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R. P. I. GAME SAT. NIGHT WILL BE FAST

Garnet Works Up Formidable
Attacks For Opponents.

R. P. I. LOSES WOOLSEY

Students of Game May Compare
Advantage and Disadvantages of Dribbles.

The Garnet squad has put in its final drills and workouts for the game tomorrow night with R. P. I., and both players and coaches are confident that the team will make the showing its backers feel it capable of. All the old plays have been carefully gone over and polished up, with several new combinations that are held in reserve in case of need. Capt. Yavits will be relied on to do the foul shooting, while forming at the same time the basis of the defense play. The Brucker brothers have kept up their speed during practice, and with Jones as center are working up a fast attack.

R. P. I. has developed several new plays and are promising a surprise attack that will sweep all before it. From the style of the play favored by their coach it seems probable that the dribble will be used extensively, and as the Garnet team has abolished this for the present season, substituting the short pass, close students of the game should have every opportunity to compare the different styles. In the loss of Woolsey, R. P. I.'s star captain of '17, the Red and White suffered a severe loss, but aside from that the team that takes the floor for them tomorrow night will be the same aggregation that faced Union so successfully last year. No game on the season's schedule is more important than a R. P. I. game, and the sale of seats indicates that the public appreciate the fact. The game will be called sharply at eight.

CALENDAR.

Saturday.

8:00—R. P. I. vs. Union in Gymnasium.

Sunday.

No Vesper Services.

Monday.

7:15—Meeting of U Club in Silliman Hall. Election of Officers.

FRESHMEN ELECT NEW CLASS OFFICERS TODAY

The Freshman class at a meeting this noon elected two new officers, a Treasurer and a Historian. McChesney was made Treasurer and Reynolds Historian. Hawkes had previously held the office of Secretary-Treasurer, but it was deemed wise to have an official to attend singly to the money matters of the class. Hawkes retains the office of Secretary. The financial delinquencies of the class also came up for consideration at this meeting.

SERGEANT-MAJOR APPOINTED.

Hendrickson, '20, has been appointed Battalion Sergeant-Major of the Union R. O. T. C.

COLLEGE BUNKERS REFILLED WITH COAL

Teams Draw Many Loads—Williams Fraternities Are Forced to Double Up.

Several teams drawing coal yesterday to the college heating plant increased the visible supply of anthracite by several tons, insuring a plentiful flow of heat for a good many days to come. The college authorities have no qualms whatever about keeping the fires burning all winter.

The coal shortage in Williamstown last week approached a crisis and a meeting was held Saturday afternoon to determine how best to meet the situation. There were present representatives of the Williamstown coal dealers, of the college fraternities, the faculty and townspeople. It was found that the coal dealers' supply of coal was exceptionally low and that the available supply from the Delaware and Hudson Company was far below the normal need. Of the fourteen fraternities at Williams, all but five were without coal and had either closed or were on the point of closing their houses. Of the five which still had coal in their bins, two had less than a ton apiece. Arrangements were made whereby each of the fraternities with an ample supply extended an invitation to a fraternity without coal to share its house. It was found that sufficient rooming accommodations could be furnished to all other men whom the coal famine had deprived of lodgings.

BATTALION GUARD OF HONOR FOR GOV. WHITMAN

Arrangements are being made to make the patriotic celebration which occurs on the Day of Prayer, Thursday, January 17, a more elaborate ceremony than the observance of the Day of Prayer has previously been. The college battalion will figure conspicuously in the exercises, escorting Governor Whitman from the President's house to the gymnasium where the exercises will be held and being reviewed by the Governor. Governor Whitman will make the presentation of the service flag which was given by the New York alumni. One of the officers of the battalion will receive the flag on behalf of the college. Further details will be announced later.

The program as presented above is subject to change. It is hoped that the battalion will have its uniforms to wear on this occasion.

WAR TOPICS TALKED OF BY PROMINENT EDUCATORS

Brown President Points Out Courses That Will Be Valuable In Post-Bellum Life.

College presidents and professors, in common with nearly every one else, are constantly talking about the war. President Faunce of Brown and Prof. Pope, formerly of the University of California, now of Amherst, have recently spoken impressively on aspects of the war, especially important to college students.

President Faunce, in addressing the Brown students, is reported as follows by the Brown Daily Herald:

"I may wish you all a Happy New Year, happy in that it may bring the return of peace. No one can tell what the year will bring forth. Meanwhile every man must do his bit right at home by fitting himself to render the greatest service that he can to his country.

"Although it has seemed best to some to give up their college education and enter some active branch of national service, there are many who have chosen to stay at home as long as they can and to keep on with their studies with added vigor, a choice which is sometimes the more difficult of the two.

"Among the men who are now in the American colleges there is a seriousness never before realized. The times have undergone a great change from those in which Horace Greeley declared that he would never employ college men in his office because of their utter worthlessness. Now it is realized that it is the college man who will eventually assume leadership in the war and in the period of reconstruction after the war.

"Engineers are especially in de-

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NO WRONG TO MAKE MONEY, SAYS PROF.

Wrong Not to Make It, Says
Prof. Bennett.

HAS PRAISE FOR WILSON.

Says President's Utterance Interprets Biblical Text—
"Treasure," Christ's Text

Prof. John Ira Bennett was the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. Bible study lecture in the Chapel yesterday afternoon. Prof. Bennett continued the series of lectures on the "Sermon on the Mount" by showing what the Christian man considers "Treasure" to be.

At the beginning of his talk Prof. Bennett said a few words about money making, averring that the Christian man is not necessarily a poor man and advising his hearers to make money, so long as they make it honestly. "It is not wrong to make money," he said. "It is wrong not to make it. A man should have a house and lot, a wife and children, all of which are costly, and also a considerable balance in the bank, which will enable him to be a liberal man. I mean a liberal man as defined in Aristotle's Ethics, a man who gives money cheerfully in a good cause."

"Make money," he continued, "but make it cleanly. Use it well and set not your heart upon it. The love of money is not the root of all evil but it is the source of much good. Poverty causes more evil than money. Even moderate poverty impoverishes character. It is not necessary to be poor in order to be a Christian."

The speaker then passed to his principal text, "Treasure."

"Treasure," he said, "is a Greek word, as many important English words are likely to be. It means that which is laid up, laid up because it is dear to the heart. 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' It is the indication of your character. Treasure is not only the recurring theme of the 'Sermon on the Mount' which explains how the Christian is to endow in his heart the kingdom of Heaven which shall be a copy of the divine kingdom, it is also the principal theme of the 'Sermon on the Mount' and might be construed as the subject of it."

By reading the beatitudes, using the Greek text instead of the English version, which he said was more beautiful but apt to be less clear and forceful than the Greek, Prof. Bennett pointed out what was meant by the Treasure of a Christian and how it would be paid to him.

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The Selective System in College Entrance.

The president of the university having the largest attendance of any in America, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia, has recently uttered a proposal for changing college entrance requirements. He would retain the present method of examining the cranial contents of candidates for admission, only as a means of creating a list of eligibles from which the faculty would be free to choose those whom they deemed most worthy and capable of academic cultivation. If we understand the sense of the scheme correctly, when it is in vogue the sub-Freshman would present himself at the gates of the college having in his hand not only his Regent's certificate or other evidence of his fitness to cope with advanced subjects of study, but also credentials resembling those which go with registered cattle of high pedigree. Not that the chief prerequisite, other than mental ones, would be descent, although that might be included; but the candidate would probably have to furnish documentary evidence of the likelihood of his turning out a scholar and a gentleman, as the registered heifer is expected, if blood will tell, to develop in an extraordinary measure the qualities which make a cow noble, elegant and valuable to society.

Higher education has become exceedingly popular in the United States. The offspring of the multitudinous horde of immigrants who have settled in this country have invaded the colleges, perceiving that learning is a potent implement in participating in the great game of Success as it is played in the United States. For in spite of the contemptuous animadversions of the Self-Made Man, the college graduate has an advantage over uneducated

men in laying hold on the remunerations of business. These newcomers possess an industry born of ambition, but they are apt to want the finer qualities of a scholar and a gentleman and the gifts by which men attain positions which lead people to include them among those "who are looked up to in the community." It is, we suppose, to create an abundant source of supply of such members of the community, that the selective system would be applied to college entrance.

Under ideal conditions, the college which enforced this system would be free from those dunderpates, sluggards and scatter-brains who cheat fraternities out of scholarship cups and contaminate classes with their asinine questions and ill-timed naps. Had the inmates of institutions of learning ever been selected by this rule, as it would work ideally, Dr. Johnson might never have written.

"Everyman, that has ever undertaken to instruct others, can tell what slow advances he has been able to make, and how much patience it requires to recall vagrant inattention, to stimulate sluggish indifference and to rectify absurd misapprehension."

But a college whose students would give no occasion for such an utterance is exceedingly difficult of attainment, even though it employ the selective system of admission. The qualities which make for scholarship and leadership are seldom discernible, even though they exist, in the sub-Freshman. The sub-Freshman is exceedingly protean. He may come to college a Fauntleroy and leave a Lothario. He may enter stained with every callow vice and turn out a respectable member of society. As he stands on the threshold of new acquaintanceships, new experiences, new points of view and a freedom from restraint hitherto unknown, his future defies prediction.

Doubtless in many cases men for whom the bars were lowered under a selective system of admission would justify the judgment that let them in. Yet is it not better than twenty undesirables should be admitted, rather than that one good student should be excluded?

A discerning reader remarks in reference to the editorial entitled "Co-operation" which appeared in our last, that in studying, self-reliance is as fully as estimable as co-operation.

Y. M. C. A. ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.

The Y. M. C. A. advisory board, at a regular meeting held Thursday afternoon at Silliman Hall, discussed plans for the future work of the association. The board elected as faculty representatives, Dr. Ellery and Prof. Taylor.

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DELTA UPSILON TRIUMPHS OVER LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

The first of the inter-fraternity bowling contests was held Wednesday night, between Delta Upsilon and Lambda Chi Alpha. Three games were played and the victory went to Delta Upsilon. The match was on at nine o'clock P. M. and the scores were as follows:

Lambda Chi Alpha	1	2	3	Tot.
Cockburn	98	94	96	288
Gillespie	190	152	102	444
Swart	86	98	—	184
Smith	149	158	151	458
McKenna	162	184	130	476
Absentee	—	—	100	100
Delta Upsilon	1	2	3	Tot.
Forsyth	124	138	80	342
Pfeoffer	147	173	212	532
Waterman	114	—	196	310
E. Kennedy	—	109	140	249
McChesney	195	107	—	302
W. Kennedy	159	135	84	378
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mand. This has been a war of engineers, and the government has recognized the importance of insuring a constant supply of engineering men from the colleges and technical schools throughout the country. There is no doubt as to the value of engineering courses.

"French and Spanish courses will equip students to take part in the establishment of business relationships between this country and South America.

"Courses in political economy and international law will fit students for leadership in the re-organization of industry which will take place in this country and for leadership in determining the new relations between nations after the war.

"One course which does not seem to have such a direct tendency towards future usefulness but which I wish to emphasize is philosophy. This course will give an entirely new view of every-day life and will show the fallacy of German teaching which has brought about this war. It is the professors who have instilled false doctrines into the people of Germany that have caused this war, and it will be the professors who will spread the truth which shall make us free."

The Amherst Student reports Prof. Pope thus:

"At first thought it may appear altogether ridiculous to reflect or philosophize upon the war. This is a time for action—men with terrific power and efficiency are called for and this certainly does not include the philosopher.

"In opposition to this is another, long standing theory. Plato once said, 'Until philosophers become kings or kings become philosophers there will be misery and unhappiness throughout the world.' Just recently, when

leaving for the front, the Dean of the University of California said, 'The world needs philosophy now more than anything else.'

"To get at the true causes of the present war, theories must be reverted to. For the last hundred years a false gospel has dominated Western Europe. The finer arts and culture have all been laid aside in an overpowering ambition to secure material advantages and power. By this policy philosophy has been disregarded entirely. Germany has had true and noble ideas among her philosophers. A hundred years ago the German philosopher, Kant, denounced secret diplomacy and asserted that the only ultimate security for the world was in democracy and a confederation of the nations to preserve peace. But all this philosophy was overlooked by the rulers of Germany. Indeed Stein, the famous Prussian philosopher, in 1818, ordered the professors of history to teach merely the details of history tending to glorify the Prussian Empire and its future. And in this manner the truth has been kept hidden from the people of Germany.

"If the war is to be won by us, philosophers must not be ignored. But who are philosophers, A philosopher has been defined as 'any man who seeks the real and ultimate truth.' Plato said, 'The real purpose of the organization of society is to create in every individual a true and a good life.' Right living must not be sacrificed to expediency. Germany has taken no notice of the world as a whole, but has merely considered herself in her mad ambition for efficiency and power.

"But in reconstruction we must constantly hold in mind a universal happiness and welfare. We must make use of true ideas, of sound thinking—of philosophy. We must have real ideals in view. And then will philosophers have become kings—then only will strife and misery be at an end."

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Manager Cameron of the Union College Musical Club has announced that the clubs will take a three days' trip during the last half of the week of Washington's birthday. On Thursday, February 21, the clubs will play in Elmira. Friday they will entertain in Poughkeepsie, probably at Vassar. A concert will be held Saturday in New York under the auspices of the New York Alumni Association. At first it was contemplated to entertain at West Point on Friday afternoon, so that the members of the musical clubs could see the Union-West Point basketball game in the evening, but the manager had to abandon this plan because he found it impossible to arrange for transportation to make the trip from Elmira in time to play in West Point that afternoon.

There will be no concert during Junior week on account of the curtailment of the festivities.

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