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VISITS WESTERN ALUMNI.

President Schurman Will Address Several Important Meetings in January.

The arrangements for President Schurman's western trip are now nearly completed.

Leaving Ithaca during the latter part of December, he will go direct to Lincoln, Neb., where, on the evening of January 1st, he will address the State Teachers' Association of Nebraska on "Our Philippine Problem." On the following morning, January 2nd, he will again address the association, his subject this time being "The Place of Literature in Education." On the evening of January 2nd he will give a public address in Omaha on "Some Current Educational Problems," and on the evening of the following day he will attend the banquet of the Nebraska Alumni Association in the same city.

No other engagements have been definitely fixed until January 8th, when he will attend the banquet of the Chicago Alumni Association, but the Minnesota Association is making arrangements for its banquet to take place at some suitable intervening date, and the remainder of the week will be spent by the President in visiting some of the state universities in the sections through which he passes with a view to examining the work and methods of the colleges of agriculture there.

The President's next engagement is at St. Louis on January 10th when he attends the dinner of "The Round Table" of that city, speaking on "The Drift of Higher Education." On Monday evening, January 12th, he will meet the Cornell Club of St. Louis at the annual banquet and on Thursday, January 15th, he will give a public address at the Ohio State University, Columbus, an "Some Current Educational Problems."

Returning home by the way of Lockport, N. Y., he will there address the Niagara County Farmers' Association on some current topic, and his trip will end at Brooklyn on the evening of January 20th, when he will speak before the Manufacturers' Association of that city on "America's Influence in the Civilization of the Twentieth Century."

It is probable that the President will also meet other Alumni Associations along his route but dates for these have not yet been fixed.

Previous to setting out on his western trip President Schurman will, on the evening of Sunday, December 21st, address the People's Institute of New York city at Cooper Union on "Our Philippine Problem."

President Schurman's Trip.

During the past week President Schurman made a speaking trip to New York, Brooklyn, and Boston. On the evening of December 11th he addressed the Nineteenth Century Club of New York on "The United States in the Philippines;" on the following evening he spoke in Brooklyn before the Union League Club on "The Philippines;" on Saturday morn-



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ing, December 13th, he addressed the Twentieth Century Club of Boston on "State education; Its rise and present standing;" and on the evening of the same day he responded to a toast on "The Philippines" at a dinner of the Technology Club of that city.

MRS. ADAMS DIES.

Wife of Former President Passes Away in California.

Cornell alumni will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Charles Kendall Adams, wife of former President Adams, last Friday at her home in Redlands, California. Mrs. Adams was well known at Cornell, where she lived seven years.

While at Cornell she was prominent in the University social circles and was the leader in the formation of literary clubs, before which she was often a welcome lecturer. She took a deep interest in all literary topics and was especially devoted to the study of Shakespeare. To promote the study of his plays and to raise the standard of literary effort among the students, she founded the Mrs. A. S. Barnes Shakespeare prize.

She had been twice married before she became the wife of President Adams. Her first husband was Mr. Smith and her second was A. S. Barnes, the publisher.

Mrs. Adams has published two volumes of poems, and has often contributed to the leading literary journals.

Mrs. Adams had a life interest in the estate of former President Adams, which, with her death, goes to the founding of scholarships and fellowships in the University of Wisconsin.

'98, B.S.A.—Henry C. McLallen is an assistant in the New Mexico College of Agriculture, at Mesilla Park, New Mexico.

MUSICAL CLUBS' TRIP.

Cornell Organizations Will Visit Western Cities During Vacation—Details All Arranged.

The annual Christmas trip of the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs will this year start later than heretofore, the clubs leaving Ithaca on the morning following Christmas day. While on the road they will give eight concerts, returning to Ithaca on the 4th of January.

The clubs will leave Ithaca Friday morning, December 26th, at 7:15 on the Lehigh Valley, arriving in Buffalo at 11:30 a. m. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon they will leave for Jamestown over the Erie and will arrive in that city at 4:16 p. m. In the afternoon, a reception will be given in the clubs' honor and in the evening the first concert of the trip will be given in Samuels' opera house. Following the concert a dance will be given in the Knights of Pithias hall. Arrangements for the entertainment of the clubs have been in the hands of Mr. Charles D. Eckler, '99, and a committee from the newly organized Alumni association, and so successfully have they worked that the concert promises to be one of the best on the trip.

On Saturday morning, the 27th, the clubs will leave Jamestown over the Erie at 7:32 arriving in Akron at 12:01 noon. While in that city the men will stop at the Buchtel hotel. The concert in the evening will be given in the New Colonial theatre. A reception will very likely be arranged for the afternoon though there are but few Cornell men in the city.

Sunday morning at 7:08 the club will leave for Dayton over the Erie. They will reach that city at 1 p. m. and will go direct to the Algonquin. On Sunday afternoon one quartette will sing in the Episcopal church and another will sing in one of the other churches, in the evening.

On Monday morning a visit will be

made to the factory of the National Cash Register Company. At noon a dinner will be given in the clubs' honor and in the afternoon a reception will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Cummin, the parents of Gaylord C. Cummin of the class of 1904. As the alumni in Dayton are very few, Mr. Cummin has taken active charge of arrangements and it was through his efforts that the concert is to be given at the Dayton Club. After the concert a dance will be given at the club.

The clubs will remain in Dayton over night and on the following morning will leave for Cincinnati at 9:50 over the Erie. They will arrive in Cincinnati at 11:45 a. m. and will stop at the Grand hotel. The concert will be given in Music hall. Following the concert there will be a smoker.

At 3:20 Tuesday morning the clubs will leave on the C. H. & D. for Indianapolis, arriving there at 6:40 in the morning. From Indianapolis a special will be run over the Lake Erie and Western to Peoria, the men reaching that city at 1:30 in the afternoon. The Peoria concert will be given in the Auditorium of the Women's Club and tickets are on sale at Brown, Page and Hillmans' Music Store. A dance will be given by the alumni after the concert and following the dance a smoker will be given.

The clubs will leave Peoria over the Rock Island on Thursday, January 1st, at 8:25 a. m., and will arrive in Chicago at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. While in Chicago they will stop at the Victoria hotel. The concert in the evening will be given in Steinway hall. Tickets will be on sale at the Steinway hall box office. No social event for Chicago has yet been announced though one will very likely be arranged.

The Ithacans will then start east. On Friday morning at 10:30 they will leave Chicago on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, arriving in South

Bend at 12:52 in the afternoon. While in South Bend they will stop at the Oliver house. The concert will be given in the Auditorium theatre.

The last concert of the trip will be given in Sandusky on Saturday evening, January 3rd, in Carnegie Music hall. While in Sandusky the men will stop at the Sloane. Tickets for the concert will be on sale at the H. C. Huntington Co's store. Either a reception or a smoker will be arranged for Saturday night, and at 12:31 in the morning the men will leave for Buffalo over the Lake Shore. They will arrive in Buffalo at 7:50 a. m. and will start for Ithaca an hour later, arriving in this city on Sunday noon at 12:10.

The following is the programme of the concerts. As encores the glee club has a repertoire of a score of songs while the mandolin club also has some excellent numbers for extras:

Part One.

1. (a) Alma Mater....Carm Cornell Glee Club.
- (b) Alumni Song....Carm Cornell Mr. Ryon and Glee Club.
2. Love's Hypnotism
-Wm. Luton Wood Glee Club.
3. Dream Days of Seville..... Eilenberg Mandolin Club.
4. Mr. Lady Cholo'..H. C. Lughter Messrs. Ryon, Sommer, Holmes and Dowd.
5. Come o'er the Sea.....Bullard Glee Club.

Part Two.

1. FaustGounod Mandolin Club.
2. (a) Old Folks at Home..... Foster-Van der Sturken Mr. Holmes and Glee Club.
- (b) Heidelberg (Stein Song)... Lueders Mr. Ryon and Glee Club.
3. Halemar Recker Mandolin Club.
4. Medley Coleman Glee Club.
5. The Cellarer's Toast....DeKoven Mr. Ryon and Glee Club.
6. Evening Song.....Carm Cornell Glee Club.

Never before in the history of the Cornell musical clubs has a Christmas trip been better handled than the one which is now about to be taken. Every detail was arranged fully three weeks ahead. The cities in which the men appear have been thoroughly advertised, more than 70,000 one-sheet posters, window cards and big three-sheet posters having been sent out for the purpose. Graduate Manager Senior, who made a big success with the 1900 clubs, spent last week on the road in the interests of the clubs and will leave Ithaca again on the 22nd to keep three or four days ahead of the clubs advertising them throughout the trip. Manager G. E. D. Brady will have the men in charge and will be assisted by Henry Bergweger.

'72, B.C.E.—Rufus B. Howland has charge of the department of mathematics at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa.

'72, M.S.; '86, LL. D. (Hon).—In a recent number of the Popular Science Monthly, David Starr Jordan has an article on "The Origin of the Fins of Fishes." In the same magazine he takes part in a discussion on the question, "Are Fellowships Alms-giving or Investments?"

CORNELL DEFEATED.

Pennsylvania Wins in Debate on Arguments Presented—Close Contest—Our Men do Well.

A new series of debates between the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell was opened with a spirited contest in the Lyceum, Ithaca, Friday, Dec. 12, resulting in a victory for Pennsylvania.

The subject was, "Resolved, That the present tariff on the raw materials and rough products of iron and steel, such as pig iron, bar iron, rails, steel ingots, etc., is justified on the ground of the protection of American industry against foreign competition."

The judges were Acting-president J. W. Freley, of Wells College, Professor William S. Franklin of Lehigh University, and President A. Cameron MacKenzie of Elmira College.

Dean Crane presided with his usual tact and grace and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors on behalf of Cornell.

The debate was conducted on the customary lines, except that the affirmative was given the closing speech, as in courts of law.

The contest was in many respects a model one. It was "head-on" from beginning to end. There were no personalities, inanities or other unpleasant features. The debaters tried to deal with facts and seemed sincere throughout. It was in every sense a debate, and one that anyone might listen to with profit.

The Pennsylvania debaters did not do their best in the first speeches, while Cornell's team presented a splendid, unified argument, in a remarkably effective style that left little to be asked for in addition. In rebuttal, however, Pennsylvania answered Cornell's argument completely, and by holding to the proposition that present importations of iron were abnormal and simply the result of unusual and temporary demand, succeeded in proving that there was in reality no foreign competition in the field of rough iron and steel. Hence, no tariff for protection is needed. The conclusion was unanswerable.

Had the judges given equal weight to the merits of presentation with merit of argument, there can be little doubt that the decision would have been in favor of Cornell; for in argument the debate was very close. The Cornell men carried themselves better on the platform than did the men from Pennsylvania. They spoke with greater ease and gave evidence of having studied the principles of public speaking and of having had considerable practice in speech.

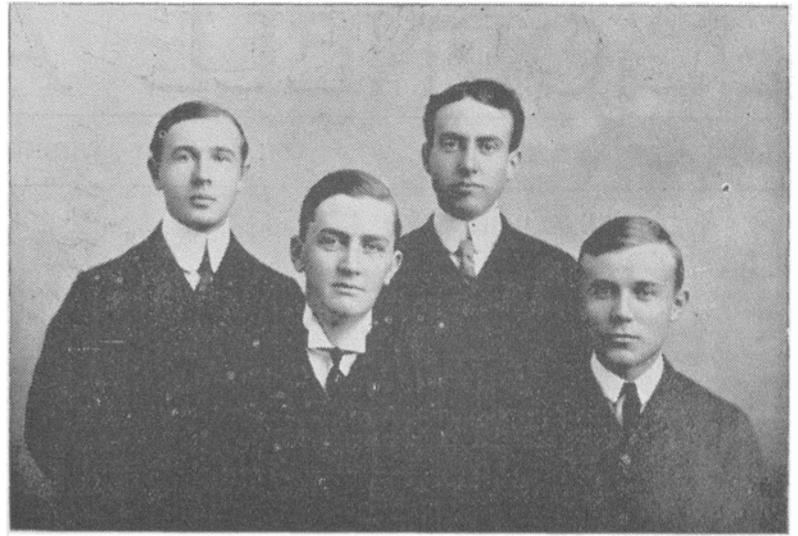
Pa.; Harry C. Diller, '03, of Philadelphia; Richard W. Barrett, G. and '06 Law, of Wilmington, O., and Edgar Barnes, of Washington.

Charles B. Dowd, the first speaker on the part of Cornell, extended a hearty welcome to the members of the visiting team. He said they were warmly welcome even though they advocated a dangerous method of dealing with a question of national importance, and which, if put into operation would seriously menace the prosperity of their university and our own. Continuing he said: With the earnestness that is in us, we say let the tariff alone.

The last few years have been the most prosperous in the history of our country. And this is alone due to the beneficence of the Dingley tariff. The gentlemen from Pennsylvania advocate a change in the present tariff system, but who, I ask, supports them? Surely not the people who by their votes in the last election expressed their approval of the present conditions. And surely not the President who has recently shown his attitude toward any tariff legislation.

Our purpose is to justify the present duties in Schedule C of the Dingley tariff—a tariff that assures us of the protection of American interests. The present prosperity of the country is entirely due to the beneficent workings of this schedule.

The shrewdest and keenest sighted men of the nation have given their adherence to it, notable among whom was the late Thomas B. Reed. Prosperity followed the arrangement of the tariff duties and gave the



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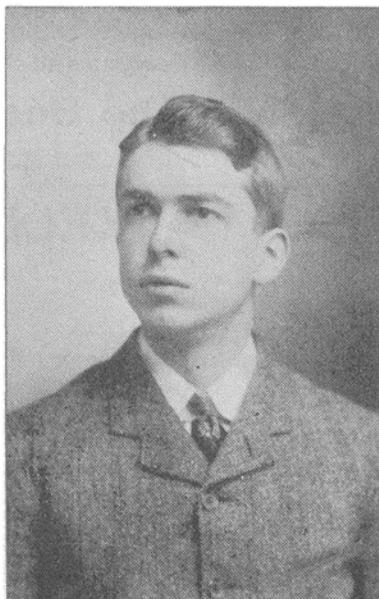
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American market to the American people.

Nature with a bounty unparalleled in the history of the world has given us a wealth of resources in raw material. To develop these resources, to keep our own markets for our own people, we must call in the re-inforcement of the tariff, which will prevent us from being flooded with the products of cheap foreign labor. The tariff now allows a reasonable profit for the producer. This tariff has made us an enviable nation and has brought with it greatness and power. With this as the guiding principle of our commercial policy we can launch out and invade the markets of the world. Many devices have been invented designed to keep out foreign competition, but the only measure that has ever succeeded is the protective tariff.

In 1870 the production of a ton of pig iron in England cost \$65. In America the cost was \$120. With this advantage in favor of the Englishman no American would enter the business. But this introduction of the tariff has made it possible to compete successfully with the foreign producer and has established an industry that is the pride of all Americans. The



EDGAR BARNES.

The negative is not denying the justification of protective tariff. But it does deny the justification of the tariff on iron and steel. Every tariff must have a free list and when we propose putting iron and steel on this list, we are not setting ourselves in opposition to the principle of protective tariff.

William McKinley said that we had taken 44 articles from the dutiable list and put them on the free list. What working rule is there which shall decide where the protective principle shall apply? We must judge each industry on its own merits. There is no such thing as a general protection. Protection must be specific.

In order to get a working rule we must consider two questions: First, what are the conditions in any industry which makes protection necessary, and secondly, do these conditions exist in the iron and steel industry to-day?

1. If foreign competitors can produce more cheaply than Americans, they will drive out American competition by underselling it. Foreign competition is not harmful if it cannot undersell American producers. The gentlemen of the affirmative assume that production is dearer here than abroad. If the cost of production is lower here the tariff is a mere absurdity.

2. In the case of iron and steel, if the cost of producing them in America is higher than the cost of production abroad, a protective tariff is needed. If the reverse is true, a tariff is not needed.



PAXSON DEETER.

iron and steel industries are the fundamental industries of the nation and the tariff, in making it possible for the producer of iron and steel products to enter into successful competition with those of other countries, is proving itself the bulwark of the business of the country.

Any disturbance in so fundamental an industry such as that which would follow any change of Schedule C would be far reaching in its disastrous effects.

The tariff must not be changed. Hard times will inevitably follow any tinkering with the tariff. The present schedule is working to the satisfaction of the people. All patriotic citizens must set themselves against a change which would involve the commercial distress of the country and would vitally affect the well-being of the nation.

Monopoly need not be feared under this tariff. Independent concerns produce more than one-half of the present output of iron and steel products. New competition will prevent any monopoly. A single change of Schedule C will make competition impossible and will ruin the small producer.

Mr. Diller.

Mr. Diller of Pennsylvania, the next speaker, said:

In determining the cost of production, we must consider three factors: the cost of the raw material, the cost of transportation, and the cost of labor. And in each of these we have the advantage. Nature has come to our aid with a wealth of resources in raw material. The American ore is purer than the foreign product and so requires less coal and limestone to smelt it. American coal, too, is better and cheaper than that of any other country. Transportation is cheaper in America, for the distance is not so great to market.

In coming to the factor of labor, it must be conceded that we pay our workmen the highest wages. But the American is a more efficient worker, and in the long run proves actually cheaper. Machinery is coming to play a larger and larger part in lessening the cost of production, and in the use of machinery America leads the world. As a result of these conditions we have been underselling the English and Germans in their own market. We, therefore, do not need protection against the foreign competitor so much as he needs it against us.

Mr. Hiller.

Mr. Hiller, the next speaker, said our experience as a nation has taught



HENRY CORNEAU DILLER.

us the folly of disturbing a system that is working well. A change is sure to bring a disturbance to industry. The state of our finances at present demands stability more perhaps than at any time in the last ten years, and financial trouble will surely follow any change in the tariff. No one can deny that prosperity is now at its high water mark. When all is working well what is there that calls for a change, a change that is sure to bring disaster?

The conditions of the export and import trade of the raw iron products have changed materially in the last two years. Since 1900, owing to the increase of price of production in America, the exports have decreased and the imports increased. The imports of pig iron have increased 900 per cent. and those of steel billets 35 per cent. And thus it is that at the present time foreign competition is in possession of the American market for iron and steel.

It is worthy of note that the foreign competitor pays the cost of production and transportation and then undersells the American producer in his own market by from \$1 to \$3 a ton.

The American producer can sell

pig iron in Philadelphia not lower than \$23.50, and often he is obliged to raise his price to \$25.50, whereas the foreign competitor sells the same product in Scotland for \$16.25, and then after adding the cost of transportation can sell in America for \$22.50.

And so with steel billets. In Chicago, American steel is sold for \$35 while the foreign producer undersells it by \$6.50. Recently the Canadian Pacific Railroad called for bids for furnishing 50,000 steel rails and the order went abroad. The Germans underbid the Americans because they could produce more cheaply.

The only possible inference from these facts is that the cost of production of the raw products of iron and steel is lower abroad than in America. Otherwise why this failure to meet competition?

The trade journals are predicting a still further increase in the price of ore, and this will make the cost of production of American pig iron still dearer. The gentlemen of the negative have mentioned the natural resources of America. They have failed to state that other countries possess resources in as great a degree.

Mr. Deeter.

Mr. Deeter, the next speaker, said:

Commissions are coming to this country periodically in order to learn if possible why it is that the American can produce iron and steel more cheaply than can be done abroad. My colleague has stated that America has the advantage in her wealth of resources. It has also been shown that the American producer can produce iron and steel more cheaply.

The present tariff is injuring many business interests engaged in the manufacture of the finished products of iron and steel. The gentlemen of the affirmative have said that the price of production of the raw materials of iron and steel advanced till at last the foreigner came in to compete. Why?

They say that the cost of production has advanced. But this is not so. The real reason is that the demand has become greater and raised the price. There has been a greater demand than could be supplied by the smelting furnaces. The producers have seized their opportunity and under protection of the convenient tariff they have raised their selling price to the detriment of the interests of the other business interests of the community.

It is our proposition that this high price be lowered by the removal of the tariff. The price of iron has increased \$15, whereas the cost of production has advanced but 19 cents. This inordinate price must of necessity injure the manufacturer of the finished product.

We propose to remove this artificial stimulus and put it upon one competitive level. To import under the present tariff does not yield much profit to the foreign producer and accordingly we do not receive as quickly as we should the benefits of competition.

Mr. Carlisle.

Mr. Carlisle said: If the scheme advocated by the gentlemen of the negative were to go into effect we should witness a new epoch. It has been proposed many times in our history that the tariff on certain articles be removed, but it has been the constant faith of every Congress, Demo-



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Calendar of Coming Events.

Dec. 17, Wednesday—Joint debate: Cornell Congress vs. Alfred university.

" 19, Friday—Basketball: Cornell vs. Rochester at Rochester.

" 20, Saturday—Football Alumni conference in Ithaca.

" 21, Sunday—University preacher: the Rev. Armory H. Bradford, D. D., Congregationalist, Montclair, N. J.

" 23, Tuesday—Christmas Recess begins.

" 24, Wednesday—Christmas Recess begins.

" 25, Thursday—Cornell Musical clubs at Lyceum, Ithaca.

" 26, Friday—Musical clubs start on trip.

Jan. 6, Tuesday—Instruction begins.

The next issue of the Alumni News will be published on January 7, the first Wednesday after the University opens for the new year.

HENLEY.

At a meeting of the Henley Regatta Committee held last Saturday it was decided by a vote of 13 to 2 to exclude all crews coached by professionals within a month of the opening of the regatta. The text of the rule adopted is reported to be as follows:

"No eight-oared, four-oared or pair-oared crew shall be allowed to compete if within four weeks prior to the commencement of the regatta the crew shall have been coached during any practice in rowing, or controlled, or directed in their training, by any person not considered an amateur oarsman, sculler or coxswain under the general rules."

Number 1 of the General Rules of the Henley Regatta, as revised on December 1, 1894, reads as follows:

1. No person shall be considered an amateur oarsman, sculler or coxswain who has ever rowed or steered in any race for a stake, money, or entrance fee.

2. Who has ever knowingly rowed or steered with or against a professional for any prize.

3. Who has ever taught, pursued, or assisted in the practice of athletic exercises of any kind for profit.

4. Who has ever been employed in or about boats, or in manual labor, for money or wages.

5. Who is or has been by trade or employment for wages, a mechanic, artisan, or laborer, or engaged in any menial duty.

6. Who is disqualified as an amateur in any other branch of sport.

If the Henley Stewards feel that they prefer not to have crews coached by professionals, as above defined, compete in the Henley Regatta, they have only done the fair thing in letting it be known in the unmistakable way they did last Saturday. The uncertainty as to their actual feelings in this connection has been a source of some embarrassment to American college crews employing professional coaches that have considered the possibility of going to Henley, and the removal of this uncertainty is a decided step toward a better understanding between the oarsmen of the two countries. Fortunately they have spoken with no uncertain voice, but with practical unanimity. It is their regatta. They have a perfect right to make such rules and regulations to govern it as they see fit, and we doubt whether fair-minded Americans will feel warranted in indulging in gratuitous criticism of their recent action.

The Henley Stewards would probably have been more consistent if they had included single scullers within the operation of the rule. It is difficult, on principle, to draw any distinction based upon the number of men in a boat. It seems to be purely an arbitrary distinction based upon the fact that English single scullers are quite generally coached by professionals.

We are not disposed, however, to criticize the action of the Henley Stewards, and on the other hand we feel sure that no Cornellian will be influenced by it to seriously question the propriety of our continuing to avail ourselves of the skill of our great professional rowing coach. Our brilliant aquatic victories in the past two years have led to some discussion in Cornell circles this fall of a proposition to send another crew to Henley next year. We assume that whatever discussion there has been on this subject will now cease. There is no dissatisfaction on the part of Cornellians with our time-honored coaching system and our respected coach, and it is certain that there will be no disposition to depart from our well established customs simply in order to acquire the privilege of competing at Henley.

We can now direct all our thoughts to the two regattas we have already scheduled for this country, the second 'varsity regatta on Cayuga Lake on May 30, and the regular regatta on

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Many Men Try For the Team—Wide Interest in the Sport—Schedule for the Season.

More men are now practicing regularly for the basketball team than at any time in the past. About 40 men are out, which is considerably in excess of the number at this time last year. Basketball seems finally to have come into its own at Cornell. It is a winter sport and fills conveniently the interim between the ending of the football season and the beginning of the baseball season. Many therefore who have done good work in these two branches of athletics have come out and are trying for the team.

The entering class has brought in some men who have had experience in the game in the preparatory schools and who are showing talent.

Manager Sloat thinks the chances for a winning team this season are better than in any previous year. The facilities for practice in the gymnasium have been increased and improved. For an hour every day the gymnasium is given up for the practice of the different squads.

Several practice games have already been played this fall. Cascadilla school was easily defeated, as was the team representing the 74th regiment of Geneva. Last Saturday night the team again won an easy victory by defeating the Cortland Y. M. C. A. team 58 to 8.

The basketball team will go to Rochester Friday night to play the team of the University of Rochester. This week's practice will be solely in preparation for that event.

Wednesday and Friday night teams representing baseball, football, track and crew will play the annual inter-athletic series of games for the University supremacy.

The following are among those who are taking regular practice: Forwards: Hermes, '05; Tolin, '05; Sloat, '04; Knapp, '06; Knapp, '05, and Beaseley, '06. Guards: Steele, '03; McPherson, '03; Townsend, '03; Pruyne, '03; Lyford, '06; Brinkerhoff, '06. Centers: Wadsworth, '04, and Lies, '06.

Of these men Hermes, Tolin, Steele, Townsend, Pruyne and McPherson played last year.

Cornell this season will play each one of the universities in the Inter-collegiate league, made up of Cornell, Harvard, Princeton, Yale and Columbia.

The full schedule for the winter is as follows:

December 19, Rochester at Rochester; January 10, Waverly at Ithaca; January 17, Columbia at Ithaca; January 22, Harvard at Ithaca; February 13, Yale at Ithaca. Games for February 19 and 20 will be arranged later. February 21, Harvard at Cambridge; February 26, Yale at New Haven; February 27, Princeton at Princeton; February 28, Jefferson Medical college at Philadelphia; March 6, Princeton at Ithaca; March 12, Pratt Institute of Technology at Brooklyn; March 13, Columbia at New York; March 14, R. P. I. at Troy.

'95, M.E.—Burton P. Flory was recently appointed mechanical engineer of the Lehigh Valley at South Bethlehem, Pa. He entered the service of the Lehigh Valley on November 1, 1899, as material inspector, and was chief draughtsman from June 1, 1902, to November 1, when his present appointment took effect.

NO MEET WITH CHICAGO.

Cornell Track Team However May Schedule Another Event—Negotiations with Princeton.

Owing to the fact that the Easter vacations in the two universities coincide Manager Zimmer of the track team has found it impossible to arrange a dual athletic meet with the University of Chicago for April 2nd. Negotiations, however, have now been opened with the Northwestern university and with the University of Illinois with the hope that another event may be added to the western schedule.

The announcement that the track team would take a western trip has increased the interest in the work and now more men are trying for the team than has ever been the case before. The men who are working for the sprints use the out-door track north of the Armory while the other candidates use the Gymnasium.

Owing to the fact that the Princeton alumni had arranged for a dual meet with Yale on May 9th, Manager Wright of Princeton had to cancel the date previously assigned to Cornell. The two managers are now trying to arrange another date satisfactory for the event.

In the meantime negotiations are underway with Pennsylvania for a change to conform with the new order of things. It is possible that Pennsylvania may consent to taking May 9th for its meet in Ithaca, leaving May 16th open for Princeton.

Obituary.

Helen E. Wilson, '99.

Helen Elizabeth Wilson, A.B., 1899, died in St. Luke's Hospital, New York city, on November 14th, 1902, of typhoid fever. Thus was cut short a career of unusual promise.

During her college course Miss Wilson was a faithful and ambitious student and made an enviable record. She showed a special attitude for English studies and became especially interested in the collection of facts relating to American English, making valuable contributions to the collections of the Dialect Society.

After leaving the University she taught for one year in the high school at Amenia, N. Y., and for two years in one of the grammar schools of New York city. At the same time she continued her favorite studies. She was withal interested in many things. Though she never sought a wide acquaintance, she made many friends.

A melancholy interest now attaches to a manuscript volume, bearing her name as author, which has just been deposited in the University Library. It is entitled, "A Glossary of the Old English Matthew (Ms. C. C. C. C. 140, with Variants)." A continuation of her graduating thesis, it constitutes a complete concordance-glossary to the Gospel of Matthew in the West Saxon speech of King Alfred and Abbot Alpic. With self-sacrificing devotion—for the task of completing such a work is not in itself of entrancing interest—she did this work that the labor of others might be lessened; and she thus made a substantial contribution to knowledge.

Of her it shall be said as it was said of one of old; and any one of us might be proud of such a eulogy: "She hath done what she could."

C. S. N.

'94, LL.B.—Daniel W. Barmon is practicing law in Buffalo, N. Y.



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The organization of a Cornell club at Binghamton was perfected Friday night, Dec. 12, at the dinner given by the alumni of that city and near-by towns.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Dr. Charles G. Wagner, '77, of Binghamton, president; Dr. H. E. Merriam, Owego, vice-president; John Marcy, jr., '01, Binghamton, secretary-treasurer.

Executive committee—Theodore R. Tuthill, chairman; A. T. Stewart and Garry Stone, '00, Professor S. J. Gibson, '79, Norwich; Fred W. Youmans, '99, Delhi; William C. Truman, '96, Owego, and the Hon. Rowland L. Davis, '97, Cortland.

The following account is given in the Binghamton Republican.

Dr. Charles G. Wagner was toastmaster, and the first speaker was Dean Thomas Frederick Crance, representing President Schurman, who was unable to attend. His subject was "Our University."

In the absence of Justice Albert H. Sewell, '71, A. W. Clinton, '72, responded to a toast, in which he recalled some of the old days. Assemblyman James T. Rogers, '93, the next leader in the Assembly, responded to "The Public Service," and made one of the hits of the evening. The Hon. Frank Darrow, of Owego, discussed "The Cornell Navy," and Ralph C.

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Rodgers, '05, "The Undergraduates." "Our College Friends" was the subject of a toast by the Hon. Frank A. Bell, '92, and Royal A. Gunnison, '96, talked eloquently on "College Athletics." District Attorney Roger P. Clark was unable to be present, and his place was taken by William W. Farley. One of the interesting features of the evening was a speech from W. B. Leach, '72, the coxswain of the first Cornell crew, who gave some reminiscences.

Among the guests from out of town were: A. G. Patterson, '92, Walton; C. S. Mallory, '89, Owego; H. E. Merriam, '92, Owego; F. S. Truman, '93, Owego; W. C. Truman, '96, Owego; Morgan L. McKoon, '03, Long Eddy; W. B. Leach, '72, Norwich; Frank A. Darrow, '74, Owego; Fred J. Davis, '96, Owego.

cratic or Republican, that the tariff on iron and steel must remain. Both parties have agreed that it is a matter of vital interest that the production of American pig iron be protected. But here are the gentlemen from Pennsylvania proposing something entirely new, and are ready to go even beyond the limits, that have bound the most thorough tariff reformer.

In only one year—1899-1900—have we undersold foreign producers in European markets. But now the conditions are again normal. The Iron Age of yesterday quotes foreign pig iron as selling in America for \$17 a ton, when the nearest competing price of an American producer was \$22.

The tariff is necessary to meet all conditions, normal and abnormal. The only possible explanation of the fact that the foreigner is underselling us is that he is producing cheaper than we. American producers have tried to meet foreign competition but without the tariff have failed. Never has the tariff been so important as at present.

Does the unusual demand account for this? If so, how account for the fact that the foreigner is underselling us on our own grounds? The tariff is therefore justified under the conditions set by the gentlemen of the negative.

We are not arguing that tariff changes will always be inadvisable. But now, when the market is at its very weakest, it would be most harmful to meddle with the tariff. The finances are in a precarious condition and the latest reports show that they are approaching a panic. Is not the time unseasonable for a change?

Thus we have shown that there is an undivided precedent for maintaining the present tariff on the rough products of iron and steel. All parties are agreed as to the advisability of protection for these articles. Now when the foreign producer is underselling us and when the money conditions are so precarious it is untimely to suggest a change of tariff. We challenge the opposition to justify their position in making the change they advocate.

Mr. Barrett.

Mr. Barrett said: We have shown that the selling price of the rough products of iron and steel in America has increased enormously and that the advance in the cost of production has been very small. The United States steel corporation will this year make 13 per cent. on its capital stock, or 40 per cent. on the value of the plant. The profits are \$150,000,000.

The argument of the gentlemen of the affirmative has no starting point. They have built a fanciful structure of argument on an insubstantial foundation. We have proved that the cost of production is lower here than in Europe. Why, therefore, do we need protection?

The tariff injures fifty per cent. of those who are engaged in the iron and steel business. It allows the producer of the raw materials to oppress the manufacturer of the finished product. The present production of iron and steel cannot supply the demand. The corporations are making fabulous sums by the aid of this tariff.

What has been the effect? Thous-

ands have rushed madly for the investment of capital in this highly remunerative industry and the productive capacity of the mills of this country has increased 108 per cent. All are getting a profit. Now this is a plain business proposition and we submit that this mad investment should cease. We are not deploring large profits. We would make a fair division of profits possible by removing this tariff from iron and steel.

Under the prevailing conditions the producers of the raw products are in position to oppress the manufacturers of the finished products.

The tariff, therefore, is no protection, for we can produce more cheaply than the foreign competitor. If the tariff is removed, the manufacturers of the finished product will be put on a fair competing basis.

Rebuttal.

On the rebuttal Mr. Deeter said:

The high cost of the raw materials of iron and steel is detrimental to the interests of the manufacturers of the finished products. The reason for the entrance of foreign competition is found in the fact that the mills cannot supply the trade. And thus the demand cannot be supplied till foreign competition enters. In the meantime the consumer is at the mercy of the producers of the raw materials. Why not remove the tariff and let this beneficial competition enter sooner?

The removal of the tariff will give stability to the iron trade and the industry as a whole will be put on a solid, competitive basis.

Mr. Dowd in rebuttal said:

Great prosperity is prevailing in America now, but the excessive importations that keep coming from abroad warn us against any lowering of the tariff barriers.

We deny that the cost of production abroad is dearer than it is in America. The present tariff is suitable for all occasions. When, as at present, the demand exceeds the supply and foreign competition comes in, a good statesman will heed the danger signal. On the other hand when the supply exceeds the demand the market will not be flooded by the products of foreign competition.

Now is the most unseasonable time for a change of the tariff. Money is at eight per cent. and any change would be detrimental to the whole financial market.

Mr. Diller in rebuttal said:

The gentlemen of the affirmative have a wrong conception of the stand which we have taken on this question. We do not advocate the removal of the tariff in order to harm the trusts, but to help the manufacturer of the finished product. The removal of the tariff would put competition on an even basis.

It has been proved by the evidence of many commissions which have come to this country that the cost of production in America is lower than it is abroad. The opinion of the British association must be accepted as conclusive in this matter.

From all the countries of Europe the cry of complaint has been raised against the ravages of European markets by American competition. The affirmative will accordingly have to make it clear how competition can work harm to the American producer.

Mr. Hiller in rebuttal said:

The gentlemen of the negative must base their arguments on conditions as they exist in the present. The facts are against their statement that America has cheaper methods in the production of iron and steel than has the European. The fact is plain before us that we are now being undersold in our own markets. The opposition tries to explain this by saying that the demand exceeds the supply. But this does not consider the fact that we are being undersold by foreign competition.

Why has the demand for American iron fallen off? Will an increase in the demand explain this? Nor does their explanation show why some are forced out of business. They likewise argue for the lowering of the tariff wall on the ground that the present system works for the advantage of the producer of raw materials and against that of the manufacturer of the finished product. But could we produce more cheaply by the removal of the tariff?

Mr. Barrett in rebuttal said:

The gentlemen of the affirmative say, "Buy at home whether there is anything to buy or not." And this is the way they meet our argument that the cause of the present selling of foreign products in America is due to the excess of the demand over the supply.

The gentlemen of the affirmative are championing a principle which is dangerous to the best interests of the American people. They are asking for protection of the American steel king when there is no danger from abroad. And on this basis they ask for protection of the iron lord of lords and king of kings.

Mr. Carlisle in rebuttal said:

The opposition has not made clear the bearing of the principle they advocate. They have not pointed out some definite method of procedure. If the tariff is to be changed, how is it to be done? They have not told us. They advise a change from a policy that has been working well to one that is indefinite and hazy.

The importation of foreign goods has sounded the warning. The importations are now one-twenty-fifth of the products of American forges and mills. It is absurd to say that if the tariff should be lowered the American market would not be ruined by a flood of foreign iron and steel.

We cannot produce cheaper than the foreign concerns. The higher wages paid to American workmen, the cost of transportation and raw materials are all against it. The condition of our finances is now most critical and any change will be sure to work disaster to the industrial interests of the whole country. We must not change.

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One purpose of THE ALUMNI NEWS is to keep Cornell men informed about one another. Every Cornell man, therefore, is invited to contribute to this column news concerning himself or any other student, and every contributor should remember that in sending news items he is conferring a favor upon other Cornellians.

'74, B.S.—Robert H. Wiles addressed the Central Association of Physics Teachers, which was held at the Lewis Institute in Chicago on November 27th-29th. His subject was "Physics and Machines."

'74, B.S.—Professor Herman L. Fairchild of the University of Rochester is secretary of the Geological Society of America.

Ex-'75.—Professor Charles F. Mills-paugh, M.D., a graduate of the New York Homeopathic Medical College, is now curator of the department of botany, Field Columbian Museum, Chicago; professional lecturer on economic botany in the University of Chicago; and professor of medical botany in the Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago. He has concluded his first volume of "Botanical Contributions from the Field Columbian Museum" with his "Flora of the Island of St. Croix, Danish West Indies." Professor Millspaugh makes his special field of botanical investigation the Antillean region, to the literature of which he has made many contributions during the last eight years.

'77, B.S.—The Hon. Charles S. Francis of the Troy (N. Y.) Times is a vice-president of the New York Press Association.

'78, B.S.—Franklyn M. Kendall, who has charge of the High School and College department of the Ginn & Co. publishing house in Chicago, is enjoying a four months' vacation trip in the Philippines.

'79, A.B.—Edward C. Russel is attorney at Helena, Mont.

'80, B.S.—William Trelase of the Missouri Botanical Gardens is associate editor of the Botanical Gazette.

'83, B.S.—D. E. Smith has removed from Philadelphia to 467 Atlantic avenue, Pittsburg.

'83, A.B.—Franklin Matthews in a recent number of World's Work tells of the New York Chamber of Commerce in an article entitled "The Organized Conscience of the Rich."

'85, Ph.B.—Professor George F. Atkinson has an article in a recent number of the Botanical Gazette on "Three New Genera of the Higher Fungi."

'85, A.M.—K. A. Gage is now teacher of ancient languages in the State Normal School at New Platz, N. Y.

'86, Ph.B.—Professor G. B. Harris is editor of the Bulletin of American Palaeontology.

'86, Ph.B.—The November number of World's Work contains an appreciation of Andrew D. White from the pen of Professor Charles H. Hull.

'87, C.E.—R. C. St. John has been appointed assistant chief engineer of the Michigan Central railroad.

'91, A. B.—F. Land is now located at 710 S. Orange Grove avenue, Pasadena, Cal.

'93, M.E.—A. D. Morehouse has removed from 370 Clinton street, Brooklyn, N. Y., to Melbourne, Iowa.

'92, M.E.—Edward E. Clark is director of the department of technology at the Elmira Reformatory, Elmira, N. Y.

'92, A.B.—Louis A. Shepard is manager of the private laboratory and offices of Cornelius Vanderbilt in the American Surety building 105 Broadway, New York city. Here the young magnate employs his talents as an inventor. He has twelve draughtsmen in the office. In all he employs upward of forty persons including architects, engineers, draughtsmen and office help.

'93, M.E.—H. C. Earle is engaged in engineering in Providence, R. I.

Ex-'93.—Dr. Herman von Schrenk is in charge of the laboratory of the bureau of the Mississippi Valley in the United States Department of Agriculture. He recently presented before the Rocky Mountain Railway Club of Denver, Col., a most interesting lecture on the preservation of timber, especially the protection of railway ties.

'93, Ph. B.—L. M. Hubby has received the degree of M. D. from New York University and is now an assistant in children's diseases at the Cornell Medical College in New York.

'94, M.S.; '95, Ph.D.—B. F. Kingsbury is assistant editor of the Journal of Comparative Neurology.

'94, M.C.E.; '98, Ph.D.—C. W. Comstock has removed from Lincoln avenue to 76 Grant avenue, Denver, Col.

'95, M.E.—The address of Ellis L. Phillips is 10 Bridge street, New York city.

'95, B.L.—William P. Beeber is engaged in the practice of law with his brother in Williamsport, Pa.

'95, M.E.—F. F. Gaines has been promoted from the position of mechanical engineer to that of master mechanic of the Lehigh Valley railroad.

'95, A.B.—Miss Estelle M. Johnson, who has been for the past three years in the Bishopthorpe School at South Bethlehem, Pa., is now teaching in the Wayne High School, Wayne, Pa. Her address is 423 Oak Lane, Wayne.

'95, C.E.—Dr. John Weatherson is practicing medicine at 4056 Indiana avenue, Chicago.

'95, C.E.—The address of S. H. Stebbins is 84 Sterling place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ex-'95.—In the October number of the Journal of Geography, Frank Carney reviews Professor W. N. Davis' Elementary Physical Geography, published by Ginn & Co.

'96, Ph.B.—Rabbi Theodore F. Joseph was one of the speakers at a banquet given December 2d at the Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma, Wash., in honor of the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Alfred W. Martin of the First Free Church of that city.

'96, M.E.—T. S. Bailey is with the Holland Torpedo Boat Co., in Greenport, N. Y.

'96, B.S.—Elena Nearing is residing at 35 Astor place, Jersey City.

'96, Ph. D.—A recent number of the Journal of Philology contained a paper entitled "Notes on Cynewulf," by William Strunk, jr.

'97, M.E.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Larzelere have gone to England. Mr. Larzelere has been for some time in the employ of the General Electric Co. of Schenectady, and has been selected by the company as electrical engineer of the railway department in the British Thompson-Houston works. He has earned rapid advancement in his chosen profession.

'97, M.E.—F. L. Schraft is with the Lackawanna Steel Co. of Buffalo, N. Y.

'97, M. E.—H. L. Daniels has removed from Bangor, Me., to West Falmouth, Me.

'98, LL.B.—Charles A. MacHenry is practicing law at 149 Broadway, New York City.

'98, M.E.—J. DeS. Maguire is president and treasurer of the Magnet Wire Co., of 141 Broadway, New York city.

'98, Ph.B.; '01, LL.B.—Ernest G. Lorenzen has returned from Germany, where he had been studying law, and is now residing at 162 DeKalb avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'99, B.S.—Adelaide T. Young is teaching in Elmira College, Elmira, N. Y.

'99, A.B.—William H. Standing this fall entered the General Theological Seminary in Chelsea Square, New York city.

'99, A. B.—Elsie R. Engle is teaching Greek and Latin in the Sherman Collegiate Institute of Moriah, N. Y.

'00, M.E.—T. H. Cowdin has given up his position as draughtsman with Bement, Mills & Co. of Philadelphia, and is now with the Huntley Manufacturing Co. of Silver Creek, N. Y.

'00, M.E.—Frank E. Pendleton, chief engineer of the New York Steam Company, has been made a director in the company, which generates and sells steam heat to private families and business firms in New York city.

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Charles H. Presho a Senior in the Arts Course Has Hard Fight for an Education—All in Vain.

Charles H. Presho, a senior in Arts died December 3 in the University infirmary of peritonitis.

Mr. Presho was intimate with only a few and the notice of his death at first caused but little comment. But when it became known that his death marked the end of a long and pathetic struggle for a college education, interest became general.

Mr. Presho was born in 1869. During his youth and early manhood he found it impossible to obtain even a rudimentary education in the district schools of his home in Pennsylvania. Owing to the straightened circumstances of his family he was obliged to work in the lumber camps in the Pennsylvania mountains.

Despite all the discouragements he pressed on. After his hard daily toil he studied the few standard books which he managed to procure. At 25 for the first time the way became clear for him to attend the grammar school.

Within a year he graduated from the high school and after going through a normal school became convinced that a college education was necessary for the best work and so at an age when for the most men their studies lie behind them he came to Cornell. By hard work and faithful effort he passed up a year and at the beginning of this term took his place in the senior class.

As the story of his hard fight for an education is the type of thousands of others in American colleges his death has aroused much editorial comment.

A writer in the New York Times in speaking of his heroic efforts says: The sacrifice which Mr. Presho made to get a college education was noble folly, but folly nevertheless. A college education may be bought at too high a price. He intimates that the dead student was a martyr to an exaggerated idea of the importance of college training.

He concludes that for many in like circumstances it would be better altogether to forego the higher academic training and obtain its equivalent by the less easy, but the less disastrous course of self education.

'01, F. E.—Abraham Knechtel is forester to the Forest, Fish and Game Commission of New York state. He is the author of an article on "Methods of Estimating and Measuring Timber" in the sixth annual report of the Commission.

Loyal to Cornell.

Since the publication of the brief obituary notice of Schuyler Lyon Fisher, '90, in the issue of the Cornell Alumni News for December 3, the following additional facts relative to his life after he graduated from the University and to his last sickness have been learned. His popularity while in the University, the extent of his acquaintanceship here, and his services and loyalty to his Alma Mater, more than justify their publication even at this late date.

After graduation from the University in 1899 with the degree of M. E., Mr. Fisher engaged in the manufacture of automobiles and was elected president of the Conrad Motor Carriage Company of Buffalo, N. Y.

In the spring of 1901 he fell a victim to pneumonia which was followed by an attack of la grippe so severe as completely to prostrate him. His business interests demanding his attention he returned to work before he had entirely recovered. A serious relapse followed and in March, 1902, he went west in the hope of regaining his strength. He gradually failed, however, and on November 28, 1902, he died at Canon City, Colorado.

His loyalty to Cornell, ever unquestioned, was steadfast to the end. Although his condition some months prior to his death would permit him to read but little, he perused the Alumni News with eagerness and followed with keenest interest Cornell's part in all branches of athletics, particularly the work of the crews.

The boat races on the Hudson last June happened on the day before his birthday and when he learned that Cornell had been victorious in all three races he exclaimed: "That's birthday enough for me. That news is the best birthday present I could have received."

It is said that through Mr. Fisher's influence, many men have become sons of the Alma Mater that he loved so well.

'96, C.E.—Mrs. George Edward Mann of Buffalo, N. Y., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Mabel Nelson Mann, to Henry Kerr Runnette of Denver, Col. Mr. Runnette is a civil engineer with the American Bridge Company. Miss Mann is a sister of Stuart R. Mann, ex-'99.

'96, M.E.—W. O. Kellogg is Philadelphia agent for the General Electric Company of Schenectady, N. Y. His office is 218-226 South Eleventh street and his address 1536 North Eighteenth street. He sells generators and motors.

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The present was a phonograph. Enclosed with it were a number of records made in this city by one of McCreary's classmates and others at the request of Mrs. McCreary.

Among those who spoke a word of Christmas greeting to the far-away Cornellian were Professor E. H. Woodruff of the college of law; C. B. Kugler, John L. Senior, manager of athletics, and E. D. Sebring. A special record was made by students of the law school, among whom were Messrs. Swartz, McGonigal, Utting and Smith, friends of Mr. McCreary.

The Cornell Glee Club sang the "Stroke" song, which was written by Mr. McCreary, and gave a locomotive yell before the machine. A quartet of the club sang "Alma Mater," and C. E. Mott, soloist of the organization, sang "Alma Mater," "The Bistonian Chorus," "Cornell," "75" and "The Evening Songs."

Members of Mr. McCreary's family also sent him messages by this novel manner, while a large number of records containing the most popular songs now being sung here were purchased and sent with the machine.

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