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## U. S. CITIZEN MUST THINK NATIONALLY

Dr. Richmond in Patriotic Vein  
In N. Y. Speech.

AT C. W. S. BANQUET

Says Overcoming of Natural Antagonism is Greatest Thing  
We've Done.

On Tuesday evening, President Richmond spoke at the annual banquet of the Society of Colonial Wars of New York State. The banquet was held at Delmonico's in New York City. Following is an extract from his speech:

"The conflict with the wilderness begun by our first settlers from the bleak rocks of New England, through the dense tracks of forest and across the interminable prairies and the precipitous mountains of the west, to the arctic severities of Alaska, has been unceasing. The conquering of this vast territory has been an achievement worthy to be sung by some great poet who can immortalize the deeds of heroes.

"But this has not been the greatest achievement of this country. The most marvelous thing we have done in this Republic is the making of a nation, and the greatest problem we have had to face has been not the conquering of the savage forces of nature but the overcoming of the natural antagonisms, the jealousies and hatreds, the inherited antipathies of different races—antipathies inherent in their very blood. The overcoming of all these and the welding and amalgamation of these stubborn elements into one so that they should constitute one nationality and acknowledge one flag, I say this is the greatest achievement of this republic.

"The problem has not yet been solved but when we consider its almost superhuman difficulties the wonder of it is, not that we have failed to solve it completely, but that we have been able to solve it as well as we have.

"We have not solved it. It will take years, perhaps generations. But it will be done, if it is done, in only one way: 'Not by an appeal to the belly,' as the Colonel says, 'but by an appeal to the soul,' not by a motive of a common interest in a great reward but by a motive of common devotion to a great ideal.

"It seems a very hard task to get into the minds of men that co-operation is the only basis of prosperity or security.

## LAIR '20 IS CURED OF REPUBLICANISM WILL "CROSS" DEMOCRATIC TICKET

Paul Lair '20 vows that he will never again place an election bet favoring Charles Evans Hughes. Furthermore he, together with everyone whose vote he can influence, will always "cross" a straight Democratic ticket in the future. This change of heart came about Tuesday afternoon after a hard tussle between Paul's nose and a forty pound cannonball on the ice-cold sidewalks of the college terrace.

Promptly at one o'clock the unfortunate took his place in front of the Pyramid Club, armed with a heavy nose-guard and proceeded amidst the jeers of many on-looking Democrats to buck the iron ball along the sidewalk. The way he "got down and hit the line" would have satisfied the supercilious eye of line-coach Murray. Past ditches and through hollows he fought his way, his

hands digging in the cold turf or scratching on the sidewalk. "You will bet on Hughes," and, "It serves you right for being a Republican," were the only encouraging things he heard, and whenever the ball would roll off the sidewalk a groan would go up from the crowd. It was indeed with great satisfaction that Paul finally arrived at Blue Gate, the end of his journey.

Several pictures were taken of the tussle and it is expected that they will sell like "hot-cakes" back in the high school at Gloversville of which Lair has recently become an alumnus. Erstwhile but interested passersby were "Dutchy" Barnes and the Misses Tuper.

Time of push—Twenty minutes.

Referee—Travis '18.

## LARGE SQUAD OUT FOR BASKETBALL

Early Practice Augurs Well for Season.

MUDGE'S LOSS FELT.

Scoby, Haubner, Galbraith, Girling and Yovits Are Veterans.

The call of Captain Scoby for basketball candidates has been answered by one of the largest and most promising squads that Union has had for several years. The loss of Mudge will be a great handicap to the team as "Jimmy" was counted on to fill his place at forward in the same way that he has in the past. His bruised knee will be apt to keep him out of the game until mid-season at least.

The other veterans, Capt. Scoby, Haubner, Galbraith and Yovits are showing good form in the daily work-outs, and will form a strong backbone for this year's team. Girling, Roof, Movnihan, Sitner, Hathaway and Cassedv of last year's second team, assisted by Rosekrans, Fridav, Eckler, Peaslee, O'Brien, Hanley, Calkins, Jones, Hager, Witner, Vinnick, Wadsworth, Nottman, Brown and the Bowman brothers will make up the rest of the squad. A strong team is a certainty, and a successful season seems sure.

The daily practice is already assuming the form of grinding work-outs with several different second teams pitted in succession against the first. Yesterday the first team defeated conclusively a strong scrub five which was built up around the two mighty warriors of old, "Ernie" Houghton and "Zip" Zimmer, captains, respectively in 1915 and 1916. Captain Scoby is directing the practices in the absence of Fred Dawson who will pick things up where he left off following the Thanksgiving recess. Dawson watched yesterday's work-out for a short time and expressed approval in the way it was going. He admits that he will have another successful five this season in spite of the hardness of the schedule.

## ARMENIANS GET \$150 FROM UNION CANVASS

The Committee in charge of the collecting of the Armenian relief fund reports a total of \$150.07 received from the entire college, of which sum the faculty gave \$87. Of the classes, 1920 responded most generously to the appeal.

## MUSICAL CLUBS IN AMSTERDAM CONCERT

Plans Under Way for Thanksgiving Trip.

On Tuesday night the Union College Musical Clubs gave a concert in the Elks' Club at Amsterdam, followed by a dance at which the College Orchestra played. The concert was successful, and showed that the clubs are working into first class shape. Downs will probably be away from college for some time and, while his absence will be keenly felt, it is expected that a man capable of filling his place in a satisfactory manner will be found.

The trip over the Thanksgiving holidays is not yet completely settled, but a most successful one seems already assured. The club will probably carry the same men on this trip that played in the Albany and Amsterdam concerts.

"Once when the British officials were worrying over the advance of Russia towards northern India Lord Salisbury advised them to send for a large map. It would be well if every American at this time should have before his eyes a large map—not a map of New England, nor a map of Texas—a map of New York or a map of California; not a map of the East nor a map of the West, but a map of the United States. There is no need today to tell Great Britain to think imperially but there is great need to tell every citizen of the United States to think nationally. And this is my message to you tonight."

## SEVENTEEN MEN ARE AWARDED THE "U"

Football Captain for Next Season Will Be Elected Friday.

At a meeting of the Awards Committee of the Athletic Board the football U's and aUa's for the season of 1916 were awarded. A meeting of all U and aUa men will be held at the Gym Friday, November 24, 1916, at 3:00 P. M. for the purpose of electing a captain and taking the official football picture. The following men were awarded U's and aUa's:

U—Rosekrans, Mudge, Hay, Saxe, Bowman, Price, Goff, Hanley, Witner, Moore, Roof, Powell, McDonald, Moynihan, Friday, Delaplant, Foster.

aUa—Speer, Curtis, Travis, Blanchard, Bellinger, Hochuli, Matern, Nash.

## BULL READS TO CATS.

At a regular meeting of the Black Cat Club Monday evening the members were regaled by a reading from Kipling's short stories rendered by Clarence Bull. After a brief discussion of Kipling's qualities it was decided that the next meeting will be held December 11 and that Harold Cook will read from a modern poet at that time.

Realizing the importance of "atmosphere" to all literary endeavor, Joe Thearle, who acts as purveyor extraordinary to the club, has equipped the fireplace in his refectory with a pair of andirons moulded in the shape of imposing black cats and has furnished the club's table with an ash tray representing the same feline forms.

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### ELECTIONEERING.

Our attention has recently been called to a subject which, while it is not especially timely so late in the fall, might very well be considered now when affairs about college are generally running pretty quietly and when there is time for the picking up of loose threads here and there. We refer to the question of altering our present system of class elections.

The question arose and was discussed, we understand, somewhere or other in the argumentation courses. If we were rightly informed, the weight of opinion in the discussion was thrown into the balance in favor of changing to some better system than we have now. The idea strikes us as being a very happy one.

Obviously, the point of the whole thing is to minimize electioneering and give the average voter a chance to cast his ballot for whomsoever he pleases—to use his own judgment in the matter without having it subjected to the more or less glib persuasions of opposing factions.

We admit that electioneering—as it exists at Union anyway—is no great crime. It is simply a miniature copy of our state and national campaigns. On the other hand, though, we would be far better without it. A truly democratic session at the polls can be pretty closely reached in a community of, say, one hundred, and we might as well be just as democratic as we can.

Before suggesting the remedy we have in mind, another thought might well be inserted: Why allow men to vote in class elections who have but the most fleeting interest in their class? They aren't qualified to vote intelligently, are they? In other words, aren't they still minors? If the loyal class-man is pretty generally he who pays his annual tax—and that is a tolerably safe measurement of loyalty,—why shouldn't we vote

under registration in our three upper classes and let registration be the full payment of dues during the preceding year? So much for this parenthesis—we insert it for what it seems worth.

The remedy for electioneering, as near as it can be found, would seem to be in substance something like this: A day might be set aside for primaries in all three upper classes. Within certain time limits on this day, registered voters of each class would cast ballots for, say, ten men in their class. At different times on the following day, the three classes would meet, be informed as to the ten men chosen in the primaries, and immediately vote upon them for president and vice-president. The plurality candidate would, of course, be the new president. The vice-president would be the candidate obtaining the next greatest number of votes. This, we believe, would give much more prestige to the vice-presidency than it has at present. The secretary-treasurer could still be chosen under the old system.

It might appear on first thought that the proposed method of voting in primaries would not bring out a large enough vote to make it reasonable. We believe it would. With the entire day to vote in, there would undoubtedly be men out who might not be able to appear at some certain time for a regular meeting.

Naturally, one will be able to pick fallacies in the system as proposed. Still, if it were thoroughly worked out, it seems to us that it would be highly successful as a whole, and surely better than matters as they stand now.

Such a change in the voting system must needs originate from the Terrace Council. We call the Council's attention to the matter, and trust that that body will at least give it serious consideration. That is the least they should do. In our opinion, they might well do more.

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### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Twelve men have signified their intention of attending the Student Volunteer Conference at Cornell on December first, second, and third, as representatives of Union, and six have already signed registration cards. Registration will close during the latter part of the present week, and Union men who desire to attend the conference should see Imrie or Clough at Silliman Hall immediately. There is still room for more good men, and it is hoped that a good sized delegation will be present.

At a meeting for prospective delegates held Tuesday noon, ten men were present, and all showed enthusiasm and interest in the project. While it is possible that there are several more students who wish to attend, it is probable that some will be unable to do so, on account of conflicting activities. However, the prospect is very pleasing, and there is no doubt but that Union will be well represented.

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There will be no Vesper Service this coming Sunday, but on December tenth, following the Thanksgiving recess, Dr. Ellery will address the meeting. Dr. Ellery, ever popular with the student body, and a most interesting speaker, is certain to be an attraction for the students, and it is probable that this service will be one of the best held this winter.

An the Sunday immediately following, the Rev. M. O. Van Keuren of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, this city, will be the speaker.

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On account of the growth of the college and because of the congested condition which prevails in the library, Silliman Hall is rapidly becoming a favorite location as a study hall with the students. Every day its conven-

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE IS SLIGHTLY CHANGED

The basketball management announces that two last-minute changes are found necessary in the schedule.

The completed schedule follows:

Dec. 14—Clarkson Tech, here.  
Dec. 16—State College, here.  
Dec. 21—Princeton, here.  
Jan. 10—Columbia, here.  
Jan. 13—R. P. I., away.  
Jan. 18—St. Lawrence, here.  
Jan. 20—Williams, here.  
Jan. 27—Amherst, away.  
Feb. 10—Williams, here.  
Feb. 16—Crescent A. C., away.  
Feb. 17—Wesleyan, away.  
Feb. 22—West Point, away.  
Feb. 23—Amherst, here.  
March 3—Dartmouth, here.  
March 10—Wesleyan, here.  
March 17—R. P. I., here.

iences are used to advantage, and its magazines, books, and comfortable furniture furnish an attraction and comforts for the college men. Many of the best magazines and periodicals, and a number of the world's best books are now on the rack in the lounging room of the first floor.

While the Hall is used for studying purposes there is also a tendency for many of the students to find amusement there also, and while there has usually been good order and good spirits prevalent, it is hoped that all students will appreciate the fact that a little more quietness should prevail during the morning, since this is the time when it is most used as a study.

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The Social Service Committee is in need of several students to aid in teaching Bible classes for boys at the city Y. M. C. A. Any men desiring to aid in this work should see Robert Faust or President Imrie at Silliman Hall.

## FOOTBALL SMOKER TOMORROW NIGHT

Phi Gamma Delta Will Entertain.

MANY SPEAKERS.

Doughnuts, Cider and Music Among Things to Be Provided by Hosts.

The annual get-together smoker, which has been the custom to have at Union in honor of the football team at the end of the season, will take place tomorrow evening at the Phi Gamma Delta house beginning at 7:00 o'clock. This is the one opportunity during the fall term for the whole student body to come out for a good social time and so the Phi Gamm's are making gigantic preparations for the reception of the students. Sweet cider will be on hand to drink the health of Union's warriors in unstinted amount, and doughnuts and "smokes" in bountiful abundance are promised to heighten the good cheer.

The speakers of the evening will include President Richmond, "Charlie" Waldron and Professor Opdyke. Fred Dawson unfortunately will not be able to be present on account of the Harvard-Yale football game. Saturday, but Paul Murrah will speak and also the Invincible "Tubby," who promises to let us know how he did it. Other men have consented to speak, the announcement of which will come Friday night.

We are told that many of the Phi Gamm's have musical instruments and know how to use them to suit even the best of critics. Therefore it follows that Friday evening an orchestra will be included in attractions scheduled. But in order not to carry off all the honors they who play request the presence of the rest of the men on the campus with their instruments to swell the number and insure harmony to the proceedings. Thus the men who can play are urged to come prepared to favor the assembled company with their help in forming the orchestra for the evening.

## THE FORUM

To the Editor:

Owing to the fact that student pedestrians are bound to follow the path of least resistance, even though there be no path at first, the college authorities have found it necessary to erect temporary wire fences across new highways which have been appearing in various places in the soft grass about the campus. It may appeal to a man's sense of humor but it can hardly agree with his conscience to walk down one of these outlaw paths, calmly jump over the fence and proceed on his way with the air of having done something laudable.

Yours truly  
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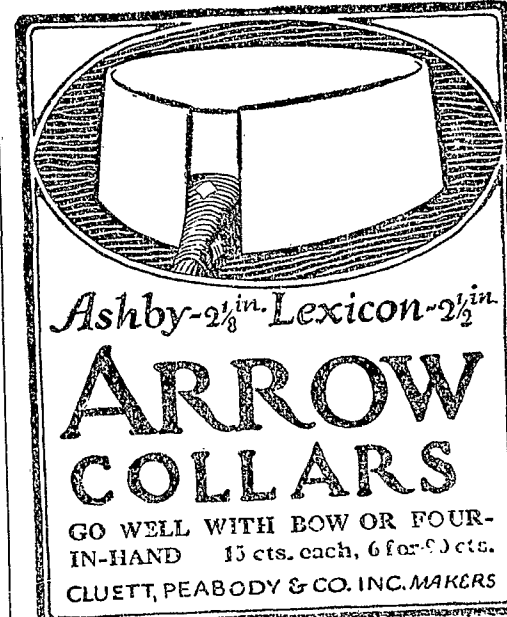
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#### PROM AND SOIREE PLANS

Neither the Junior Prom committee nor the Soiree Committee has closed a contract with the orchestra that will furnish them music. The Soiree Committee was delayed by the proposed change of date for the dance but now that the faculty has sanctioned the retention of the original evening, the orchestra will be chosen at once and all details attended to. In fact, the committee has practically decided upon an orchestra from Plainfield, N. J., but is reluctant to announce its name for fear of some slip-up before signing the papers. The conflict with the English Club lecture will be obviated by deferring the time of the Soiree to 9:30.

The Prom committee has received bids from several orchestras and will hold a meeting Friday to choose from the number.

#### NOTES ON DRAMATICS.

At a late hour last evening it was decided that the Junior Week musical comedy which has been announced as "The Honey Haberdashers," "Slaves of Sentiment," "The Red Streak," "The Blue Moon" and "Gladiola" will be called, for the present, "Love, Dove, and the Stars Above." It is hoped that this title will serve until the next issue of THE CONCORDIENSIS.

Mr. Downs, the president of the Dramatic Club, has been called away from college on account of the illness of his mother. During his absence his place on the Dramatic Club will be filled by Mr. Mandeville.

Everything will be in readiness for try-outs immediately after the Thanksgiving holidays. Mr. Charles X. O'Brien of Elmira, N. Y., has arranged Mr. Knight's music and Mr. Mandeville is busy rewriting the book.

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It, in part, spoke of the three different kinds of rays continuously given off by uranium as well as the ore pitch-blende. The word ray is applied to two kinds of things; first to a stream of invisible particles; second, to a succession of waves in the ether. The first ray was, after Becquerel, called the "alpha" ray, and the second kind named "beta." There was also a third ray called "gamma." The discovery by Monsieur Curie and his wife that the uranium ore was more active than the uranium salts abstracted from it was explained. The fact that elements can be transmuted was also shown.

Rutherford, the article states, actually counted the number of atoms of helium shot off from radium in a given time; and he

proved that alpha rays are nothing but a stream of helium atoms in enormously rapid motion, poured out from radium and some of its products of disintegration. This stream goes on as long as there is any emitting substance left; each atom of radium, for example, loses an atom of helium, and forms a new element niton.

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