legislature."

The subjects for the Clark Essays in Literature for Juniors are:

1. "The Classic Character of the Poetry of Pope."
2. "Macaulay and Matthew Arnold as Modes of Style."

The subjects for the Ingham Essays for Seniors are:

1. "Emerson as a Man of Letters."
2. "Symbolism in the Works of Hawthorne."

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PRESIDENT SCHURMAN, in explaining the stand taken by Cornell regarding the granting of A. B. degree, may have convinced himself and possibly a number of Cornell sympathizers, that the Scientific, English and Historical courses of study, as pursued in high schools and academies require an equal amount of study, and are as severe a mental discipline as the regular classical courses. Students however, who have recently graduated from preparatory schools know that the above named courses are not to be compared with the classical courses from any standpoint.

AN EDITORIAL appeared in the last CONCORDIENSIS regarding the physical development attained by scientific gymnastic work. Dr. Linhart states that he has sufficient recent data from which an interesting article could be compiled. The work in his department, however, has been so entirely at the volition of the students in the upper classes during the past, that it has been impossible to obtain an abundance of data. However, an article is in process of composition, which Dr. Linhart thinks will clearly show the material advantages to be derived by conscientious work in his department.

THE Harvard Crimson of recent date contains a synopsis of the annual reports of President Eliot and Dean Briggs. The declaration of President Eliot regarding the management of the athletic sports of that institution is so positive in its character as to create considerable surprise throughout the college world. It hardly seems possible that such mistakes in the development of Harvard's athletic teams could have existed for more than one season without being found out and rectified. President Eliot however is a keen observer and probably has located the trouble which for many years has made Harvard a looser in athletic contests. His statement is as follows:

"The management of the sports at Harvard has been for some years unintelligent, and for that reason unsuccessful. The fundamental defect has been that coaches of limited experience who may be either unobservant or obtuse, can override on the spot the advice of the trainer and physicians. The remedies are the subordination of the coaches to an expert in training or to a medical adviser, and the general adoption of more reasonable views about all training."

In regard to the library, President Eliot reports as follows:

"The acquisitions to the University Library during the past year numbered 17,677 volumes. Of late years the proportion of American books bought for the Library has increased in comparison with the proportions of English and German books."

Notwithstanding Harvard's enormous endowment, nearly every department appears to be in want. The reference to the fall in the rate of interest in recent years is applicable to nearly every collegiate institution in the country.

"The invested funds of the University now amount to \$8,526,813.67, an increase of \$5,120,160.24 in twenty years. The general fall in the rate of interest during the past year has embarrassed many departments of the University which depend upon the income of permanent funds. During the year 1895-96 the amount of gifts and bequests to the University was \$243,791.05. During the same period at least five American universities, all situated outside of New England, received much larger additions to their endowments. If the primacy of Harvard University among American institutions of education is to be maintained, it must not be surpassed by any other in material resources. The Corporation could use the income of additional endowment to the amount of \$10,000,000.00 for the satisfaction of none but well-known and urgent wants."

Dean Briggs discusses the question of dishonesty in written work. Harvard is not the only institution called upon to combat this evil. The double standard of morals as explained below is without doubt responsible for most of this illegitimate practice.

Dean Briggs thinks that the reason for this state of college morals is found in the double standard,

—a shifting for the convenience of the moment, from the character of a responsible man to the character of an irresponsible boy. "The administrative officers," says he, "accept without question a student's words: they assume that he is a gentleman and that a gentleman does not lie; if as happens now and then, he is not a gentleman and does lie, they had rather, nevertheless, be fooled sometimes than be suspicious always (and be fooled quite as often). Frankly treated, the student is usually frank himself; our undergraduates are, in general, excellent fellows to deal with: yet so much is done for them, so many opportunities are lavished on them, that the more thoughtless fail to see the relation of their rights to other people's, and, in the self importance of early manhood, forget that the world is not for them alone. Students of this kind need delicate handling. They jealously demand to be treated as men, take advantage of the instructors who treat them so, and excuse themselves on the ground that they are only boys."

Base Ball.

The training period for the base ball candidate has arrived. This is a critical time in our athletic history. The work done in the gym every afternoon will determine our success next spring. At present the number of candidates in training for positions on the varsity team has not met expectations, and Manager Williams has been forced to make a special plea to the fellows for a better and larger attendance at the indoor practice.

Our efficient managers will not be able to make a successful season without the strong support of a well trained team. Much credit is due Manager Williams for the arrangement of several attractive trips and many very desirable games with other colleges.

For assistant manager the student body have elected Geo. A. Holcombe, of Collinsville, Conn., who was the manager of his class team in freshman year.

The candidates now in training for the various positions are as follows: Catch, Hegeman, '99; Stewart, 1900, Quinlan, Medical. Pitch, Parsons, '98, Capt.; Thatcher, 1900; Edwards, 1900. 1st base, Wiley, '99; Bonesteel, '99; Campbell, '97. 2d base, Merchant, '98; Cook, 1900. Short stop, Purchase, '99; French, 1900. 3d base, Davis, 1900; Jones, 1900; Giles, '97. Outfield, Whipple, '98; W. C. Yates, '98; Wyckoff, '97; Smith, '99; Paige, 1900; Gage, '99; Sanders, 1900; Dalton, 1900; Fenton, 1900, and Delehanty, Medical.

Inter-collegiate Oratoricals.

The New York State Inter-collegiate Oratorical League will hold its fourth annual contest under the auspices of Syracuse University at Syracuse, Thursday, March 4. The league is composed of Union, Rochester and Syracuse Universities, and hold an annual contest for a gold medal. Each college has won a medal in the past; in 1894 Mr. Varney of Rochester, in 1895, Mr. Rockwell H. Potter, '95, of Union, and last year Mr. C. W. Walker of Syracuse.

The competitors in the preliminary contest to choose Union's candidate and alternate are: Blodgett, '97, Furbeck, '97, Pershing, '97, Cox, '98, Putnam, '98, Reed, '98, and Loucks, 1900. The competition is limited to members of the Philomathean and Adelpic Societies. Peter Nelson, '98, is Union's member of the executive committee. According to the rules, the preliminary contest must take place at least three weeks before the final, but an extension of time has been asked. The preliminary contest will be held in the chapel.

The judges selected are Profs. Truax and Patterson and Instructor Opdyke.

Several of the candidates have already shown considerable oratorical ability and the two new men entered will doubtless prove themselves worthy opponents. In view of the high stand taken by Union in athletic matters, it will still more redound to the honor of Union if her supremacy in oratory also may be triumphantly assured.

College Notes.

A bill prohibiting foot ball has been introduced in the Indiana legislature.

Trenchard, of Princeton, has been engaged as physical instructor by the University of Wisconsin.

The students of Hobart College recently petitioned the trustees of that institution, asking that no professor be allowed to join a secret fraternity. The petition was granted, and an order to that effect has been issued.

A bill making it a misdemeanor to play foot ball has been introduced into the Pennsylvania legislature.

General Craighill, who has just been placed on the retired list, is being talked of for the presidency of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Theodore Roosevelt has been suggested as a probable candidate for the presidency of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., a position left vacant by the resignation of Dr. Eliphalet Potter.

Lord Dartmouth, from one of whose ancestors Dartmouth College was named, has presented the college with a set of volumes of the Dartmouth papers. These papers throw much light on the feelings of the Englishmen toward America during the Revolution, and they contain many references to the college.

During the last five years the University of Chicago has received as gifts, for grounds and buildings, \$2,150,000; for the Yerkes Observatory, \$400,000; from endowment and private gifts, \$9,412,000; the Morgan Park property, \$30,000. The total gifts from all sources amount to \$11,509,550.

Professor B. I. Wheeler, who lectured in Princeton last week, is endeavoring to raise \$3500 to carry on the American excavations at Corinth. The Greek government has agreed to appropriate the land desired for excavation, provided three fourths of the price is paid by the American school at Athens.

GEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION FROM CHICAGO.

The University of Chicago has sent an expedition under the charge of Col. T. W. Brooks to search for fossil remains of turtles in Inyo County, California. It is expected that the expedition will bring back to the Field Columbian Museum and to the University of Chicago the most wonderful fossil turtles ever known. Two fossils, each over fourteen feet in circumference and weighing upward of two tons, are known to be in the region which the expedition will visit. It is said that there are other fossil turtles over eleven feet in circumference.

A NEW COLLEGE DAILY—THE TENTH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The announcement comes from Tulane University, New Orleans, that the two weekly student publications, *College Spirit* and *The*

Olive and Blue, which have been rivals for some time past, have settled their differences and agreed to coalesce. The result will be a daily paper taking the name of the older publication, *College Spirit*.

With this addition, there will be ten college dailies in the United States, representing ten large colleges. These dailies are: *The Cornell Sun*, *The Pennsylvanian*, *The Yale News*, *The Daily Palo Alto* (Stanford.), *The Harvard Crimson*, *The Princetonian*, *The Brown Herald*, *The Daily Cardinal* (Univ. of Wisconsin,) and *The U. of M. Daily* (Univ. of Michigan). Among the larger universities which have no dailies is the University of California, whose students issue a four-days-in-the-week paper, *The Berkeleyn*. There are also three other big institutions which have no dailies, their weeklies being *The Columbia Spectator*, *The University of Chicago Weekly*, and *The Ariel* (Univ. of Minn.)—*Cornell Daily Sun*.

FOOT BALL IS NOT BRUTAL.

The *Chicago Inter-Ocean* sent out the following inquiries to 227 foot ball players on the leading teams in the United States:

1. What were your injuries during the season?
2. What benefit, if any, did you derive from playing?
3. Do you consider it a beneficial sport? If so, in what way?
4. Is foot ball brutal?
5. What plays would you suggest for disbarment by rule?
6. How long have you played?
7. Have you received many permanent injuries?
8. What do you think of indoor football?

From the statements of the one hundred and fifty-one men who replied the following results were gathered:

Replies received,	-	-	-	151
Temporary injuries,	-	-	-	55
Permanent injuries,	-	-	-	2
Uninjured,	-	-	-	96
Improved physical condition,	-	-	-	151
Total years played,	-	-	-	591
Football is brutal,	-	-	-	1
Football is not brutal,	-	-	-	150

These replies are from men who have experienced all the vicissitudes of the game and must be accepted as testimony far more convincing than the complaints of many who have never played the game and of some who have never seen it.

Personals.

Sophomores' essays are due March 26.

Prof. Mosher was unable to meet his classes Tuesday.

The '98 Garnet will appear about the middle of March.

Hoxie, '98, spent Sunday at his home in Cambridge.

Hinman, '99, is suffering from a wrenched knee, and is confined at his home in Albany.

The college boys have been enjoying rapid transit down Union Street hill for some time past by patronizing the "bobs."

The *New York Tribune*, of Jan. 30, contains a large and striking portrait of Bishop Henry Codman Potter, '41; the same paper also publishes an extensive account of this most famous son of Old Union.

Dr. Reeves lectured before the Society to Promote Useful Reading at the Y. M. C. A. rooms Saturday afternoon, Feb. 6. His subject was "An Introduction to the Study of the Fifteenth Century."

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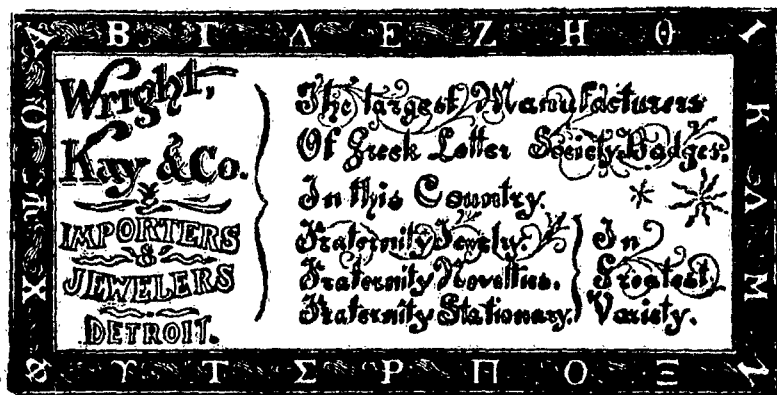
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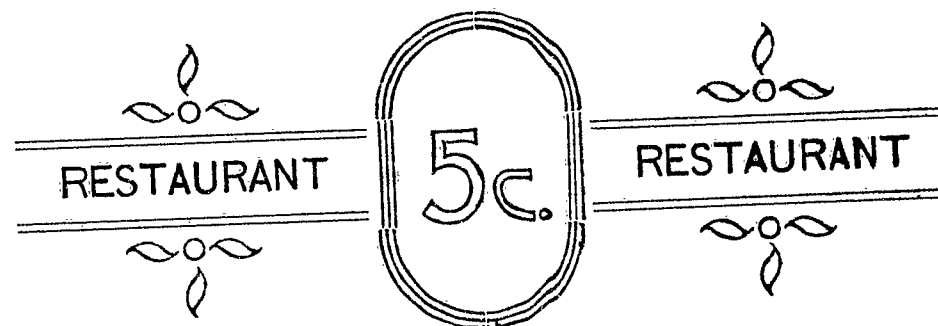
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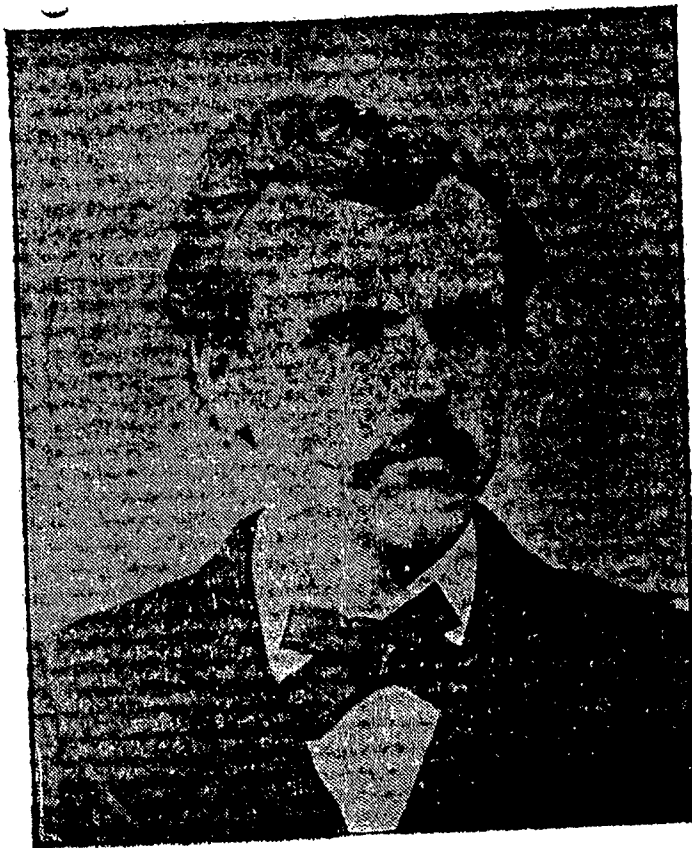
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