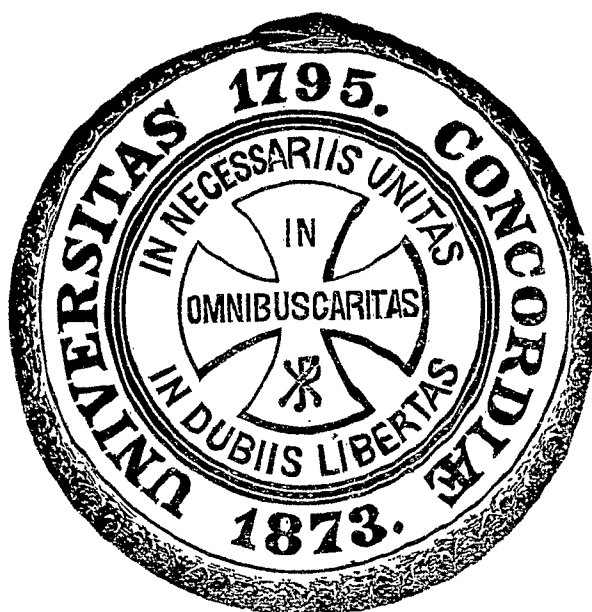


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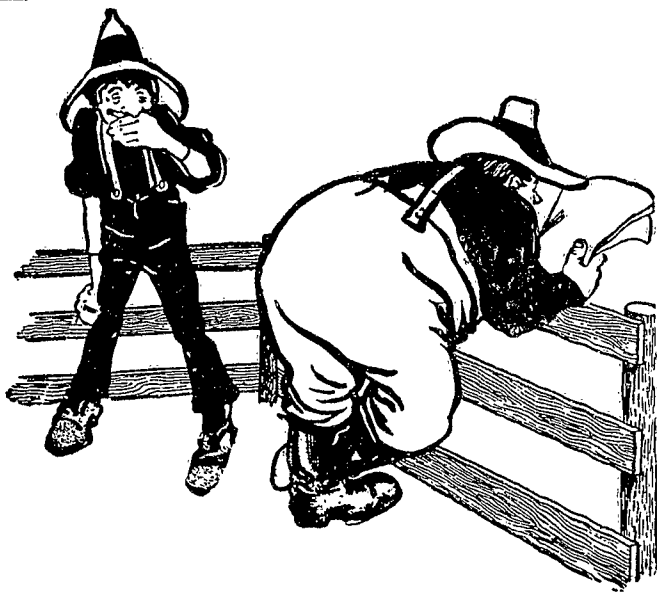
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THE NATIONAL DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

By Hon. Oscar S. Straus, Secretary.
Civics Club Series Continued

Commerce has been variously described as an art and a science. Industry is an art, finance is a science, and I suppose when finance takes industry under its wings it becomes an artful science. One of the chief functions of the department which I administer is to open up the highways and byways of this artful science to the sunlight of public opinion, and so long as public opinion is sound and healthy it will kill off all the wriggling and squirming vermin that burrow through the moral fabric of our financial and political systems.

That the stock ticker, which after all is a delicate and sensitive electrical instrument, should register this moral regeneration, is a sign of health and not of disease, and the physician who detects the germs of that disease which is sapping public confidence and poisoning the industrial and political body, is a benefactor of his country and a prophet of his day and his generation. When Jenner introduced vaccination into the domain of curative and preventative medicine, the reactionaries pronounced him as an enemy of mankind, but the next generation held him up as one of the greatest benefactors of the human race, and erected statues to his skill, his service and his memory.

Far more important to the well being of a State than the increased production of commodities, is the upholding of public morals. We are on the crest of a commercial age. Our foreign commerce alone exceeds our past records, three thousand, three hundred millions of dollars for the past year, and year by year it will mount higher, if we do not lose sight of economic laws and of the moral

and human principles in which these laws in the last analysis are embedded.

There are no considerations of higher import than the just relations of capital and labor. The organization of capital, which is a normal and logical development of our times, should welcome reasonable laws which place wholesome restraints upon its activities, so that through competition or otherwise, it will not be induced or forced to overstep the safeguards of industrial rights and block the highways of opportunity for the humblest citizen of the land. There can be no liberty without opportunity, and to the extent that opportunity is abridged, whether by the State or by corporate power, it is a denial of liberty. It is oppression, and it is no less oppression when it emanates from organized capital or from organized labor. The fundamental principles of individual liberty lay at the basis of our political system, and no more sacred duty rests upon the chief executive under the constitution than to see that the laws are faithfully executed. No executive has been more watchful and vigorous in the fulfilling of that trust than our present executive. The more powerful the capitalistic interests grow, the more need is there that the rights of the masses be guarded, and that their justified grievances be redressed. And so long as we are faithful to this fundamental doctrine there is not now, nor can there ever be, any room in our country for communism, collectivism, socialism or any other imported "ism," but only for Americanism.

As head of this executive department, charged with the administration of some of the laws affecting the commerce and labor, I am deeply sensible, not only of the close mutual relations of capital and labor, but of their respective rights, duties and limitations.

The department is desirous of exerting its utmost efforts to further commerce. As our foreign commerce increases in volume we come more and more in competition with our rivals in the marts of the world. We have trade agents in foreign

countries studying conditions and markets in the principal countries of the world which draw, or can draw, upon the products of our mills and factories. Their reports are disseminated throughout the country, as well as the reports of our consuls bearing upon commerce.

The department has taken steps to come into closer relations with the commercial interests of the country, and with that view invited delegates in December last from the leading commercial and trade organizations of the principal cities, with a view, not of creating a new National Board of Trade, but a small delegated body with a permanent seat in Washington, which would represent the entire commercial and trade interests of the country, and would not only co-operate, but be constantly in touch, with it and other departments in promoting the best interests of commerce at home and abroad. The governments of our leading commercial rivals have such co-operation, and they are largely profiting by the arrangement. I am pleased to tell you that this organization of commercial interests is making excellent progress, under the direction of an Executive Council, and that the department is ready to heartily grasp its hands. Further than this, the department, upon a request laid before it by the President, has warmly endorsed a plan to establish commercial instruction in the leading State universities and other institutions in States where no such universities exist, so that the science, as well as all the arts of commerce may be taught to the youth of the country.

According to plans being laid now, the soccer football team of Columbia University will make a trip to England late in the summer for the purpose of playing the most prominent English and Scotch teams. The trip will probably be taken if Columbia wins the intercollegiate championship, or if it comes very near winning. Great interest has been shown in the game there and a squad of about thirty men has been practicing daily. passed the examinations held in January.

From a recent publication we take this statement: It's an interesting psychological fact that the chair of "Applied Poultry Science" at Cornell University is filled by a colored Methodist clergyman.

PENNSYLVANIA'S RELAY RACES.

Carnival to be Held in April.

The fourteenth annual relay races given by the University of Pennsylvania will be held as usual on the last Saturday in April. Invitations have been sent to all the leading educational institutions in the country and already entries are pouring in, guaranteeing the success of this year's meet. The relay races are probably the best known set of sports held annually in the world. They are likewise the largest. Last year over 200 scholastic and college teams faced the starter. Fifteen hundred competitors' tickets were necessary to supply the large number of athletes that competed in the different events. Yale, Cornell, Princeton, Chicago, Michigan, Dartmouth, Syracuse, in fact all the leading colleges were present, while the schools were just as well represented. The institutions having teams in these races came from districts as far distant as west of Chicago, south of Richmond, and north of Boston. Every intercollegiate champion, both Western and Eastern, then in college with but one exception competed in the special events. It is thus no wonder that these games attract to themselves such wonderful entries. Each year, the best college and and scholastic athletes of the country are at the relay races and it is an athletic education in itself to attend this meet. A relay team is composed of but four members, so that it is within the power of any school or college to send their athletes to Philadelphia. This is done in many schools by popular subscription where the finances of the Athletic Association are not sufficient for the purpose.

This year's meet needs only fair weather to make it the most successful to date. All the big colleges have sent assurances that they will be represented. Because of the Olympic Sports in London, all the star athletes will be in fine shape and they will all be on hand at Franklin Field on April 25th.

Last week Monday, Lent, '10, took up his duties as a cadet at West Point, having successfully

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THE DEBATING SCHEDULE

First Debate With Hamilton Wednesday Evening

This week Wednesday evening, the recently scheduled debate with Hamilton will take place here in the chapel.

As previously announced, the subject for debate is "Resolved, That our general currency and banking systems were the dominant cause of the recent financial panic." The affirmative side will be taken by Hamilton and Union will defend the negative. The speakers for both teams have been selected, and those who are to debate for Union are La Crosse, '08; King, '08; Weyrauch, '08, with R. Ury, '09, as alternate.

Our team is putting forth every effort to win, and to that end has held debates daily in the chapel.

Judge Alder Chester of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court at Albany has consented to be one of the judges of the contest. Mr. Darling, treasurer of the General Electric Company, has been asked to serve in a like capacity and for the third member it is expected that a man will be procured from the State Education Department in Albany.

During the week word has been received from Rutgers relative to the annual debate. The contest will be held this year at New Brunswick on May 1st. Rutgers will submit the question within a week.

Opposition to the selections of a Cornell coach for the debating team that met Columbia at Ithaca on February 28 was withdrawn by the Columbia speakers. The Columbia team included V. K. W. Koo, '09, a full-blooded Chinaman. Columbia won the debate.

Manager Huntington of the N. Y. U. crew announced last Monday that he had arranged a race with Georgetown University on May 9. The course will be on the Potomac, one mile 550 yards, straightaway.

The Columbia Varsity baseball squad began work on Monday. Frank E. Goodman, '03, an old Varsity player and ex-captain, is the coach.

THE JORDAN VALLEY

Dr. Cady's Seventh Lecture Delivered on Friday Afternoon

On Friday afternoon at half-past four, Rev. Putnam Cady delivered the seventh lecture of his popular series on his explorations and investigations in Egypt and Palestine. His specific theme was "The Jordan Valley and the Western Shore of the Dead Sea."

Dr. Cady made the statement that there is no valley on the face of the earth like the wonderful Jordan valley; that Palestine is a miniature world in itself, for within the limit of a day's journey one can pass through a country where all forms of vegetable life in the world could be produced from the Scotch firm down to the tropical palm. He described the Dead Sea as nearly thirteen hundred feet below sea level, this being the lowest body of water in the world. The water of this sea contains from twenty-four to twenty-six per cent. of solid matter, whereas ordinary sea water contains only four or five per cent.

Despite the inclemency of the weather there was a goodly number of students and outside friends present. The growing interest in Dr. Cady's lectures seems to indicate that the student body is beginning to realize and appreciate the value of such a course of lectures at the hands of such an explorer and student of archaeology as Dr. Cady.

The next lecture of the series will be given on next Friday, March 13th, as a supplement to this one, the subject being "The Jordan Valley and the Eastern Shore of the Dead Sea."

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Athletics

TWO DEFEATS CLOSE SEASON

Rutgers and N. Y. U. Too Much For Basketball Five

In a closely contested game, the outcome of which was not decided until the last few minutes of play, the Garnet basket ball team went down to defeat before Rutgers, Friday evening at New Brunswick, N. J., by a score of 23 to 21.

The game was clean and fast throughout and clever basket shooting was indulged in by both sides. Union, however, was at a disadvantage, being compelled to substitute Johnson as forward. Johnson had never played with the team before and consequently team work was greatly interfered with. Despite this handicap the Garnet five maintained the lead up to the last few minutes of play, when Rutgers, putting on a sudden burst of speed, managed to throw two baskets in quick succession, thereby winning the game.

The line-up:

Union.	Rutgers.
Starbuck	Hovey
	Right forward.
Johnson	Segoine
	Left forward.
Micks	Van Keuren, Lawrence
	Center.
Charest	Best
	Right guard.
Brown	Rice (capt.)
	Left guard.

N. Y. U., 28; Union, 6.

The basket ball season ended Saturday evening at New York University, where the Garnet team was soundly defeated, losing the game by a score of 28-6. The N. Y. U. players had the best of the game from the start and Union failed to make a very good showing.

The line-up:

N. Y. U.	Union.
J. Dale	Starbuck
	Right forward.

T. Bowe (capt)	Johnson
	Left forward.
Young	Micks
	Center.
Heiser	Brown
	Left guard.
Ridanski	Charest
	Right guard.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE OUT

The Garnet Team Will Play Sixteen Games

Manager I. a Roche, after many weeks of negotiations with various colleges, has finally arranged the base ball schedule for the ensuing season almost complete, only one date, May 23d, remaining unfilled. The season will be opened on April 11, when the Garnet team will journey to West Point, and will close on June 6, when Rutgers will appear on the campus. Out of the sixteen games arranged, nine will be played on the campus.

The schedule is exceptionally strong, and if the base ball team fulfills present expectations a most interesting and successful season will undoubtedly result.

The schedule follows:

April 11, West Point at West Point.
April 18, Pratt Institute on campus.
April 22, N. Y. U. on campus.
April 24, Pratt Institute at Brooklyn.
April 25, Rutgers at New Brunswick.
May 2, Colgate on campus.
May 7, Hobart on campus.
May 9, Rochester at Rochester.
May 13, Rochester on campus.
May 15, Hamilton at Clinton.
May 16, Hobart at Geneva.
May 27, Middlebury on campus.
May 30, Hamilton on campus.
June 6, Rutgers on campus.

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BASKETBALL REVIEW

An Unsuccessful Season for Union's Team

Union's basketball season was concluded last Saturday night, when the Garnet team again went down to defeat before the New York University five. The season cannot be called successful, for of nine games played, Union won only two victories.

A number of valuable lessons have been learned from the season's work, however, and it is expected that next year's team will score a longer string of victories. Union scored 138 points during the season, while her opponents rolled up 269 points. The games were:

January 18, at Troy, N. Y., Union 9, R. P. I. 72; January 25, at Schenectady, Union 33, Rutgers 6; February 8, at Schenectady, Union 16, Rochester 24; February 15, at Burlington, Vt., Union 15, Vermont 25; February 19, at Schenectady, Union 10, Hamilton 28; February 21, at Canton, Union 5, St. Lawrence 47; February 22, at Potsdam, Union 23, Potsdam Normal 16; March 6, at New Brunswick, Union 21, Rutgers 23; March 7, at New York, Union 6, New York University 28.

D. M. C. A.

At the regular weekly prayer meeting in Silliman Hall at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, Dean Rip-ton conducted the service in accordance with the plan adopted last week for making a special study of "The Passion Week." His special theme was "The Discourse on the Destruction of Jerusalem and the End of the World." The attendance was much larger than at the last meeting, and it is expected that a still greater number of fellows will take advantage of the Dean's course.

Next Tuesday evening the annual election of the officers of the association for the ensuing year will take place.

At the vesper services on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Dr. Hale was the speaker. His talk was very helpful and instructive. This was the last of these services for the winter term.

At the first vespers in the spring, Dr. Ellery will address the students.

INDOOR TRACK MEET

Second of the Series Held Wednesday Afternoon

Dr. MacComber held the second of the series of try-out meets last Wednesday afternoon. There were no records broken by remarkable work, although the 15-yard dash time was lowered a little. Only Freshmen took part in the meet, but they give promise of assisting in forming a good track team in the spring.

The events were:

15-Yard Dash—First Bentley; time 2 1-5 seconds. Second, Travis.

Potato Race—First, Mackey; time, 28 seconds. Second, Cohen.

High Jump—First, Allen, Dunn, tie; height, 5 ft. 1 inch. Third, Berry.

Shot Put—First, O'Connell; distance 36 ft. 5 in. Second, Winkemeier.

A relay race between two Freshmen teams was run, each man running 150 yards. The team composed of Thorne, Wallace, Travis and Mackey won in 2 min. 24 sec.

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Editorial

From clippings at hand from *Training*. various college exchanges it is seen that a great deal of attention is paid by a number of institutions to the matter of getting athletic teams of every description in the best possible shape for coming contests.

Colgate, for instance, will send her baseball team for a trip through the south during Easter vacation. Richmond College, Trinity, Forest University, University of Virginia, George Washington and others are included in the schedule.

There are but few of the colleges that have not already turned attention to preliminary indoor work in the gymnasiums. Now, when all over the country colleges are preparing for the contests of the coming season, it might be well for Union to turn actively into the work also.

In general we rest assured with the fact that we have good material on hand, and trust to the good material to fill in all deficiencies such as lack of training and team work. In consequence the Garnet teams are several weeks behind competitors in preparation.

When Union sends a team of any kind into the field it should be the best the college can turn out. Those at the head of the departments should do their utmost to arouse enthusiasm.

If trips such as Colgate undertakes could be arranged, why not have them? At least a little preliminary training can be done in the gymnasium.

That Union is still at the forefront of the world's affairs is evidenced by a week's reviews of the things done by her graduates. In our alumni columns this week are found the names of three men — Senator

Redfield Proctor, Law, '55; Frank B. Gary, '81, and Charles E. Sprague, '60.

Each one of these has done a distinctive work; a work that sets him at the head of his contemporaries. Each is well known in the national field.

This is more than a matter of passing interest. It is a fact as much to-day as it was long ago that Union is turning out graduates that reflect credit upon their Alma Mater. Other institutions have to search far and wide for men of some sort of notoriety, and week after week the alumni columns of certain college weeklies are filled with the doings of a small coterie of men of a greater or less degree of fame.

Union's list of great men seems to be never failing. Greatness is an attribute that has graced every generation of graduates from the Grand Old Seat of Stone.

The Minnesota Daily, the university publication at Minnesota, has offered a five-pound box of candy as a prize in connection with paying up subscriptions. Thus does commercialism invade classic halls. There is a doubt whether even candy would have any effect on *Concordy* subscribers.

THE COLLEGE BULLETIN

Vol. I, No. 2, Will Be Ready for Distribution This Week

In accordance with the new arrangement, the college catalogue is to be published yearly in volumes, of four numbers each. Last November, vol I, No. I was issued and sometime this week the February number, vol. I, No. II, will be ready for distribution. No. III will be out sometime in May, and No. IV about August. It is in a form now that is very neat and one that can be more readily used. By this method the subjects in the several courses may be known long before the end of the year. This is due principally to Prof. Barnes, who has put a great amount of time in this, and his efforts have not been in vain.

CIVICS CLUB MEETS

Watson, '08, Elected Delegate to the Washington Convention

The Union College Civic Club, a branch of the National Civic Betterment League, comprising on its membership list over thirty colleges, held a meeting in Silliman Hall Friday evening.

There were a number of enthusiastic students present at the meeting. Only routine business was transacted, however. Among the other things that came up for consideration was the matter of the adoption of a constitution for the local club.

The Executive Committee presented a constitution embodying the ideas of the league. Among these ideas are those of absolute non-partisanship of the association, and the purification of politics in the members' home cities.

It was decided to procure noted speakers to address the club at various times during the year on matters pertaining to local civic government. As a stimulus to the work the club will continue to run the series of good government articles in *The Concordiensis*.

It was decided tentatively to send a delegate to the national convention of the league, to be held in the near future in Washington, where the delegates will confer with President Roosevelt, and will outline broad general plans for carrying on the work of the association.

Watson, '08, was unanimously elected to be the delegate, subject to the raising of finances necessary to send him.

Further meetings of the club will be held in the near future.

A number of the Eastern universities, including Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell and George Washington, have rifle clubs.

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Alumni Notes

1855—Senator Redfield Proctor of Vermont died just before 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, March 5th, after an illness of but a few days, with pneumonia. The news of his death came as a great shock to Washington, and his colleagues in the Senate, few of whom knew of his illness. Senator Proctor was a graduate of the Albany Law School, Union University.

Senator Proctor acquired a fortune in the marble industry, the headquarters of which are located in the town in Vermont named for him. He studied law, but was early attracted by the possibilities of developing the quarries in the southern part of his native State. He would have been 77 years of age next June. Graduating from Dartmouth College in 1851, he studied law at the Albany Law School, and enlisted in 1861 as quartermaster of the Third Vermont Regiment.

His most conspicuous public service outside the Senate was as Secretary of War in President Harrison's cabinet, from which he resigned after two years and a half to accept the appointment of Senator from Vermont, to succeed George F. Edmunds. He was elected Senator at the following session of the Legislature, and had since been in the Senate. His term would have expired March 3, 1911.

The death of Senator Proctor creates an unusual situation in Vermont, where Governor Fletcher Proctor, son of the Senator, will be called upon to appoint his father's successor. An election will occur in October, when the Legislature will meet, and, as Senator Dillingham's term also expires, will be called upon to elect two Senators. The term of Senator Proctor's successor will expire in March, 1911. The situation is more complex through the fact that Governor Proctor is believed to be a candidate to succeed his father. What effect his father's death will have upon Governor Proctor's desire to come to the Senate is a matter of interest in Vermont. It was the desire of Senator Proctor that succession should descend to his eldest son, who is the active head of the Vermont Marble Company, in which Senator Proctor accumulated his fortune. Opposed to the continuation of the Proctor regime in Vermont will be

Representatives David J. Foster, and possibly Carroll S. Page, formerly Governor.

1860—Charles E. Sprague has just published "The Philosophy of Accounts," a text taking up with great thoroughness the matter of public accounting in all of its branches. The book has already had a wide circulation, and is recognized everywhere as authoritative upon the subjects treated therein.

Dr. Sprague was graduated from Union in the class of 1860. He was the Greek salutatorian of the class. He became a colonel in the United States volunteers and served in the Civil War.

For over thirty years he has been connected with accounts in all kinds of service, and has taught the subject for six years in the School of Commerce, Finance and Accounts of New York University.

Dr. Sprague, besides receiving a Phi Beta Kappa key upon graduation, was honored in 1893 with the degree of Ph. D. by his Alma Mater for distinguished service in the field of finance and accounts.

"The Philosophy of Accounts" has been added to the books in the college library.

1881—Frank B. Gary, former Speaker of the House of Representatives of South Carolina and now a member of that body, was on March 6th chosen Senator to succeed the late A. C. Latimer. Mr. Gary is a graduate of Union College, Schenectady, in the class of 1881, and began his political career in 1890, when he was elected to the House of Representatives from Abbeville County. He served as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1895, and afterwards as Speaker of the House for five years, being a candidate for Gov-

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ernor in 1902, advocating local option as between prohibition and dispensary.

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BASKETBALL PENNANT ?

What Section 8 of the By-Laws of the Union Says

In view of the discussion as to whether a pennant will be awarded in basketball or not, we reprint section 8 of the by-laws of the Union, which deals with this subject. Section 8 reads:

"Championship pennants shall be awarded in football, baseball and basketball, provided, however, that at least three colleges be represented with a full schedule. A full schedule shall be understood to mean two games arranged with each of the other colleges represented, except in football, in which a full schedule shall mean one game arranged with each of the other colleges represented. A championship pennant for track athletics shall also be awarded, together with individual prizes for the first three contestants in each event."

According to this section we see no reason why a pennant should not be granted to Rochester. The only possible ground for doubt is in the phrase, "full schedule." It might be claimed that Rochester has not a full schedule because we have no games arranged with Colgate. But in that case, how could a basketball pennant ever be awarded, because, as none of the other colleges have games with Hobart, none of them would have full schedules? Three colleges, Union, Hamilton and Rochester, are each represented with full schedules arranged with each of the other two colleges represented. That Colgate has not arranged a full schedule is her own fault and has nothing to do with the question. The section is certainly ambiguous, but a fair interpretation would seem to point plainly to the fact that Rochester is entitled to the award of the basketball pennant.—Rochester Campus.

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Precedent had been established in this particular by previous trustees who had granted a similar favor to Mrs. Samuel T. Benedict, whose father, "Captain" Jackson, was for many years connected with the college.

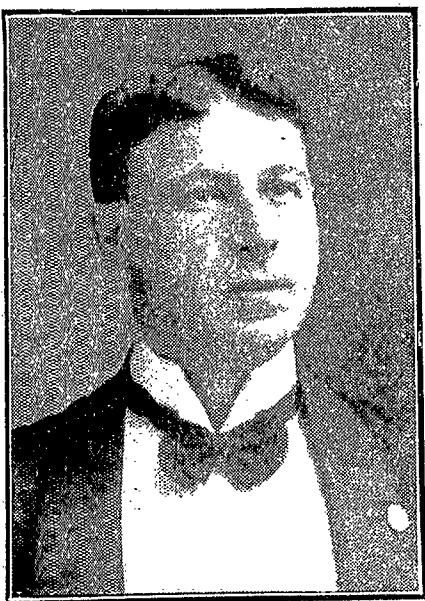
The Building Committee also considered the advisability of erecting the new civil engineering building on the lane just east of North College, but this has not been definitely settled. The residence which Miss Wells will erect will be located on Union Avenue, just above the Sigma Phi house.

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