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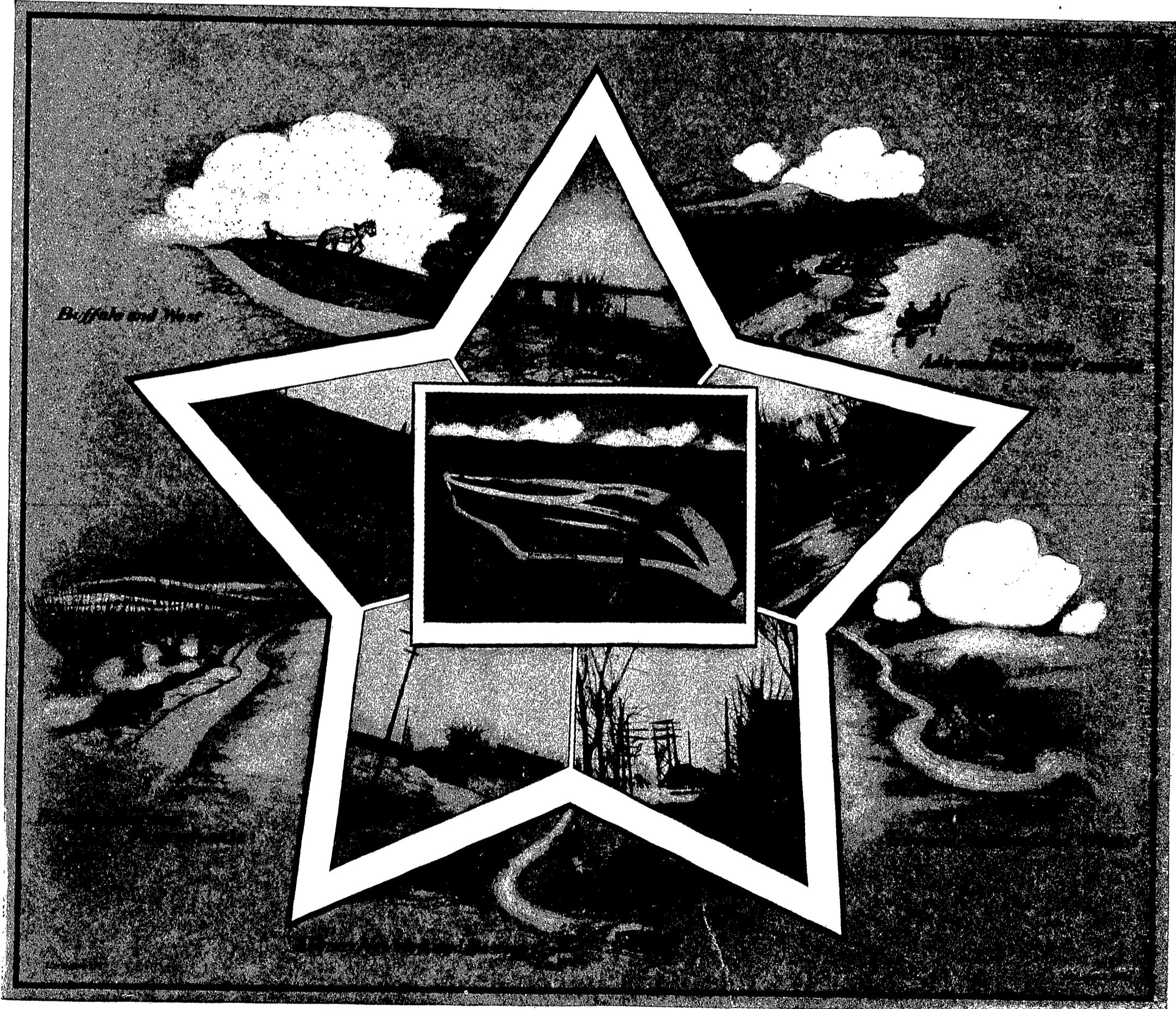
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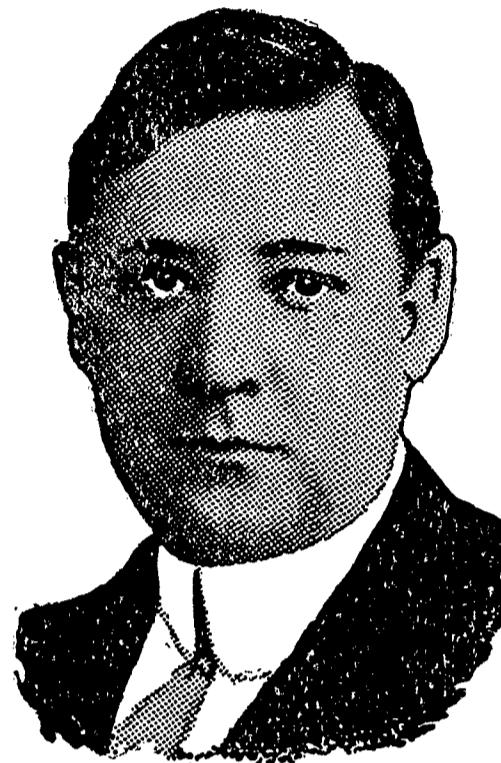
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## A PLEA FOR THE GATEWAY.

### Urgent Need for New Project Made Clear.

The bridge across the Mohawk River at Schenectady is the only means of travel from one side of that river to the other for a distance of 53 miles. It stands at the entrance to the Mohawk Valley, the Gateway, as the Indians named this spot more than 250 years ago, and is used every day by more than 20,000 people. It is the only entrance at water level in the entire Appalachian range for hundreds of miles.

In other words, this bridge at Schenectady serves a population lying on and contiguous to the Mohawk River of one million people. As a result of the flood conditions of March, 1914, every bridge between Cohoes and Tribes Hill, a distance of 53 miles, was swept away, leaving this old bridge, the abutments of which were built in 1806, the only bridge standing.

Realizing the importance of this structure to the trade and commerce of the State, the leading citizens of Eastern New York formed an organization to secure relief from these intolerable conditions from the Legislature. The petitions were signed and the project was endorsed by scores of the representative men of the State. The State Automobile Association, representing 17,000 members, has twice endorsed the building of a bridge that will lift the tide of travel forever above flood level, and eliminate the intolerable conditions that have made the old bridge a menace for years. Boards of Trade all over the State have recognized that the building of a bridge at this point was not a local project, but one of State-wide importance, affecting the safety of the travelling public and the development of the commerce of one million people.

For a century the floods have been a menace to the entire valley. The climax was reached, as stated above, in the Spring of 1914, and the water swept away Freeman's bridge, the bridge at Rexfords, the Aqueduct bridge, and in previous years the bridge at Vischer's Ferry, the bridge at Dunsbach's Ferry, and one end of the Amsterdam bridge, and only by a miracle was the old Schenectady-Scotia bridge left standing.

Schenectady is not alone in asking for relief, for it is a condition that affects every portion of Eastern New York and the Mohawk Valley. The barge canal, now rapidly nearing completion, passes directly underneath the old bridge. According to the statisticians of the Barge Canal Commission, Schenectady will rank next to Buffalo in the amount of tonnage and in the value of freight shipped, and the new structure is closely linked with this great project affecting the development of commerce all along the entire Mohawk Valley.

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The Barge Canal is the vital point in the plans for the new structure. The terminal at Schenectady will be one of the largest in the state, and the state for years has maintained the policy of erecting its own bridges across its navigable waters. If this were simply a local project, Schenectady would dig down in her pockets and build it, but the building of the new bridge across the Mohawk at this point is a project that affects thousands of people outside the immediate radius of Schenectady.

The old bridge during the Spring floods is covered with water and ice for days, making traffic of any kind absolutely impossible. The narrow dyke connecting the western approach of the bridge with the village of Scotia, is a part of the State highway and this, as is shown in a photograph printed, is under four feet of water every Spring. The present structure was built in 1874, at which time Schenectady had less than 10,000 population. Today it is a city of 100,000 people, the most rapidly growing city in the State. The travel across the old bridge has doubled, quadrupled, and then doubled again. More than 1,000 automobiles pass over the old structure every day. Two lines of interurban lines add to the density of traffic that has become dangerous. The old structure with its approaches makes it necessary for automobiles to make eight right angle turns and to cross over at right angles seven trolley lines between the end of the dyke and the entrance to State Street, Schenectady.

Schenectady has manifested her disposition to go to the limit in co-operating with the state in asking for a new structure by agreeing to buy the land and pay the entire cost of building the approach of the new bridge. Scotia at the other end of the bridge has entered into a similar agreement. The Great Western Gateway League of the Mohawk Valley asks the State to build across the Mohawk River, which is now the barge canal, a bridge befitting and becoming the historic and commercial importance of the Mohawk Valley and the country lying north of the river.

The counties of the Mohawk Valley and those adjacent thereto, to which the Great Western Gateway is the doorway, have been so bounteously endowed by nature and so wonderfully developed by its people that this section is destined to become the most vital factor in the future material advancement of the State. Here in the Mohawk Valley are rapidly concentrating the industrial and commercial activities of our State to the extent that this section will, in the near future, assert its rightful title to a dominating position in State affairs.

There is scant space in an article of this character to describe in detail, by means of figures, the importance agriculturally, commercially and industrially of this section or to indicate in this way how rapid its growth in these respects has been. This section represents a very considerable proportion of the wealth and productivity of the State of New York. This is a section rich in farming lands, owned and cultivated by an industrious and enterprising people. It is a fact little known, that New York ranks first of all the States of the Union in point of farm production and that the Mohawk Valley is one of the richest and most productive farming sections in the world.

Besides the canals and railways of this great valley, have grown up manufacturing industries whose products go to every corner of the earth. The manufactured products of this valley exceed in value those of many of the Western and Southern States.

The past decade has witnessed the development of an entirely new form of vehicular travel—the automobile. So remarkable has this development been that there were

registered in New York State in 1914, 167,740 machines. At the present rate of increase, ten years more will see 400,000 automobiles owned in the State of New York.

The State of New York by the exercise of real statesmanship, on the part of its legislators, has acquired permanent ownership of the great Adirondack Park, thus securing this vast region as a playground for the people of the State for all time. In this section millions of dollars have been invested in hotels and summer resorts. Is it not the duty of the State of New York to make this magnificent playground as readily accessible to the motorists as the New England States have made their resorts, and thus encourage tourist travel from the southern and eastern sections of the State to see first the wonderful scenic attractions of their own State?

All these vast interests are a unit in their demand for a suitable means of access to this great valley and the tributary country to the north. It is little less than criminal for the great State of New York longer to deny this section and its interests suitable and lasting relief from the intolerable conditions which have existed for generations.

If the present enormous development of this section is to continue, it should be with every possible encouragement by the State of New York—not in spite of the disability under which it has been compelled to work in the past by reason of the State's inactivity.

This section has ever been ready and willing to assist in the development of other sections of the State and it now sends forth a summons for relief from the conditions described herein.

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#### IN SUPPORT OF THE WESTERN GATEWAY.

"As president of the college which has stood looking into the gateway of the Mohawk Valley since 1795, I might be assumed to have some local interest in this project. But speaking from the larger interest I must call attention to the fact that it is not a local proposition. The great Appalachian mountain system breaks its continuity here and the very name Schenectady means outside the door. This makes Schenectady the connecting link between the east and the west. Many people spend much of their time in regretting things which were done at a time when it seemed most expedient to do them in a certain way to meet the conditions of the moment. Not only that but after having done them they are prone to look upon the thing, after it is done, as permanent, no matter how great the need of alteration may be to meet the demands of the changed present and the ever-changing prospective of the future."

Charles Alexander Richmond.

"The origin of this bill is the need of a great thoroughfare.

"Last year we had a flood that swept away every bridge from Cohoes to Tribes Hill, a distance of 53 miles, except this bridge.

"It was the good fortune of everyone that when, about 111 years ago, the piers were built they were built by men who believed in doing good public work.

"What we ask and what this bill calls for, is that the State of New York, which has created the condition here, shall build that part of the bridge which crosses the water and the lands that belong to the state.

"The Lord Almighty created this as a passage from the east to the west, and the state is the guardian of the highway.

"Autoists will say, the State of New York is so niggardly, so parsimonious, so thrifty in small things, that though nature gave us the only entrance through the great mountain chain, it was too stingy to build a suitable bridge at this point that Prov-

idence gave us in preference to all other places in the United States."

Robert J. Landon.

#### BASEBALL PROSPECTS FOR 1915.

The baseball outlook for 1915 is very promising. We have out at present a squad of some thirty-five men including nine men with 'varsity experience. The freshman material is good and promises not only to fill in the gaps in last year's team but also to provide a good nucleus for next year's team.

The greatest difficulty lies in the fact that we have at present no suitable diamond for practice. As expected, the new field proved slow in drying and when dry, showed clearly, on account of the sandy surface, the results of being used as a gridiron during last fall. Consequently the team will have to take the Stevens and Rutgers trip this week without proper preparation in the fielding end of the game.

We have, however, as our greatest asset, our coach, Fred Dawson. He has already this year, twice proved his ability to develop winning teams, and we are now confidently placing in him our hopes for a successful baseball season. He knows baseball as few college coaches know it, and that knowledge combined with his already proved ability to make a team work as a team, rather than as separate individuals gives us a certain sense of security in placing these hopes.

Last but not least comes the student body. Upon you depends the spirit of the team. We will undoubtedly meet with success. The best of baseball teams suffer from losing the "breaks of the game," and "baseball luck", as it is called. We promise you right here at the start that as a team we will give everything we have to finish making this Union's most successful athletic season. If you for your part will stand behind us every day of the season, and fight

with us every inch of the way, the season will not only be a success but will fit very perfectly with the football and basketball seasons.

#### COLLEGE SCRIBES CONVENE.

Jacobs and Glenn Represent Concordiensis.

Glenn Appointed to Executive Board.

The third annual convention of the Eastern College Newspapers' Association was held in New York on Friday and Saturday, April 9th and 10th, under the auspices of Dr. Talcott Williams, head of the Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia. The association included twenty-one college papers and three new ones, the New Yorker of N. Y. U., the Tech of M. I. T., and the Tripod of Trinity, were admitted to membership.

The Union Concordiensis was represented by Avrom M. Jacobs, for the editorial staff, and Howard A. Glenn, for the business department. Both of them were most hospitably entertained and returned with some excellent ideas for the future of the Concordy. The Concordiensis was most favorably mentioned in the discussion, and suggestions were made that it be converted into newspaper form and be issued twice a week. Perhaps this is one of the possibilities that the future holds in store for us. Glenn is now on the executive committee of the business managers. This is a considerable honor for Union.

On the morning of April 9th a closed business session for the business managers was held, while the editors were shown about the beautiful Columbia campus. At noon, the delegates were welcomed by Dr. Talcott Williams at luncheon. The past of the organization was reviewed by Dr. Williams, and a most glorious prophecy made for its future. Franklin Dunham, of the Columbia Spectator welcomed the guests in behalf of his colleagues and responses to the kind welcome were made by R. MacDonald of the Yale News, and by Mr.

Cameron of the Williams Record. The editorial men then adjourned to a business session where such topics were discussed as "The Use of Outside News," "Division of Work Among the Editorial Staff," "The Use of Special Features." The daily newspapers predominated in these discussions, but valuable bits of information were picked up by the small college men. It seemed the concensus of opinion that outside news, such as Associated Press despatches, were out of place in a college paper, save when that paper served also in lieu of a metropolitan paper; that division of the work of editorial writing was valuable in that it in some degree relieved the burden of the Editor-in-Chief and tended to make the editorials more readable and interesting; and that special features were very valuable in injecting variety into the newspaper columns.

While the editorial session was in progress, talks were given to the business men on "National Advertising" and allied subjects. The business men were not communicative as to their deliberations, and so we can only surmise that clever plots were laid to separate the unwary advertiser and subscriber from his "kale."

At 6:30 P. M. a banquet was held at the Hotel Imperial. William Kleitz of the Cornell Sun, president of the association, was toastmaster, and introduced, among others, Dr. Williams, of the School of Journalism, Colonel Williams, president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, Dr. Matthews of the School of Journalism, and City Editor Mr. MacAneny of the Tribune. All of these men gave interesting and instructive talks. After the dinner, officers were elected for the coming year. Franklin Dunham of the Columbia Spectator, was elected president. After the election, the delegates were conducted through the entire New York Times plant, and saw a newspaper made. Every stage of the process was reviewed, from the receiving of the news to the turning out of

the finished paper at the rate of 30,000 copies an hour.

On Saturday, more conferences took place, and a trip through the Bowery and Chinatown was scheduled for the evening, to be followed by a theatre party, to be followed by an inspection of the plant of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle. With this event the convention came to a close.

The association has doubled in size since its formation three years ago, and bids fair to continue this progress. It is a most valuable medium for the exchange of ideas, and the Union Concordiensis is fortunate to be allowed the privilege of membership. Union men will be interested in knowing that Morris Schaffer, the 1914 Business Manager of the Concordiensis is at present Advertising Manager of the Columbia Spectator.

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#### "LUDUS ROMANUS."

#### Classical Club Entertained.

Saturday evening at eight o'clock a large and representative body from the Classical Club assembled at the Schenectady High School auditorium and witnessed a delightful little comedy given under the auspices of the "Aeneadae." The play represented a day in a Roman school and took in everything from a flogging to a prize oratorical contest. Mr. Brubacher, as schoolmaster, played the leading role and filled his position in a most praiseworthy manner.

The visitors enjoyed every minute of the play and were unanimous in their commendation of the work done in so successfully rendering the affair. For the benefit of those who were not there a brief synopsis of the play follows:

Boys and girls come straggling along to school, two of them accompanied by their pedagogues. The teacher being late, they proceed to enjoy themselves. All scamper to their benches when the pedagogues, who have been commanded to be on the lookout,

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warn them that the teacher is coming.

After the roll call, the teacher begins the lesson of the day, but is interrupted by Catiline, who pays the penalty for his tardiness by a flogging. The teaching is again interrupted by a tardy pupil, Appia Claudia, whose pedagogue explains her late arrival. The excuse being accepted grudgingly, Appia escapes a flogging, but is obliged to pay for the unusual leniency by reciting a piece. This arouses the other pupils with a desire to emulate her, and several of them are allowed to speak.

Gymnastic exercises follow; the teacher then gives out the lesson for the next day, which includes some verses to be learned. The geography lesson comes next. The two judges now arrive who have been previously invited to award the prize in a speaking contest arranged for this special day, between Cicero and Caesar. The boys do their best. After serious consideration, the judges report that they are unable to decide, and that the prize shall be awarded by lot. The slaves bring forward an urn into which the names of both contestants are dropped. Fate awards the crown to Cicero.

Young Crassus, the son of one of the judges, who has been studying rhetoric at the famous school at Rhodes, enters. After greeting his father, he is urged by the pupils to recite for them. He complies.

The pupils then rise to sing the school song, as the closing exercise. One of the girls begs permission to give an exhibition of dancing for Crassus. The judges, seconding the petition, the request is granted.

The school is then dismissed. All the pupils come up to say good-bye to the judges and the teacher, two of them presenting gifts to the teacher, whose only pay consists of such voluntary offerings.

After all have departed, the judges congratulate the teacher on his fine school. Crassus, senior, bids his son to accompany him to the Forum, whereupon the other judge

begs to be allowed to join them. After their departure, the teacher offers up thanks to Jupiter, and all the gods for this most auspicious day, and goes off the stage praying that they will vouchsafe to him many more boys to flog.

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Next Wednesday, April 21, the students of Union College will have the opportunity of hearing Hamilton Holt who is famous for his activity in the American Peace Society. He was one of the representatives at the Hague conference. It will be remembered that he spoke here two or three years ago.

### PLEASE !

This is the all important time of year for making or breaking the beauty of the campus. The rain of the past week has brought a fresh green to the grass and all the foliage on the hill is beginning to brighten up. We want the campus to look better than ever this summer, particularly at commencement. We cannot keep the grass in good condition though, as long as some of us find more pleasure in walking on the sod than on the cinder paths. Have a heart, fellows, and—"Keep off the grass!"

### COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY RELATIONS AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

#### New Plans in Force at Northwestern Reviewed by the Outlook.

Northwestern University is undertaking a plan, new for them, of dealing with college fraternities. The University is trying the policy of regulation. Nearly \$500,000 has been spent on arranging a quadrangle of fraternity houses and dormitories for non-fraternity men.

The authorities of the University helped the undergraduates and alumni of the different fraternities to secure credit and the houses, harmonious in design and material have been built in the Florentine style of

architecture. The land was given by the college for the use of the fraternities; the title of all the property, however, remains with the institution.

The Outlook tells of the new plan at Northwestern and of the conditions there as follows:

"When President Harris went to Northwestern University, he tells us, he found a number of National fraternities and some local clubs. Most of them were paying rent, and were located in various parts of Evanston; none of the chapters owned their own homes. They were small in numbers; and they were too much given to social activities. President Harris believes that wherever people are thrown together groups will be formed by natural gravitation. The fraternities were imbedded in the University; and, instead of antagonizing them, it seemed to him wise to utilize their strength and enthusiasm for the good of the University and of the students. The solution of the quadrangle of fraternity houses adjoining non-fraternity dormitories, where all the men would live together under the same circumstances, offered itself. Both classes of students are now constantly thrown together under the same material conditions; their expenses have been greatly reduced, as a year's experience with one of the quadrangles has shown; and, President Harris believes, the spirit of a broad and true democracy has been greatly fostered. In his judgment, the planting of the fraternities in permanent homes, the University holding the title, has not only cut down the expense, but has enlarged the chapters, improved the discipline of the institution, and largely removed the tendencies towards exclusiveness and snobbishness which have been developed in some cases under the fraternity system. The endeavor is being made to foster a strong social feeling in the non-fraternity houses, so that when the alumni return they

will feel at home in the houses in which they formerly lived, precisely as the fraternity alumni feel.

"Mr. Henry W. Austin, of Chicago, who has recently won his seat in the State Senate after a struggle of several months, declares that there is a new spirit in the college fraternity of to-day. Mr. Austin is himself president of one of the largest and most influential of the fraternities. He thinks the criticism to which the fraternities have been subjected in late years has been extremely beneficial to them, developing more intimate relations with the colleges, better discipline, and the stimulation of the scholarly spirit. Mr. Austin believes that fraternity organization can be used so as to be of very great service to the undergraduates, as regards their morality, their scholarship, and the clearer definition of their ideals.

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#### PRESS CLUB BANQUET.

##### The Press Club Scribes Hold Their Annual Feed With Professor March as Toastmaster.

Twenty-three members and guests of the Press Club attended the Club's annual banquet held at Glenn's Friday evening, April 9. Professor March acted as toastmaster and in his opening remarks spoke as follows: "My position here this evening is somewhat similar to that of the tramp who had been given a bountiful dinner by a benevolent old lady. At the end of the meal, being desirous to show his gratitude, to his benefactress he inquired if he could not chop some wood for her. 'I do not use wood,' the lady replied. 'Then can't I bring up a few scuttles of coal?' the tramp enjoined. 'I don't use coal,' was the answer, 'I use gas.' 'Then can't I turn on the gas?' said the tramp. I suppose that I am here to turn on the gas. When I was first asked to speak here this evening I was somewhat at a loss to account for my being selected to speak at a

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meeting of the Press Club, but I finally concluded that as I have had some connection with literature and poetry and the imaginative arts, I was deemed suited to speak at a gathering of reporters, for reporting is an imaginative art."

Mandeville, the retiring president, was the first speaker. He spoke of his connection with the Press Club and expressed his regret at leaving it. In concluding his remarks he praised the loyalty of the club's members who give their services without receiving any material reward in return. Jeff Delchamps was the next speaker; he touched upon his work in the Club and as Editor-in-Chief of the Concordy, with special reference to the latter. He was followed by Joe Soler, the newly elected president, who made a brief and pointed speech. He urged that all the junior members of the Club remain with the Club next year and give their earnest support and aid. The last speaker was Dr. Hill. In presenting him Professor March said that Dr. Hill's right to be prominent in Press Club affairs arose not alone from the fact that he had had newspaper experience but also because he was concerned with such imaginative subjects as economics, political economy, and sociology." It has been my good fortune," he said, "to read several works on sociology, and in all of them an attempt was made in the first two or three chapters to prove that there is such a thing as sociology, which certainly requires a good deal of imagination." Dr. Hill spoke at length on special aspects of the work the Press Club is carrying on. At the conclusion of his remarks a toast to the success of the Club was drunk with great enthusiasm, "even if there was only water," as Professor March remarked. Alma Mater was then sung and the good folk dispersed; some to complete the evening with amusement, histrionic; some perhaps, to quaff the spring-time Bock, while others betook themselves to inhibi-

tions at Wisdom's fountains; ye scribe hied him straightway home to prepare his lucubration on ye evening's festivities for ye Concordy.

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**DRAMATIC CLUB MAY GIVE PLAY.**  
Revived Interest in Dramatics May Lead to a Reproduction of "Arms and the Man."

John Holland, Union, ex-'15, is being mentioned by members of the Dramatic Club to coach the annual undergraduate play here this spring. Mr. Holland got his dramatic training at the Belasco School of Dramatic Art in New York City, and later in stock companies. He has been very successful and is entirely competent to coach a play at college. His home is in Schenectady.

At a recent meeting of the thespians it was tentatively decided to produce one of George Bernard Shaw's "Pleasant Plays" this year. "Arms and the Man" was finally chosen and Walter Baker is in correspondence with the publishers for procuring rights for this popular and amusing comedy.

The question of student support has been the principal issue that has caused the Dramatic Club to remain inactive this season. It is felt that there is not enough interest in dramatics here to warrant any heavy expenditures. The management does not feel equal to supporting any deficit which might occur. Various suggestions to remedy this condition have been offered. One that met with most hearty approval was the suggestion to lower the price of tickets for any play from one dollar to fifty cents. It is felt that the increased number of men who would attend under such conditions would warrant the reduction in price.

If the producing rights of "Arms and the Man" can be secured, the play will probably be given during the last part of May.

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Columbia is considering making basketball a major sport.

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## THE WESTERN GATEWAY.

It is with a feeling of most complete satisfaction and confidence in the merit of our cause that we, as students of Union College, under the leadership of President Richmond, align ourselves with the supporters of the **Great Western Gateway** movement. We do not advocate it merely because we realize that the erection of a boulevard bridge at this point in the Mohawk Valley would add beauty to our city and would incidentally make our college and its environs more attractive, but because there is an imperative need for such a work and no good can come of delay in building it. The old bridge has long passed its normal period of usefulness and is even dangerous and unserviceable in times of high water. What the public wants is a viaduct from the "highlands of Schenectady to the highlands of Glenville—one which will place the tide of travel forever above the Mohawk floods and which will eliminate the intolerable conditions that past generations have been forced to endure—a bridge befitting and becoming the historic and commercial importance of the Mohawk Valley."

## PUBLIC SAFETY VERSUS ANTI-MILITARISM.

There is probably no subject at the present time which occupies a more prominent position in the minds of college students throughout the country generally than the matter of military training in schools and colleges. That the question readily admits of two views, each strongly championed by men of unquestioned worth and each diametrically opposed to the other is manifest from the fact that two antagonistic societies have been formed. The names of these two organizations are the National Security League and the Collegiate Anti-Militarism League. In order to view the subject fairly, we shall endeavor to set forth as accurately as possible the position taken by the latter

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society before advancing views on the other side, which is our position.

The following are verbatim the words from a communication of the Collegiate Anti-Militarism League, addressed to the editor of the Concordiensis:

"Some time past we mailed you an enclosure concerning militarism both here and abroad. Since then an agitation for compulsory military service for college men has been started by the National Security League. Various papers, such as the New York Times, Puck and others, have advocated this idea and have attracted some attention by their proposals.

"It is our belief that such a movement is unnecessary and in the highest degree vicious. Tho its advocates may declare that they are opposed to militarism, yet willingly or not they are really fostering its spread. And of all times, to-day would seem to be the least opportune for such a development in America. \* \* \*to-day when other countries are most anxious for our friendship. The least that can be said is that college men should be left free to study a better way out of international difficulties, than the old and so drastically unsatisfactory one of huge armaments and military castes.

"The proposal strikes all college men very close at home. The Collegiate Anti-Militarism League feels that there is a greater field for college men than the preparation for war. Opportunities for social service are on every side, and their benefits far greater than those of military service, both nationally and internationally. Why should college men, of all the possible recruits, be drafted into an inadequate system of security? Should not they, of all the nations, be allowed to study more civilized methods?"

The advocates of anti-militarism seem to us to err in four essential particulars. First, they assume that military training in college would develop into a system which would alter our friendly relations with foreign nations. Second, that it would interfere with a college man's freedom "to study better ways out of international difficulties." Third, by saying that there is a "greater field for college men than the preparation for war," they either imply that a college man cannot be preparing for some other form of service to his country at the same time that he is taking military training or that, having received military training, he must use it at all costs. Personally we do not believe that the anti-militarists take the latter view though even such an absurd position is sometimes taken by their adherents. Fourth, they ask why college men, of all the possible recruits, should be drafted into this system and not be allowed to study more civilized methods.

In answer to this last point, we would say that in the first place when the nation needs defenders the college man has no moral or legal grounds on which to base his exemption from the **common duty** and in the second place, "of all the possible recruits" the college man, as in all other lines of human activity, would be the best fitted to act as leader and guide especially if he had had the advantage of military training. Moreover we do not think that a few hours healthful exercise every week in military drill would very seriously interfere with his study of "more civilized methods."

In regard to the friendship of foreign nations we should like to have our opponents cite instances of countries which are especially popular with their fellows because they are not capable of defending themselves. Such ones as Poland, China, India—the whole of Africa belong in this category but they pay a dear price indeed for their popularity by being considered as "subjects for colonization by foreign powers." This position of the powers in regard to America was, we recall, condemned by President Monroe.

Further, we feel that a few words of moderation should be spoken in regard to those glaring phrases: "huge armaments" and "military castes." This system of military training in schools and colleges which we advocate would be in direct opposition to the "huge armaments" of militaristic countries like Germany and would in the true sense of the word be one of "anti-militarism." At almost no additional expense (what expense there was would be amply repaid by the value of the universal physical training) we would have an ever increasing reserve force—not standing army—which after graduation would meet perhaps five or six days per year at appointed centers for training, and during the remainder of the time would be completely absorbed into the citizenry of the country.

This does not look much like the accepted type of militarism, but rather takes the only rational position between militarism and total unpreparedness. As to military castes, reason and actual fact show us that such a thing is impossible save under an absolute and imperial government where a tottering nobility seizes upon war as the only method of diverting the attention of oppressed subjects from revolutionary or Socialistic activity. This surely cannot be the case in the United States nor do the well governed countries of Europe show this tendency.

In writing this editorial we have not endeavored to "make talk" or to start an argument but have dealt with what we believe to be one of the most vital questions of the day coolly and conscientiously. We believe that it is the solemn duty of the college men of the country to place themselves in readiness to render by their training, adequate and efficient service both civic and military whenever the call comes and that power, without which no nation can live, would never be misused by those whom fortune has destined to become the leaders of their fellow men.

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(The Editor would greatly appreciate criticisms, whatever their nature, from any source and reserves the privilege to publish them in the Concordiensis.)

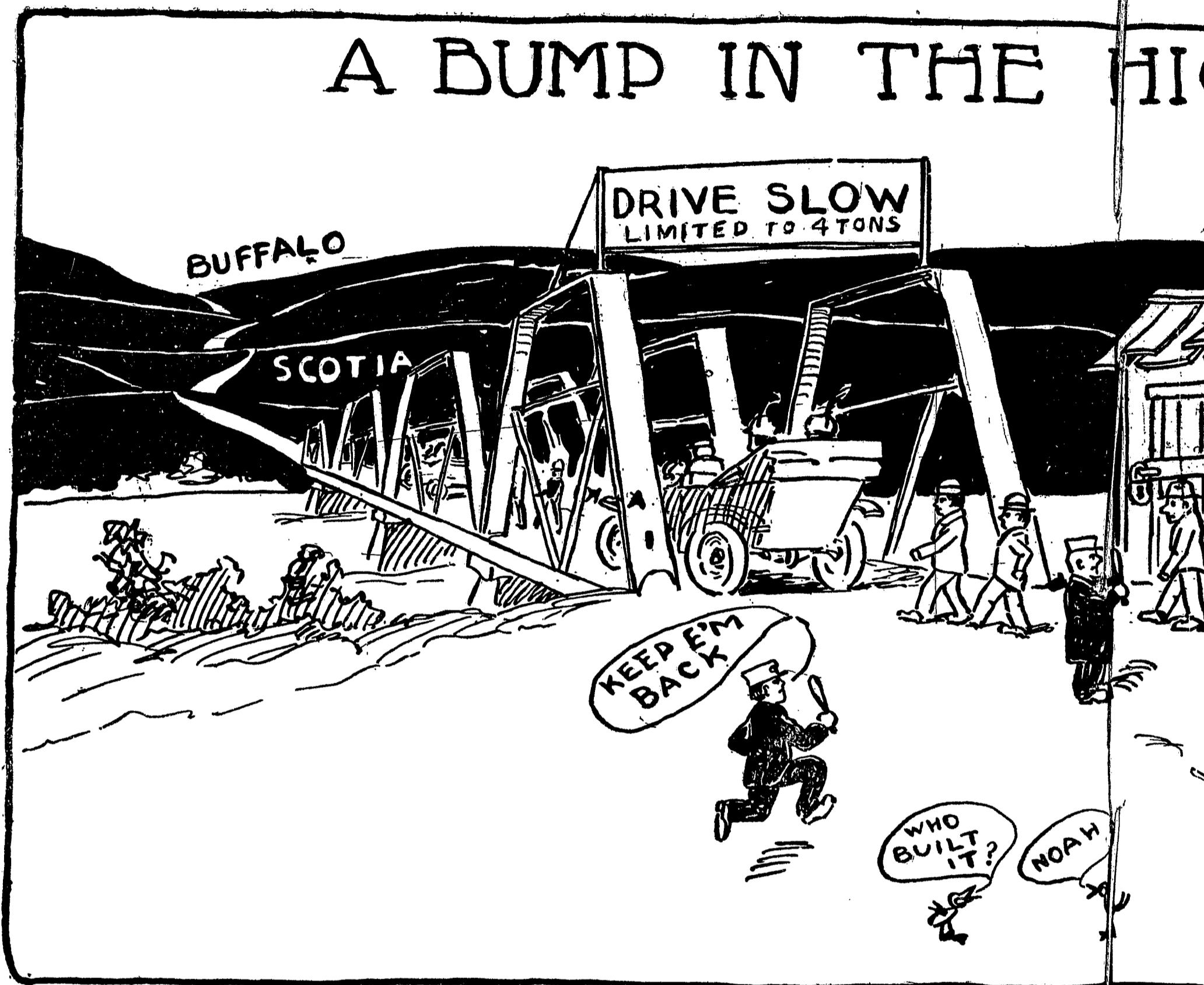
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**MR. DALTON ADDRESSES VESPERS.**

Vespers on Sunday last, were addressed by Mr. William Dalton, chief engineer of the American Locomotive Co. Mr. Dalton

has been a very good friend of the College and the way in which the students turned out showed to what extent he is liked. The address was on the "College Man Being Religious."

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**COACH DAWSON'S BASEBALL BOOK**  
Fred Dawson and W. J. Clarke Publish Book  
of Baseball Lore.

Our own Fred Dawson is co-author with William J. Clarke, former catcher on the famous Baltimore Orioles and other major league teams and at present head coach of the Princeton baseball team, of a book entitled "Baseball—Individual Play and Team Play in Detail," published recently by Scribner's, New York.

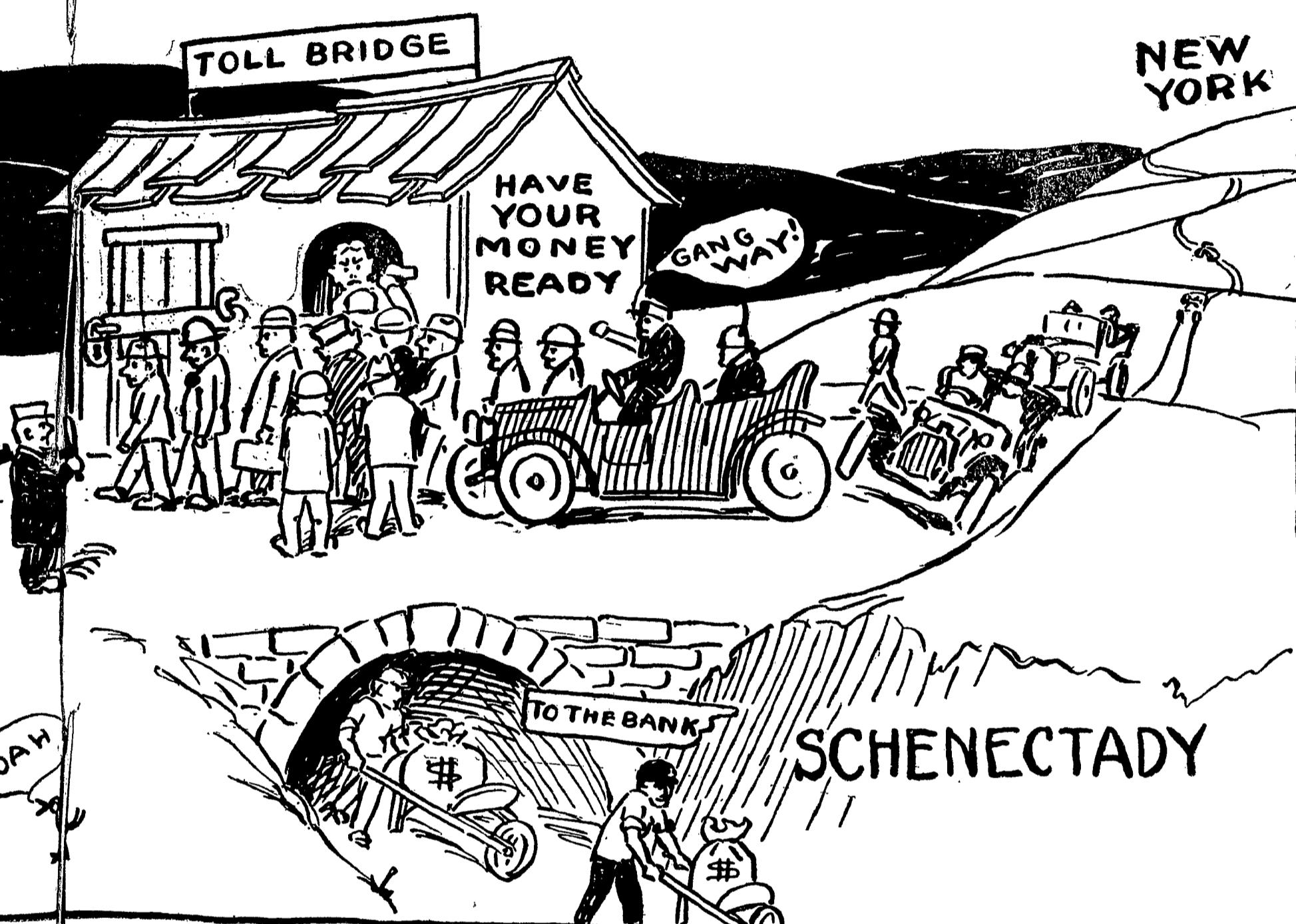
The advertisement summarizes the contents thus: "A complete, scientific exposition of the game containing simple and concise yet detailed studies of the play of

each position separately, and under the head of team play in combination; together with expositions of the principles of 'Batting,' 'Base Running,' and general training." It is a practical handbook of the game, done not from the journalistic but rather from the scientific point of view and therefore of great value to active players and would-be players, and not merely for the fan. At the same time the subject is treated simply and plainly so that it does not need a mind stored with the technicalities of baseball to appreciate it.

The contents of "Baseball" include a chapter on the playing of each position, a chap-

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ter on batting, one on base-running, one on team play, and two final chapters entitled "Hints to College Players" and "Hints to Spectators." A large number of well-explained diagrams complete the book. Numerous photographic plates convey definite pictures of specific points that need to be graphically brought out.

The illustrations include photographs of the various ways of pitching different curves; the fall-away slide, footwork on the bases, and others.

"Baseball" is distinctly a handbook or text book. A feature of special interest is the use of cross-references in explaining

plays. The use of cross-references is quite a novel idea and brings to the reader a greater understanding of team play and individual play than has been possible before. The diagrams are quite unique in their illustrating of the making of plays, the backing up of bases, etc.

The book is the fruit of "Bill" Clarke's 14 years' experience as a big leaguer and his nine years' work as coach at Princeton. During this time he has turned out six championship teams for the Orange and Black. Fred Dawson was an apt pupil of Clarke's, catching under him at Princeton during his college course, when in 1911 he

was captain of the 'varsity. Not to be underestimated is Fred Dawson's own experience both at Princeton and here, and his ability to clothe the combined experiences in book form.

The book itself followed upon last summer's study in New York of professional "inside ball" as played by the satellites of John J. McGraw and Frank L. Chance. The co-authors thus had a chance to examine every system of ball exactly as played in the major leagues. Hence the work is strictly up to date.

The two chapters on "Hints" are especially of interest to the amateur and could well be read with the greatest enjoyment by anyone even slightly interested in the great national game.

#### CANNON AND CULTURE.

##### EUROPEAN SCHOLARSHIPS.

The predicament of Miss Marguerite Darkow of this city, who has just won a European scholarship at Bryn Mawr, only to find it useless on her hands because of the war which precludes her entering the foreign universities, is likely to be duplicated in the experience of many other prize-winning students at the various schools and colleges in the June Commencement days. Inevitably the situation suggests the thought that the "made in America" brand of education will have to suffice for the budding geniuses of the academic halls, and it may not be entirely beside the point to remark that the current aspect of Europe's "superior" civilization scarcely seems to warrant the reputation it has borne traditionally among intellectual folk on this side of the ocean.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

#### HICK AND GUS SEE THE ELECTRICAL SHOW.

Dear Buck:—Hick 'n me breezed over t' the electricity lavatory the other night, just t' see what kind of a jamboree they was stag-

in' over there. We didn't spect t' see no hum dingin' burleque show nor an entree t' the Neptune's daughters, but say, some o' them stunts they had rigged up there was sure splendiferous n' it took me 'n Hick considerable time t' figger some of 'em out.

First thing we see when we come around the corner o' the red synogogue was a whole bunch o' red 'n white lights plastered all over the front o' the place. The guy at the door punched a hole in our tickets 'n Hick 'n me floated in.

First thing we see was a little man settin' over in a chair a top a table. Hick 'n me knew right away he wasn't real but they must a been a guy inside of 'em, cause he started t' move his arms around 'n talk. What he had t' say 'peared t' come from just abaft his left bicuspid somewhere, but Hick 'n me thought that was cause the guy inside couldn't breathe very good. Anyways he started to bawl out some o' the college boys sumpin' fierce 'n if Hick 'n me had been that tall doctor he called Rail or Kale we wouldn't stood for all he said.

Me 'n Hick went into a little office sort a place where three guys was settin' back of a counter there. We couldn't find out what they was selling for a while 'n me 'n Hick thought the three guys looked like they was goin' to hang something over on us. Then they ast us did we want our resistance 'n e. m. f. taken. Me 'n Hick didn't know what it was for but it didn't cost nothin' so I grabbed a couple o' brass things they had layin' there 'n the tall pretty lookin' guy they called Teedy played around with some brass plugs 'n then the guy with the sink brush on his lips reached over 'n pushed another little brass thing. Then the little guy over in the corner what was figgerin' in a book bent over 'n I could see 'em sort a smile. Next sunthin' funny started creepin' up my arms then they started jumpin' around 'n I couldn't let go the darned little brass things at all. Then I yanked away

from it 'n my head was buzzin' around 'n Hick 'n me got out o' there just as quick as we could hot foot. Right after we went out we heard some guy yellin' in there like he was being killed 'n somebody said "That's Cellog." Well I didn't blame 'im for yellin'.

We went into another little place 'n saw an X-rays thing then 'n they was a colored woman in there with us 'n when she saw how you could look right through cloth 'n black things she said this ain't no place for a colored lady 'n she sure did beat it.

They was a guy fryin' eggs on a pan over some ice. He said he done it by electricity but me 'n Hick knew he must a het up the griddles in another room 'n brought 'em in when nobody was lookin'.

They was a nuther guy what knew all about telephones 'n he showed us how they worked. They was a lot a things Hick 'n me fergits. A little runt had a flat upstairs 'n it was all cluttered up with things he never could a had no use for. Next room to him was a real cute little railroad runnin' on tracks 'n I wanted to stay 'n watch 'em but Hick wantedt' keep a date wit a couple o' skirts we met up with near the mine hoist.

We got the girls 'n went back to the red synagogue down cellar. They was a couple big guys down there that must a played football. They talked around a lot about the big wires 'n sparks 'n things 'n didn't tell us nothin' 'n said if there was anythin' we wanted t' know to ask 'n then right away they told us to move on an let the crowd in 'n they wasn't no crowd at all.

It sure was some show though 'n me 'n Hick is goin' again when they have another only they can't hang nothin' over on us next time.

Yours respectably,

GUS.

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Cornell is working on her new stadium, which is to seat 9,000 people.

### BELGIUM.

Heartstruck she stands—Our Lady of all Sorrows—  
Circled with ruin, sunk in deep amaze;  
Facing the shadow of her dark tomorrows,  
Mourning the glory of her yesterdays.

Yet is she queen, by every royal token,  
There, where the storm of desolation  
swirled;  
Crowned only with the thorn—despoiled and  
broken—  
Her kingdom is the heart of all the world.

She made her breast a shield, her sword a  
splendor,  
She rose like flame upon the darkened  
ways;  
So, through the anguish of her proud sur-  
render  
Breaks the clear vision of undying praise.  
Marion C. Smith.

—The Nation.

Ed. Note—The above was received from The Nation with a request that we publish it. We do so with the greatest pleasure.

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### CONCORDIENSIS BANQUET.

Plans have been made for the annual Concordiensis dinner, to be held at the Vendome Hotel, April 23. Covers will be laid for twenty-five people, consisting of speakers, men on the editorial staff, and the business management.

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### FOUND.

One perfectly good table, one antiquated bird cage, several old tin cans and chipped cups and plates, also one Greek or Hebrew motto. Purity League may have same by calling at fraternity house where above articles were left at midnight Monday.

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Two thousand four hundred out of 3,600 students at Cambridge are away on service and even the athletic grounds are used by the troops in training.

# KLATTER KOLUMN



## DRASTIC.

The only way to get anything out of an axe is to drive a stick in its eye.

"Why is 'Kulture' spelled with a "k"?"  
"Because England controls the C's."

"How do they call the people to dinner in a deaf and dumb asylum?"  
"With a dumb-bell."

How do you pronounce Prymcszl? Yes, that's just the way we do.—Targum.

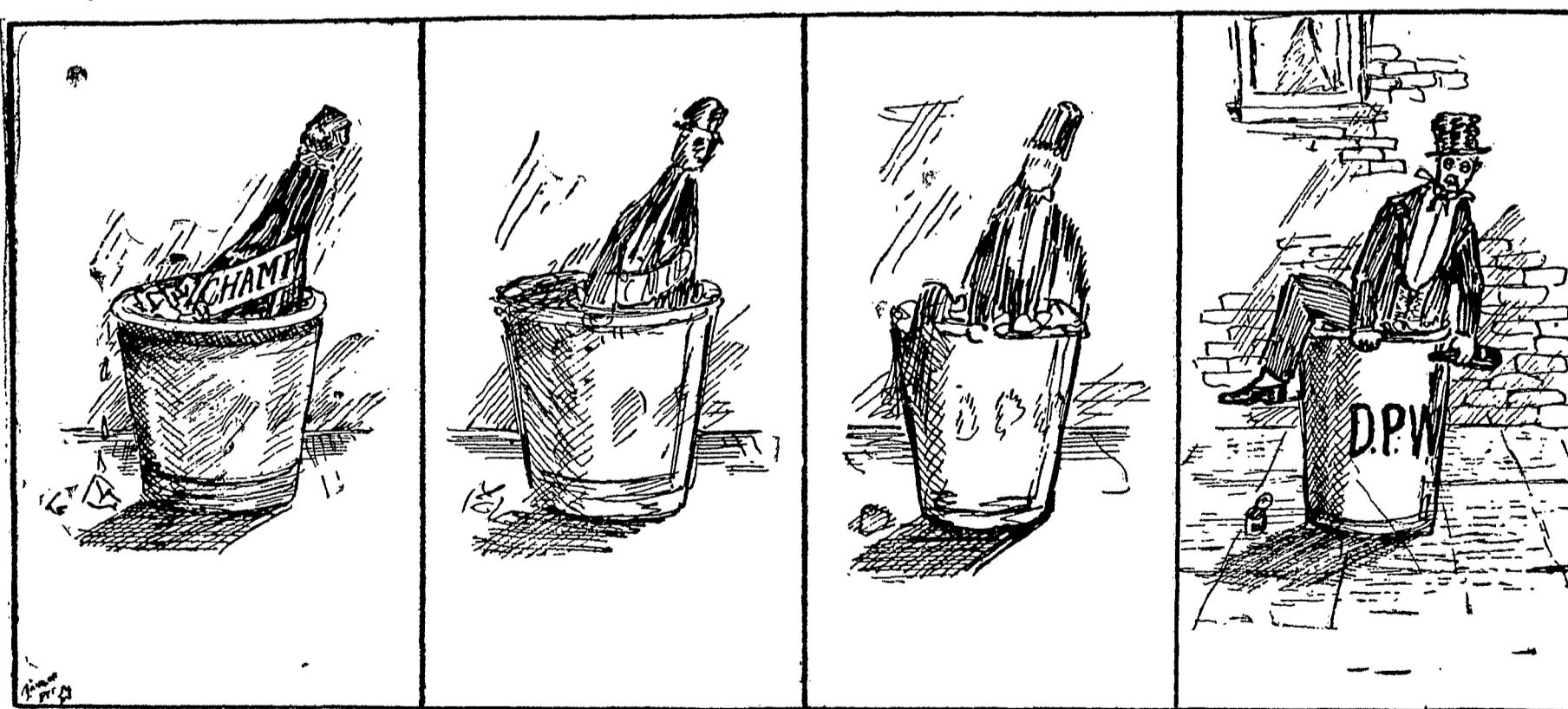
She: "I can't go riding with you this afternoon; I have no hat, no coat—nothing to wear."

He: "Good; let's go swimming then."

The Sophomore French class was studying in front of the library and sighted Fos Brown on the eastern horizon.

First Voice: "Hey Fos, do you know anything about French?"

Second Voice: "If you do you don't belong in this bunch."



NO SHAM PAIN — THIS!

## CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

**Houghton Presents Paper on Petroleum.**

At the regular meeting of the Union College Chemical Society held in the chemistry lecture room Monday, March 29, Erny Houghton read an instructive and interesting paper on "Petroleum and Its Products." The treatise compared the chemical composition of oil found in different parts of the world and the commercial utility of oil from these widely differing deposits was discussed. The paper also brought forth the origin of oil and the comparatively recent development of the oil industry. The by-products of crude oil, such as dyes, drugs, gasoline, kerosene, were also described.

The customary lively discussion of the subject by the club in general followed the reading of the paper.

**G. F. HALL '06 TO GO TO MECHANICVILLE.**

George F. Hall, director of the division of reference and research of Schenectady schools, has been selected as superintendent of schools of Mechanicville. Mr. Hall first taught mathematics and science but later became Dr. Brubacher's statistician and investigator in which line he was a very careful and accurate assistant. He had charge of the administrative work of the local city school system between the time Dr. A. R. Brubacher left and the coming of Superintendent Herbert Blair, and was supervisor of night schools of Schenectady. Mr. Hall's executive ability was not confined to secular schools alone, but he has for some time filled the position of superintendent of the Sunday School at Pilgrim Congregational Church on upper State Street. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. His new work will begin September the first.

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No freshman and only one sophomore of the University of Vermont received an "A" grade last semester.

## THE VISION OF LIGHT.

In the mystic calm of night's cool breath  
I sauntered from the show,  
From the glare of light and the music bright;  
My brain in a maze, my thoughts in a haze,  
And my heart was all aglow.

I drifted off into slumber deep,  
But my mind ran riot wild;  
With a fiery flash and a blinding crash  
Electra appeared,—then my vision cleared,—  
I trembled like a child.

For a million, billion, trillion volts  
Flashed from her eyes of fire,  
And the ghastly hue of the mercury's blue  
With a horrible thrill and a shuddering chill  
Showed the maiden's dreadful ire.

The sputtering crack of the wireless,  
The answer from overhead,  
The hideous grin of the mannikin,  
A yellow stream from the X-ray's gleam,  
Filled my heart with a nameless dread.

A thousand miles of a cable of steel  
Stretched down through a purple sea,  
I heard hell's fire on that telephone wire,  
The brimstone steam, a blood-red beam,  
For Satan was calling me.

The lights glared bright all around about,  
Then something snapped and broke.  
In the darkness black flashed a vivid crack,  
A luminous green, a glistening sheen,  
And then,—well, I awoke.

The new day was just breaking,  
The eastern hills aglow;  
My brow was wet with a clammy sweat,  
My heart and head were awhirl with dread,  
But I'd seen the Electrical Show.

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Yale's swimming team took first place in every event in a dual meet with Princeton's aquatic squad at New Haven.

**PLUCK AND LUCK**

—or—

**WHATEVER COMES UP MUST COME  
DOWN.**

The managing editor sank back in the voluptuous cushions of his chais longue in his private office on the second floor of Washburn Hall. The noise from the rooms of the general staff was deafening, for it was the going-to-press day of the Concordiensis and everything was in confusion. But it was an orderly confusion. Above the hubbub and clamor of the proof-readers above the clicking of the Associated Press dispatch leased wire, telegraph, above all the going and coming, the bustle and hurry, towered the calm cool executive instinct of the managing editor. Out of all this vortex of endeavor and febrile energy would be produced a single well-balanced perfected Whole—this week's Concordiensis.

One hundred pages, half of it advertising (the Harvester Trust had recently telegraphed for a full page at an exorbitant price, but had been refused owing to the high principles of the advertising staff, and a complimentary full page ad. of Egg and Egg Corn Syrup substituted—the Concordiensis could afford to be liberal. One hundred pages, and half of it advertising! Thus flourished the Concordiensis. The entire second floor of Washburn Hall had been leased to the magazine by the college for \$50,000 a year, which sum was being laid away to buy that new parlor furniture set for the janitor. In its new quarters great care and judgment had been used in laying out the space to the best advantage. One part in the front of the building where the afternoon sun dabbled the signed portrait of the Kaiser and the signed moving picture of Billy Sunday, had been laid away for the private sanctum of the managing editor.

And there he sat this bright May afternoon, sunk back among the luxurious pillows of his Turkish divan.

But all was not as golden as the afternoon sun that dabbled the mobile features of Billy Sunday (signed) on the wall.

No; our editor was worried. He had just finished his bitter editorial, flaunting the banner of logic and honor in the faces of the Conventional Committee at Albany (which Elihu Root and other strong men then assembled at the capitol and waiting in trembling fear for the publication of the Concordiensis would tear their hair over, nay even weep over) and had sent it safely to press.

Nevertheless his strong features were convulsed, his trenchant hands trenched, the bursting cords of his neck were bursting. Nervously he chewed the shift key of his trusty typewriter.

What was causing all this exacerbation in this usually calm man? Ah, what was it, but his FEATURE STORY, his HEADLINE ARTICLE, his "greatest human interest story in years!" as he sobbingly called it, his story with the greatest punch in the whole punching-bag,—this story gone astray, unwritten, and only a half hour before press time. He MUST have it! or his journalistic reputation would be ruined!

He must have PREXY'S DATES within half an hour, or commit suicide.

But how to get Prexy's Dates, that was the question. The story of the baseball victory over Yale had been put in its accustomed place in the 96th page between the ad of the Oak Barber shop and 3-in-1 Oil. The Austrian defeat at Chemisette was put with other war news in the Batter Column. The murder of Oliver Osborne was in with the other jokes. But the first page waited for PREXY'S DATES—and the first page was empty.

Old Jefferson Jeldamps, the tactiturn but competent grey haired star reporter had last been seen on his way to Proctors. Young Bald Jack Chapman, the fiery and efficient young police-news man was outside playing soccer with Field-Marshal Tilley.

The rest of the officious office staff was officially at work in the office playing seven-up and couldn't be disturbed.

What should he do? His eyes wandered vacantly around the sumptuous room which was vacant. But hark! a footstep at the door. The door was swung open and a sturdy young American-Irish lad, Wilerson Clough, the office boy, stood at the door. His keen young blue eyes flashed and his brilliant red hair fluttered on his head. He was a picture of sturdy young vibrant American manhood, yet only a boy.

Inspiration rushed to the managing editor's head! Here was his opportunity. The clock stood at between four o'clock. In three-quarters of an hour the Concordiensis must go to press. Would the youth standing there rise to the occasion, would he seize the opportunity, would he? He would ask him.

In a few short, sharp, gruff sentences the managing editor explained the situation, rolling his panetella between his teeth as he talked. As soon as the first words rushed from the editor's lips our Hero (for it is he) braced himself and assumed the official A. A. U. starting position for the high hurdles. The editor seized him by the arm. "Can you do it?" he hissed into the lad's ear. For an instant the boy's face was stern, adamantine, stone. He gazed long into the editor's eyes and then convulsively he seized his hand and ejaculated, "Yes, by gum, I'll get that story for you or die in the attempt. Trust me till death!"

With these stirring words he burst from the room. The editor sank back exhausted upon his Chippendale sofa. As he sank, he

ejaculated, "By George, if that boy gets that story, I'll make him president!" With these wild words he took another sniff and subsided into dreamy slumber.

Now we must step outside and follow our young hero on his mad dash for fame. Stopping to borrow a cigarette from Charley Waldron, he walked round the campus till he met Fritz, the cop, from whom he borrowed a match. Safely finished with this adventure, our hero proceeded. Caution as well as courage must aid him. Carefully choosing a door in South Collonade he opened it noiselessly. Before him was a dark passage, that led by a flight of narrow stairs dimly discernable, to some upper room. What might await our hero at the top of those stairs? Who knows? Firmly grasping his cigarette in his left hand, his hat in his right hand, and his revolver in his left hand, he ascended the stairs.

Gentle reader, let us draw the curtain of timorousness over what occurred above. One minute and thirty-six seconds after our hero ascended the stairs he appeared again at the top of them, said, "Thank you, Miss Beatty," and descended the stairs. In his hand was firmly clutched a sheet of paper! It was PREXY'S DATES!

With a cry he rushed into the managing editor's room, flung down the paper and cried, "Here it is, sir. Here is your story! I got it! Crown me!"

Drowsily the editor turned on his side. With a yawn he murmured, "Thanks ever so much. Would you mind chasing down to the Art Press with it—tell 'em to use it anywhere—tell 'em to put it at the end of Gilbert's story, will you? Thanks." And here it is.

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#### PREXY'S DATES.

Last Monday, President Richmond attended an alumni dinner in Washington, and on Tuesday evening he was a guest at

an alumni dinner in Pittsburg. He was present at an alumni reception in Buffalo on Wednesday evening. From there he has gone to Detroit on a business trip. He will return in time to be present at the Concordiensis banquet on April 23. On the morning of April 19, Dr. Richmond will address the Ministerial Association here in Schenectady.

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### DE MANHOOD IN YOU.

On an island ob stars wiv a seashore ob gold,  
Dar's an angel what heralds de morn,  
An' he rolls back de clouds an' he lets in de sun,  
An' he blows on his new silber horn.  
An' his chune it am Union foreber,  
She stans fo' de good an' de true,  
She stan's fo' de glory of God in Heb'n;  
She stan's fo' de manhood in you.

Den a song I will sing ob her fair classic walls,  
Ob her famed seat ob stone ole an' gray,  
An' a song I will sing ob her grove an' her brook  
Whar de fern an' de meadow grass play.  
It am Union, dear Union, foreber.  
She stan's fo' de good an' de true,  
She stan's fo' de glory ob God in Heb'n,  
She stan's fo' de manhood in you.

An' de angel he blows on his new silber horn,  
An' an orchid droops down from a star,  
While a lily springs up by de brook in de grove,  
An' dey kiss in de blue skies afar.  
It am Union, dear Union, foreber,  
De bond ob de good an' de true.  
De orchid it stan's fo' de glory ob God,  
De lily, de manhood in you.

An' a comet, de angel, he takes fo' his brush,  
An' his colors he dips from de bow:  
But de pictur he paints it am YOURS fo'  
to say,  
An' de canbas mus' come from below.  
O ye sons of Ole Union! Ye faithful!  
What scene shall de angel portray?  
A temple to God an' your brudder man  
That shall las' foreber an' aye?

From de island ob stars go an' gader de gold;  
'Tis de call ob yo' Garnet an' White,  
Dat de angel may paint de dear Union to be  
In de colors distilled from de light.  
It am Union, your Union foreber.  
She stan's fo' de good an' de true,  
She stan's fo' de glory of God in Heb'n,  
She stan's fo' de manhood in you.  
She stan's fo' de onrushing ages,  
She stan's fo' de wonder to be;  
An' her fame will be sounded in Heb'n,  
Her name will be sung by de sea.

—MOSES VINEY.

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### "THY WILL, NOT OURS."

With never-ceasing, monotonous rumble the long train of Pullmans slipped ever on through the plains of Nevada beneath the leaden autumn sky. The day was waning—a cheerless day portending the cold, penetrating rains and raw winds of fall. I had tired of reading and had gazed drearily through the car windows at miles and miles of "dry-farming" country. Soon we were entering irrigated country and with interest quickened by the change of scene I noticed a slight movement by the track. I looked more closely and ere we passed from sight saw two ragged little children of eight and nine respectively perched side by side in the meshes of the woven wire fence waving grimy hands at the speeding train. I had no time to return the little ones' salute and want of the opportunity struck me as a staggering

loss for in my fleeting glance I had caught in the grimy, tear-stained childish faces a look of utmost sadness—a look that told of one more disappointment added to countless others in the cheerless life of the little brother and sister.

Lightly I tapped the shoulder of the burly conductor in the seat before me and he turned and in the fading light a glistening of his eyes struck a chord of fellowship in emotion in my heart. He spoke before I could frame a sentence and the big Irishman's voice shook. "Ivery day for three years save the wurst days uv winter thim two poor little kids have waved from the fence at this train." He broke off, swallowed, and resumed: "An' the sadness iver in their swate dirty faces would melt a heart of stone, shure it would." Another pause. Then my companion took up his explanation. "They're lookin' fur their father, they are, who was kilt in a Colorado mine two years ago, so the station agent towld me back at Clayville. They've niver been towld of the casualty, poor things. I know their loving hearts would break." I was eager for the rest of the story but forbore to question and after quite an interval the conductor spoke in a husky voice and said: "Expecting their ol' man is their only hope in life, I guess—mother died when the girl was four and the lad three. They lived in my home town then. Barkerville, it was. She died of consumption. I raymimber well that funeral scene. As the coffin was lowered from sight the little boy kept sobbin' 'mamma' and the girl followed it with her big wistful blue eyes with a look of sadness and love in them that it would be unhowly fur me rough tongue to attempt to describe. An' that look has niver left him no more than it has left me membry. Me mother tinded thim two months jist like she used to care fur me when I was a kid and thin—she went Home." Here the big man sobbed

audibly and straightening with an effort said: "I'm not cryin' fur mother—she's happy now, dear soul, an' waitin' to see me agin—but it always takes me this way when I think of thim two little kids ridin' off with their great-uncle to that wretched hut you may have noticed back yonder (pointing toward the rear of the train). He is a drunken bum an' sub-gate keeper at the irrigation works. He gits 'em enough to eat I guess and clothes 'em as their looks show."

The train had slowed down during his last speech and now stopped and he left the train and a new man took his place for the rest of the run. Depressed in spirit I thought for hours of all he had told me and ultimately found some slight consolation in the mental resolve to stop off on my return in the spring and see the little orphans.

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It was a raw windy day—one of the last in March when I made my return trip. My old conductor friend got on at the station where I had last seen him, recognized me, started to seat himself beside me, but with pained face indicative of strong emotion passed hurriedly into the next car. My first thought was of some added suffering of our little orphan friends. I half rose to follow him but as we were but a few miles from the spot where first I saw them, I resolved to wait and watch for them. Soon the conductor passed rapidly through the car with eyes upon the floor, pausing only to say: "Th' little boy is with his mother now. Poor little sister!" I looked from the window and there with pretty brown curls tossing in the raw wind stood the little girl on the meshes of the fence. She was crying and waving her hand with an air of utter hopelessness. Beside her was the sagging mesh which never more should hold little brother's feet.

Despite my resolve of the autumn, I could not stop off for I was hurrying home in an-

sver to an urgent summons. A mile or so beyond the lonely watcher on the fence, the train pulled up at a tiny station and I saw our conductor speaking earnestly on the platform with one of his brakemen whom he promoted to conductor by an exchange of caps and then we started on and the big Irishman strode off back across the fields.

Some months later I rode again over that road on the same train and met my old friend.

"It was just as I guessed," he began. "I overtook the little girl at her old uncle's door an' she told me as how he'd locked her out all day in that wind! Drunk as usual. He came to the door all quick enough whin I knocked an' with blood in his eye. He was soon in a better mood of mind, however, even if his physical man wasn't beautified by the operation." (I inferred that if the two men shook hands, they didn't do it in the conventional way.) "I soon made him see that the little girl had an alarming cold and was very sick. We made her comfortable and got a doctor but by morning she had gone with radiant face to her family reunion in the Home of the Father of all, and I'll bet mother's cryin' over th' little dear yet!"

I was unable to withhold the question: "What good can come of such innocent persons suffering so."

"You're not running this world," he answered abruptly. "An' besides," he added, "it made a good sober man uv him an' sent him home to care for his old father and mother. At least I guess it did, for all that I did to him would rather have made less man of him savin' temporary enlargement at points uv contact."

J. B. T.

#### SISTER SUZIE'S SPRING SONG.

Spring showers start seeds sprouting,  
Startling silky socks soon show,  
Slowly strolling sunny Steve

Sees salubrious sauce Sally  
Snuggle soon  
S'nough.

#### THOUGHTS ON THE WAR.

Civilization! Culture! Oh, Religion!  
Have you any power, any influence  
Upon the course of man;  
Or are you but the product  
Of idle minds, of dreamers,  
Who in time when no besetting crisis  
Appears upon the horizon of tranquility,  
Bethink themselves of greater virtue  
Than would situation prove them?  
And are you not, when material forces gather  
In tempest on the shores of reality  
Blown far abroad and deeply sunk  
In the uncertain seas of idealism?  
Ah, yes; you are driven far from reality  
But you sink not in the seas of idealism,  
Instead, you gather great cargos, and  
In time return and heap on suffering man  
Blessings which would not have been gained  
Had no winds blown, and you in circling  
course  
Floated upon the stagnant pond.

LEWIS '17.

Practically all of the able-bodied athletes at Oxford and Cambridge have gone to the front and consequently no interest is being shown in sports at those places.—Ex.

About thirty women have reported for crew work at Leland Stanford University this spring. How many for football, we ask?

Washington State University was recently added to the universities charging fees, when the State Legislature passed a bill providing for a \$10 tuition. The University of Idaho and the College of Hawaii are the only remaining free institutions in the United States.

**COLLEGE BAND NAMES OFFICERS.**

The members of the Union College band met in Silliman Hall last night and elected officers for the ensuing year. W. Carroll Gunning, '16, was re-elected leader; Howard B. Santee, '16, assistant leader; George G. Mercer, president; W. A. Robinson, '16, secretary; L. S. Walrath, '17, treasurer, and W. O. Clough, '17, as librarian. Plans were discussed at the meeting for a dinner which will be held later in the year, and the matter of band awards was also brought up. It was decided to award sweaters for service in the organization, and the question of insignia for these will be submitted to the student body for vote in college meeting soon.

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**GATEWAY BILL GOES TO RULES.**

Assemblyman W. S. McNab has sent in his request to the rules committee for the report of his bill making an appropriation for the beginning of the work of constructing the bridge over the Mohawk between Schenectady and Scotia, to serve as the gateway to the west. The bill carries an appropriation of \$150,000, but the Schenectady assemblyman expects it to be reduced by amendment of the committee before it is reported. He confidently expects that it will be reported and passed before the session of the assembly is ended by final adjournment. The ways and means committee went out of business to-day and now the rules committee is the only source of bills for the house calendar.

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**FRATERNITIES TO HAVE BALL LEAGUE AT UNION COLLEGE.****Committee Named to Draw Up Rules and Arrange for Coming Season.**

At a meeting of the Union College Interfraternity conference in Washburn hall last night it was voted to establish an interfraternity baseball league on "the hill," and

a committee was appointed to take up the matter of a schedule and rules. For several years the different fraternities have organized teams within short notice and played other "crowds" on the old diamond. This year it is proposed to organize the fraternities definitely into a league and to play under set rules. It is believed that a deal of enjoyment can be obtained from such a scheme and that a definite organization between the different fraternities will stimulate a friendly rivalry on the diamond.

The time of the games, whether they will be seven inning games at dawn or twilight, and the place, as well as other rules and details, have yet to be worked out by the committee, which is made up of Houghton, '15; Starbuck, '15, and Bokaski, '16.

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**UNION COLLEGE PLANNING FOR COMMENCEMENT EVENT.**

Charles N. Waldron, general secretary of the Union College Graduate Council, has called a meeting of the different class song committee chairmen for tonight in Washburn Hall. The object of the meeting will be to complete plans for the annual class song contest on alumni night of commencement week for the Fitzhugh Ludlow cup. The contest will be governed much the same as last year, each class being required to sing one stanza of alma mater which was written by Ludlow, '56, and in addition, an original song written for the occasion. In June, 1914, the initial contest proved a great success and a decided addition to the program of alumni night. The cup which was awarded by Miss Ludlow, sister of the author of Union's alma mater, was won last year by the class of 1917. For some time class committees have been at work on the proposition of original songs for the contest in June and tomorrow's meeting will complete certain preliminary details, as yet unsettled.

## THE CONCORDIENSIS.

## PROGRAM

New York State Presidents' Conference,  
Union College, Schenectady, New York,  
April 16-18, 1915.

Banquet Friday evening, 6:30 o'clock, Silliman Hall. C. D. Connell, Student Secretary New York State Committee, presiding.

Addresses: Address of welcome, Dr. Robert T. Hill of the Union College faculty.

"Personal Life of the President of the Association," Mr. C. W. Whitehair, general secretary Y. M. C. A.

"Co-operation of City and Student Work," Robert S. Ross, general secretary Schenectady City Association.

"The Rising Tide of Evangelism," Mr. Paul Micou, eastern field secretary of the Student Department International Committee.

## Saturday Morning—Silliman Hall.

9:30 A. M.

"The Northfield Conference," Mr. Chas. D. Hurrey, executive secretary International Committee.

"Eaglesmere Conference," Mr. Paul Micou.

"Religious Education," Mr. Harrison S. Elliott, Bible Study Secretary International Committee.

## Saturday Afternoon—Silliman Hall.

1:15 P. M.

"Principles in Selecting and Handling a Cabinet," Mr. Charles D. Hurrey.

"Campus and Community Service," in

charge of Elmer Galloway, Industrial Service Secretary Intercollegiate Branch, New York City, and C. K. Brown, General Secretary Columbia University.

## Saturday Night—Silliman Hall.

7:30 P. M.

"Association Press."

"North American Student," (Mr. Paul Micou.)

"Recent Developments," Mr. Charles D. Hurrey.

## Sunday Morning—Silliman Hall.

9:30 A. M.

"The Missionary Policy of the Association," Mr. J. Lovell Murray, Educational Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement.

11:00 A. M.—College Chapel.

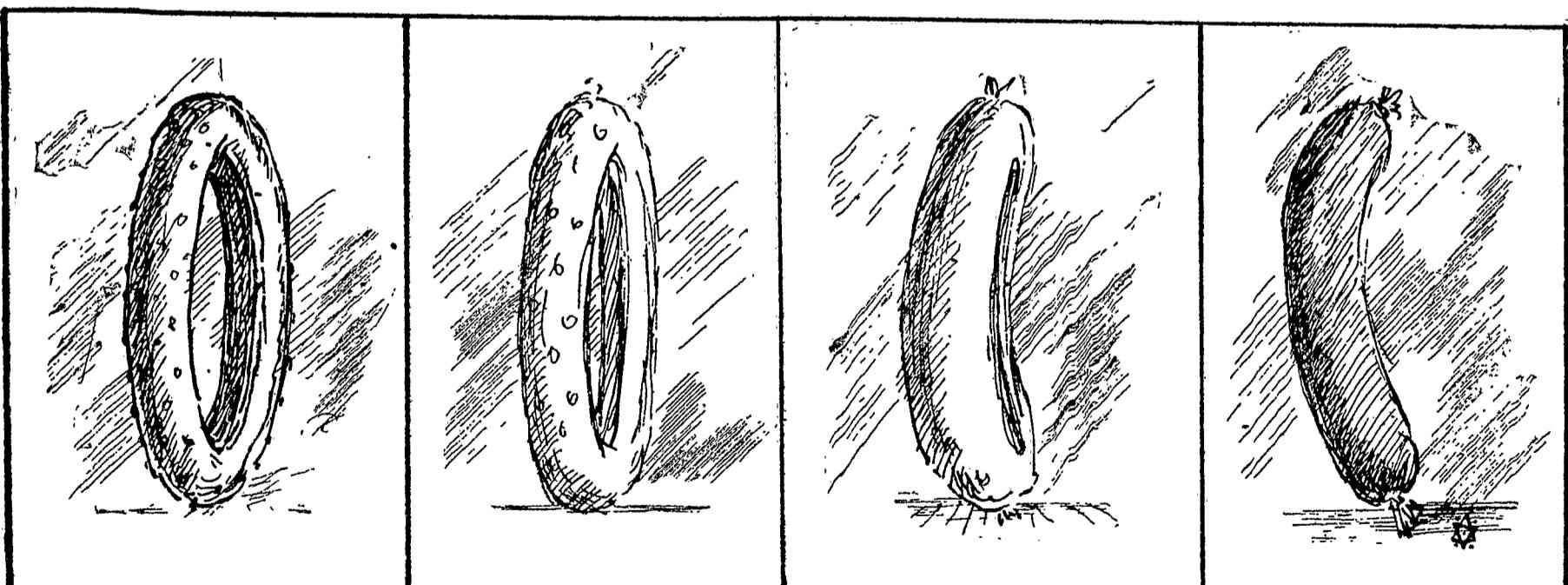
Address, "Membership," Dr. Harry Lathrop Reed of Auburn Theological Seminary.

## Sunday Afternoon—Silliman Hall.

2:45 P. M.

"Life Work Guidance," Mr. Paul Micou, Closing Devotional Session, Prof. A. E. Alton, Colgate University.

Leland S. Van Wert read a paper on the "Natural Silicate Rocks" before the Chemical Club on Monday, April 12. In the course of the paper, it was shown how these rocks were formed from different silicic acids. Among the many specimens shown and considered were garnets, soapstones and others equally familiar.



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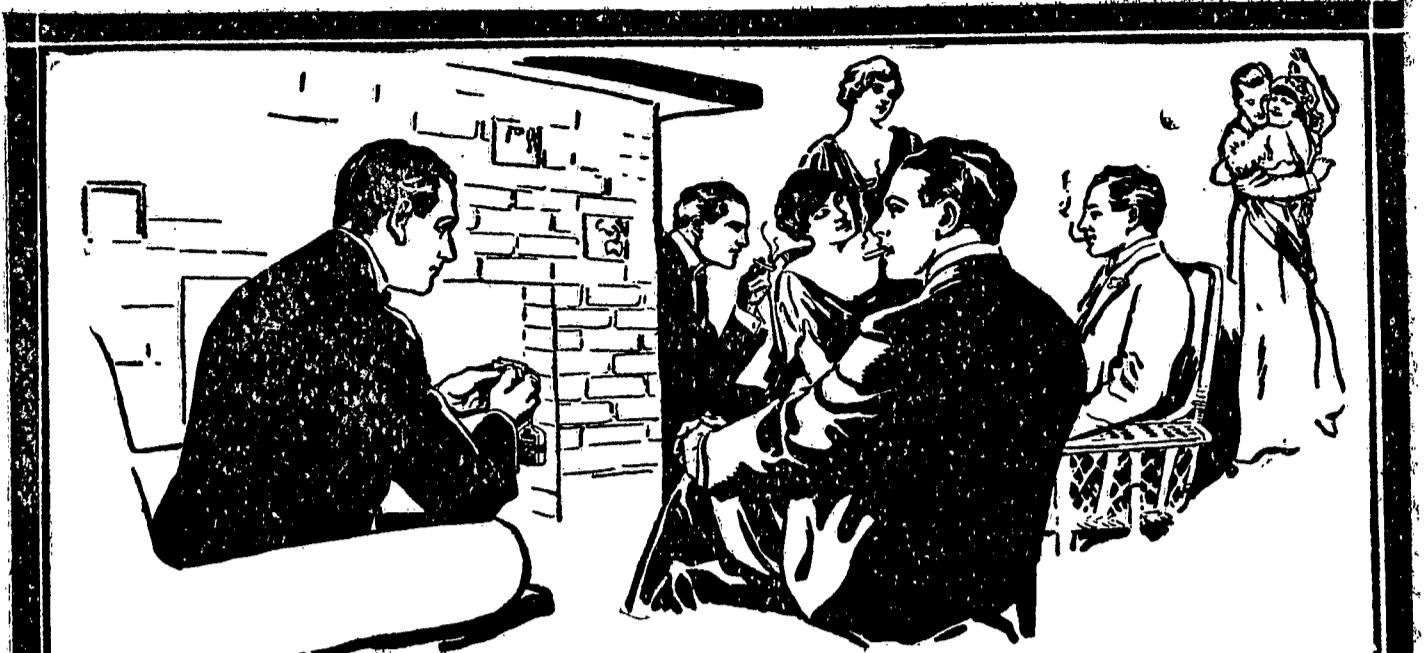
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