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## Big Ice Carnival Planned.

Junior Week Will Open with Unique Event on Beebe Lake--Other Festivities.

Junior week with all its merriment and pleasures will open on Monday, one day earlier than in former years, with a brilliant ice carnival on Beebe lake, and the addition of this feature to the many modes of entertainment for the visitors will mark the week as a distinctive one in the history of these festivities. The affair has been so planned that it will be a thing apart from the usual social events.

A large oval enclosure will be erected on the lake, high on the sides and open at the top. Decorations of the most unique nature will adorn the interior of the enclosure, the toboggan slide and the hills along the shore. Cornell flags and bunting will be in evidence everywhere, while here and there festoons of lanterns and electric lights will lend added beauty to the scene. Music will be furnished by the Ithaca band in suitable tempo for skating. It is also planned to have attractive booths along the sides of the enclosure from which refreshments will be served.

The carnival proper will open at 8 o'clock in the evening, but several forms of entertainment have been provided for the afternoon's enjoyment, including a hockey match between Rochester and Cornell. In the evening all men attending have been requested to wear fancy dress costumes, and the women sweaters and other skating regalia. The fete will be opened with a procession of floats or toboggans, with fancy skaters and men dressed in attractive garb. Skating races and obstacle races, for which prizes will be offered, will be held.

The affair will be carried out much as a fancy dress ball, and the skaters will choose their partners between stunts, as in a dance. The idea of the committee is to eclipse in splendor the attempts of many skating associations of New York

state and elsewhere in similar events. The carnival will be, in fact, somewhat similar to those held across the Canadian border at this time of year. Junior girls to whom the news has been sent have grown wildly enthusiastic and are busily preparing one more costume for the week of festivities.

Although this event is attracting much attention because of its distinctiveness and novelty, the committees for the social affairs of the week have worked hard to maintain Cornell's enviable reputation in her manner of entertainment.

### MASQUE WILL PRESENT OPERA.

On Tuesday night the Masque play will be given in the Lyceum theatre. The play this year will be a comic opera, entitled "Anno Domini, 1992," which will require sixty-two people for the cast. The production, which is in two acts, is a lyric prepared by Coach Henry G. Hawn of New York city, who has coached the Masque productions for several years, and the author has woven an exceedingly clever plot about his subject. There are fifteen musical numbers, each selected on a competitive basis from music sent in by University students. Much time has been spent in training the chorus, and the antics of the men in feminine roles are especially ludicrous. Alpha Tau Omega, which has ordinarily held its dance in Senior week, will entertain hereafter in Junior week and will give a dance at the lodge immediately after the Masque performance. Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Psi will also entertain on this evening.

The Psi Upsilon theatricals will, as usual, be held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. On Wednesday evening the Sophomore cotillion will take place in the Armory for the third time in its history. An unusually attractive selection of favors has been made by the committee in charge. The decorations will be in red and white. Delta Phi and Delta Tau Delta will give receptions at their lodges in the afternoon of Thursday, and in the evening the Musical

clubs' concert will take place in the Lyceum. Besides the excellent repertoire of songs used on the Southern trip in the Christmas vacation, the clubs have prepared a number of clever new selections, which are anticipated with pleasure. Immediately after the concert Phi Sigma Kappa, Beta Theta Pi and Delta Kappa Epsilon will entertain at dancing at their lodges.

### NEW DECORATIONS FOR JUNIOR PROM.

On Friday night the crowning event of the week, the Junior promenade, will take place in the Armory. The plan of decoration will be entirely different from anything attempted in former years. It is proposed to follow out the column style, which, besides being of exceptional beauty, will tend to diminish the barren effect of the Armory, which has always been the great problem confronting the Junior prom. committees. Pink and white will be used almost exclusively in the decoration. The number of boxes will be the same as last year, but they will be considerably larger. The columns usually constructed in front of the boxes will be dispensed with and less space will be accorded the musicians. Judging from the sale of the boxes, the attendance this year will be unusually large. The drawing of boxes took place on Saturday evening at the Beta Theta Pi house. The Ithaca band will as usual play for the two-steps and Coleman's orchestra for the waltzes. The contract for decoration has been let to Rothschild Brothers. Dreka will furnish the men's programs and Elliot those of the women. Alberger will have charge of the catering.

The Junior prom. committee has made the following selection of music for the program:

### WALTZES.

1. Amoreuse ..... *Bergen*
2. Dream of Heaven..... *Bower*
3. Babes in Toyland..... *Herbert*
4. Forgotten ..... *Cowles*
5. Spirit of Love..... *Hall*
6. Belles of Seville..... *Lampe*



TOBOGGAN SLIDE AT BEEBE LAKE.

7. Maid and the Mummy.....*Bowers*
8. Queen of Hearts.....*Krumm*
9. Nancy Clancy.....*Francis*
10. Love .....
11. Pepita .....
12. Piff! Paff!! Pouf!!!!.....*Jerome*
13. Babette .....
14. Smiles and Caresses.....*Bendix*
15. On a Good Old Trolley Ride..*Smith*
16. Carnations .....
17. Woodland .....
18. Take a Trip in My Airship....*Williams*
19. Thoughts of Home.....*Francis*

## TWO-STEPS.

1. By Right of Sword.....*Bendix*
2. Peaceful Henry.....*Kelley*
3. The Scarecrow Dance.....*Ringelben*
4. Laces and Graces.....*Bratton*
5. The Diplomat.....*Sousa*
6. I Can't Do That Sum.....*Herbert*
7. By the Old Oak Tree.....*Hoffman*
8. Tale of the Turtle Dove.....*Leuders*
9. Sweet Persimmons.....*Patcon*
10. Piff! Paff!! Pouf!!!!.....*Jerome*
11. Love's Lottery.....*Edwards*
12. We'll Raise the Roof Tonight,*Perrin*
13. Scissors to Grind.....*Allen*
14. The School Girl.....*Stewart*
15. Back, Back to Baltimore..*Van Alstyne*
16. It Happened in Noordland....*Peer*
17. Listen to the Big Brass Band *Reed*
18. Cornell University Medley...*Lyon, '98*

## Concerning Universities.

By David Starr Jordan, '72.

Thirty-five years ago Dr. Willard Fiske published a little commentary on the foundation (then very recent and almost simultaneous) of Cornell University and the University of Berlin. He called attention to the splendid provision made at the very start, of libraries, laboratories and professors in the University of Berlin, as compared with the relatively niggardly arrangements at Cornell University, its low standards, its few professors, its few books, its unkept pasture-land Campus, although the state which established it laid claim to a high civilization, and was rich in men and money even compared with the great kingdom of Prussia. Dr. Fiske closed his paper with these sarcastic words: "The race is on: who bets on the Empire State?"

Thirty-five years later the University of Berlin still retains its lead. The strongest faculty, the largest libraries, the most complete equipment—all these render it the greatest university in the world. But the distance between Berlin and Cornell is by no means so great as it seemed at the starting. Cornell has

likewise professors, students, libraries and laboratories, high standards, worthy ambitions and epoch-making research. It is especially rich—as rich as Berlin—in the type of alumni who do things, who master the problems or the interest which has come into their hands.

Cornell University is a state university in fact, though not in name. It is the type of a group of institutions which have had a wonderful growth in these thirty-five years, and which will grow as rapidly in the decades to come. One of the institutions—one of the five or six which are outstripping the others in size and influence—is the University of Wisconsin. It has lately celebrated its half-century jubilee; and among the lofty sentiments put out on that occasion was a challenge to the universities of Germany. Why should not Wisconsin, with her wealth, intelligence and patriotism, maintain a university as strong as the University of Prussia? Why should she not do it at once? And this question was asked with a further implication that she was in fact doing so. She asks no odds of Prussia. In actual achievement the great state universities are no doubt still behind the great universities of Germany. But they are running faster. In rate of in-

crease and development, these state universities of the New World far outstrip anything in Old World experience.

GERMANS HAVE NO ALMA MATER.

I had occasion to say not long ago that I never heard a German university called "Alma Mater." The German students do not think of their chosen schools in terms of affection. "Liebes narrisches Nest": this Goethe once called the University of Jena, but not because she was a cherished mother. Quite the reverse. It was the lack of personal interest and personal oversight which made that nest so dear and so foolish.

Not long ago some one asked a graduate of the University of Prague if he loved that institution. "No, indeed," he said, "I hate it!" And he went on to say that he hated it because it was a university of the state, paid for from unwilling taxes and controlled by a bureau which the people did not control—a bureau which drove men to the university as a means of keeping out of the army. It was an agent of aristocracy, not a creation of democracy.

But in America a state university may be an Alma Mater. Its students do not enter it to avoid something worse, nor do they detest it because the government furnishes it. The government is theirs as well as the university. The purpose of the university is a public one, to make the most of the latent talent of the community and to raise the standard of all the different professions. All are alike learned professions in the eyes of the law, and it is the business of the university to help do away with incompetents and charlatans by furnishing better men. These are not called in from the outside: they are produced by the process of changing men who would otherwise have been mediocre into men of training.

CORNELL MAY RIVAL BERLIN.

The state university is serving nobly these public ends, and this fact is recognized in their rapid increase in wealth and influence; a growth which is far from its final limit. There seems no reason why Cornell may not some time rival Berlin; no reason why Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois or California should not far outdo the little kingdom of Saxony with its University of Leipsig.

With these universities of the state—

the culmination of the public school system—we have in America other universities of private or personal origin. Some of these are well endowed—a few better than any of the public universities. But their endowments do not grow at the same rate of increase. Sooner or later, one by one the state universities will outrun them, so far as numbers of students and actual expenditures are concerned. But the varied demands and the pressure of numbers in the state universities tend to choke the higher work.

Here the private university must find its opportunity. It must limit its numbers. It must do fewer things and do them better. It must strengthen the professions, not by raising the general level but by turning out fewer men and these with better training. It must excel in research on the one hand, in soundness and in thoroughness, and on the other it must fit itself more closely to the needs of the individual student. It must have better teachers, and it must draw them to its service by better salaries and finer appreciation. It must give to the exceptional man an exceptional training. It must become an Alma Mater in the best sense of that name, caring for its men and in turn beloved of them. Compared with the public university, the private university has greater freedom from temporary demands. It does not exist for the time nor for the locality. It can forestall the demands of the future. And in this division of labor our private and our public institutions will stand in the attitude of coöperation, not of competition. And with the union of the two we may look forward to a system of higher education as effective as that of Germany and near the hearts of the people. The race is on; one lap is completed and we are still in the rear, but gaining. It takes two more laps to round out the century. "Who bets on the Empire State?" Who has faith in the great Republic?—*The Sequoia Monthly, Leland Stanford, Jr., University.*

More than forty Cornellians, alumni and undergraduates, have already pledged themselves to attend the convention of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, to be held in the Chicago Auditorium February 19, 20 and 21. Others are expected to be on hand when the convention opens.

Alumni Day Program.

Changes Recommended -- Luncheon at Noon and Baseball in Afternoon.

Preceding the general meeting of class secretaries in Ithaca, Saturday, January 21, the secretaries of the reunion classes assembled to discuss the much mooted question of the program for Alumni day of Commencement week. In the course of a thorough discussion a number of suggestions were made, and from these a definite program for the day was finally evolved. This tentative schedule will be submitted to the trustees with the recommendation that it be adopted, and since President Schurman and the trustees are anxious to make Commencement week as interesting and attractive as possible to "grads" of all classes, there is little doubt that the plan will be adopted.

The proposed schedule for Wednesday, June 21, Alumni day, is as follows:  
10 a. m.—Reunion of faculty and alumni.

11 a. m.—Business meeting of the Associate Alumni.

12 m.-2.30 p. m.—Alumni luncheon, Armory (shortened).

3 p. m.—Baseball game, alumni vs. Varsity, Percy Field.

5.30-8.30 p. m.—Class reunions, smokers and banquets.

8 p. m.—Musical clubs' concert at the Lyceum.

The object of the revised program is to concentrate in the one day all the events which are of particular interest to alumni. For several years there has been a determined movement to place the alumni baseball game on Alumni day, instead of holding it on Tuesday, before many of the "grads" arrived, as was customary in the past. Hitherto it has been found impossible to change this, however, on account of the alumni luncheon at 2 p. m. and the business meeting of the association at 4 p. m. These events are important and significant, as being the only occasions in the whole year when Cornell alumni assemble in a general meeting. Under the new plan the conflict is avoided by holding these meetings earlier in the day.

The reunion of faculty and alumni, formerly held at 11 a. m., is now scheduled for 10 o'clock, followed by the business meeting at 11 a. m. instead of 4 p. m. By 12-12.30 p. m. the alumni will

gather at the Armory and seat themselves at the luncheon tables. Then comes one of the features of the new scheme. The luncheon is to be shortened by limiting the toast list strictly to three speakers, consisting of the president, one member of the Board of Trustees and one alumnus. The long list of speeches formerly given will be deferred till the individual reunions of the various classes.

The shortening of the luncheon program, it is believed, will enable the participants to get to Percy Field in time for the baseball game, which to many "grads" is the big feature of the week. Immediately after the game the individual class banquets and dinners will be held, and by 8 or 8.30 the "grads" will be ready to join in the regular Senior week program, which consists that evening in the Glee club concert at the Lyceum, followed by fraternity dances.

The reception tendered by President and Mrs. Schurman to the faculty, trustees, alumni and members of the graduating class will, under the proposed plan, be held Tuesday evening instead of Wednesday afternoon, inasmuch as it is not essentially an alumni event.

The new program seems to solve the problem of consolidating the distinctively alumni events in one day without causing any conflicts and without omitting any of the essential features of the day.

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## Generous Gift Announced.

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**Mrs. Goldwin Smith Presents \$20,000  
for Hall of Humanities.**

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The announcement of a gift of \$20,000 from Mrs. Goldwin Smith, to be used toward the equipment of the Goldwin Smith Hall of Humanities, was made by President Schurman on the occasion of the smoker recently held by the Cornell club of New York city to commemorate the opening of the club rooms a year ago. This gift was inspired, the president said, by Mrs. Smith's gratitude at learning of the unusually enthusiastic reception tendered her husband at the time of the laying of the corner-stone.

In his address at the New York smoker President Schurman also declared that the centennial of the birth of Ezra Cornell would be commemo-

rated January 11, 1907. He said that he had already recommended it to the faculty, which had determined to hold a celebration worthy of the occasion. Speaking further, the president said: "When vast fortunes in the hands of a few families are the real menace to America today there should be great rejoicing over the fact that a man lived like Ezra Cornell, who until he passed middle life worked for day's wages and then looked about to see how he could spend the great wealth which he had accumulated by fortunate investments." He added, "What we need at Cornell is more dormitories, residence halls I would call them. The fraternity idea is all right in its way, but the bulk of undergraduates must depend upon dormitory life."

On Thursday night, preceding the smoker, the president spoke at the annual banquet of the Holland society at the Waldorf-Astoria. The New York Tribune in commenting upon his address said: "Dr. Schurman's proposal that in 1909 there be held in Manhattan a worthy tercentennial celebration of the landing of Hendrik Hudson on September 9, 1609, and the consequent beginning of New Netherlands, was greeted with tumultuous applause. There is time enough ahead for New York to organize for such a celebration and on a scale commensurate with the significance of the event and the greatness of the metropolis of the world. The only question is: Is there public spirit enough in New York to take up the movement with the earnestness and thoroughness requisite to success?"

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## Tours Continent Awheel.

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**Professor George L. Burr, '81, Studies European Peoples at Close Range.**

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After touring a wheel on the Continent for some six months, Professor George L. Burr, A. B., '81, has returned to the University to resume his work at the opening of the second semester. Professor Charles H. Hull, '86, toured England in this manner last summer in company with his father and sister, and was enthusiastic over this healthful and leisurely mode of visiting the places of interest.

Professor Burr left Ithaca on Commencement day last June to spend a half year in travel and historic research

among the archives of southern France and Switzerland.

He sailed from Philadelphia on the steamer Merion, and on arriving at Liverpool took a trip on his wheel southward along the Welsh border and down the valley of the Severn, and thence through the southern part of England to the English channel.

He crossed the channel into Normandy, and, still on his bicycle, traveled through Normandy and Brittany to the Loire, then across France to the picturesque districts of the Limonsin and Auvergne, and thence through southern France to the Pyrenees. Following the mountains eastward to the shores of the Mediterranean, he skirted the coast to the Rhone and then made his way up the valley of that river, or along the heights which shut it in, to Lyons, and thence up the Saone and the Doubs, along the western base of the Jura to Franche-Comte and to Switzerland.

Traveling on his wheel, as he did, Professor Burr saw a great deal of the open country and its real conditions. He stopped almost entirely at small villages, and did not see an American from the time he left the channel till he reached the end of his trip a wheel.

He reports that the people everywhere through the country in which he traveled seemed contented and happy, and that he was always kindly received and generously treated by them.

He stayed out in the open as much as possible and did not work exclusively in the libraries and archives until he was driven to cover by the autumn rain. A number of the most interesting of these were situated in small out-of-the-way places.

### PURCHASED BOOKS FOR LIBRARY.

During the course of his investigations Professor Burr was able to purchase many curious books for the University library, especially from among the duplicates of European collections. These have not yet reached here from Philadelphia, but are expected to arrive in a few days.

He says he heard nothing of the recent riots in St. Petersburg till the Friesland was met by the pilot boat at Cape Henlopen, and that it was startling to learn that during his voyage the Europe he had left in peace had developed almost a full-grown revolution.

## Warner on Football Rules.

**Cornell's Coach Suggests Interesting Changes—Forward Passes and Off-side Plays.**

Coach Glenn S. Warner, '94, has an interesting article in a recent issue of the Illustrated Sporting News on "How the Game of Football Should be Changed." He says in part:

The features of the game which are generally considered objectionable, and which have called forth periodical protests from the public, can be classed under two heads: First, the increasing tendency toward mass plays, depending more for their success upon brute strength and weight than upon strategy and skill; second, unnecessary roughness.

There can be no complaint that the game has not developed, both in the strength of attack and defense, but the objection is rather to the lines along which it has developed. Plays resulting in monotonous collisions of masses of muscular giants, pushing and pulling against each other, with the ball generally out of sight of the spectators, the officials and even the players themselves, have been proved to be the most effective in retaining possession of the ball and consistently gaining the required distance, and that style of play will continue just as long as the rules make it necessary to gain only five yards in three trials.

All the rules which have been made with the idea of checking the tendency toward mass plays and reducing the roughness of the game by placing restrictions upon the positions assumed by the players on the side having possession of the ball, have simply limited the variety of the styles of attack and thus, by weakening the offense, have increased the effectiveness of the defense, which had already developed faster than the offense.

### CHANGES SUGGESTED.

It is evident that increasing the distance to be gained in three trials to ten yards, instead of five, without any other change in the rules would further help the defense and render consistent gains impossible. It would be even harder to gain on end runs and trick plays than at present, because the team on the defense, realizing that those plays were the only ones likely to gain the re-

quired distance, would so place their men as to better defend against them and thus force a line attack where the chance of gaining the necessary ten yards would be small.

Weak teams would have no chance to retain the ball and secure a first down, and with evenly matched teams the game would be little else than a punting and catching contest between one or two men on each side, leaving the rest of the players with little else to do but chase up and down the field.

After having studied the question carefully I am of the opinion that the only way of solving the problem of producing a more open and spectacular style of play, together with a proper ration of punting and rushing tactics, is by increasing the distance to be gained in three trials to ten yards, and at the same time increasing the effectiveness of the attack, either by removing some of the restrictions placed upon the side having the ball or by placing some restriction upon the positions to be assumed by the players on the defense, to such an extent that the chance of gaining ten yards will be nearly as great as they are now of gaining five yards. This can be accomplished in several ways.

### POSITION ALTERED.

First—By compelling the defensive backs to remain at least five or, perhaps, ten yards back of the line of scrimmage until the ball is put in play.

Second—By allowing forward passes.

Third—By permitting off-side play after the ball is put in play.

No restrictions have ever been placed upon the position assumed by the players on the defensive, and with only five yards to gain in three trials, there, of course, should be none; but by increasing this distance to ten yards and placing the defensive backs five or more yards away from the scrimmage line a much more open and interesting game would result.

Allowing forward passing would be an effective way of opening up the game and making it spectacular, and the variety of new plays and strategic methods of advancing the ball, which it would permit and encourage, would certainly increase the attacking power of teams and render it advisable to use more active and speedy backs.

There would also be more opportunity for ingenuity on the part of players and

coaches, as well as more individual brilliancy, alertness and cool-headedness among the players.

This change might be too radical and open up the game too much in the opinion of many, and if it is not thought advisable, I can at least see no objection to allowing forward passes which do not go beyond the line of scrimmage.

### ALLOW OFF-SIDE PLAY.

The change which seems to me to be the most feasible, and which would bring about the most desirable results without a too radical departure from the rules now in vogue, and without so many undesirable features, would be to allow off-side play after the ball is put in play—in other words, allow any player of the side having the ball to secure possession after a punt or kick of any kind.

If the players of both sides were free to secure the ball after all kicks, it would be possible to work plays much like the quarterback kick under the present rules, but with a much better prospect of success, because not having to be behind the ball when it is kicked, the end on the side toward which the ball was punted, and also the backs would have an excellent chance of securing it for a good gain.

If it is thought that the rule would interfere with the distance punting or give the attacking side too much advantage, the rule might be so worked as to remove the restrictions on off-side play only on punts which go no farther than 20 yards from the line of scrimmage, and, of course, it would be advisable to have the same rules in force as are now in vogue in regard to punts which go out of bounds or over the goal line so as to prevent scrambling for the ball outside of the gridiron.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the University Board of Trustees the following appointments were made: C. O. Harris, instructor in Latin during the year 1905-1906, in place of Professor C. L. Durham, who has been granted a leave of absence; C. A. Hindmarsh was appointed assistant in machine shop, vice W. A. Pierce resigned. The announcement that Gilbert M. Tucker, editor of the Country Gentleman, has been elected president of the State Agricultural society places Mr. Tucker on the Board of Trustees as an ex-officio member.

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## CONCERNING A NEW GYMNASIUM.

There is nothing very novel or striking in the statement that Cornell University needs a new gymnasium. We presume the sentiment has been expressed by the NEWS in the past on an average of once in every six months, or perhaps oftener if the NEWS happened to think of it. It is one of the few statements that an editor feels are absolutely safe and may be uttered as often as desired without fear of attack.

Just now, however, the need is so pressing that it is brought home to us with renewed force. It is not merely that the shack which masquerades under the name of a gymnasium is overcrowded, so that baseball, cricket, lacrosse, basketball and other teams are compelled to take turns at indoor practice because of the lack of space. The Varsity track team is feeling the handicap under which it works in no slight way. The condition of affairs at the gymnasium compels the track team to refuse invitations to winter meets with prominent Western universities.

The Cornell team, lacking modern

apparatus and an adequate training place, would be so seriously handicapped in such meets at the very outset that it is not worth while to enter the team. The most pressing need is for a decent indoor running track such as almost every university in the country possesses in its gymnasium. The pole vaulters work at a tremendous disadvantage because in using the gymnasium they have to be sandwiched in for a brief space between the regular classes and the other athletic squads. This year a better arrangement has been made for the pole vaulting than for some years past, but conditions are still far from satisfactory. These are but one or two of a dozen ways in which the track team is handicapped in its work.

Another big disadvantage lies in the fact that if the track team takes part in these winter meets it must compete always away from home on strange tracks and under unfamiliar conditions. Now every athletic team relies on its home games to offset the disadvantage of contests on foreign grounds. This satisfaction is denied the indoor track men, for they can never invite their rivals to return meets in Ithaca, because there is no place to hold them.

Now that the track team under Mr. Moakley's efficient instruction is attaining a prominent place among the teams of the country, and is sought after for winter contests, it is doubly unfortunate that the squad should have to work at such a disadvantage.

The new gymnasium system inaugurated by Professor Young is being carried on under similar difficulties caused by lack of room and of modern equipment. The swimming tank, which would scarcely be considered suitable for a small prep. school, is a striking example of present conditions.

The signs seem to be pointing in the direction of a new gymnasium building for Cornell. It cannot possibly come too soon.

## ALUMNI DAY.

In its Commencement number last July the NEWS took occasion to express its disapproval of the program prepared for Alumni day of Senior week. We maintained that the schedule was not as attractive as it should be, especially to the younger "grads"; that luncheons and receptions, while interesting to many of

the returning alumni, should not compose the entire program of this important day.

Our lament was aimed chiefly at the alumni baseball game, which we believed should be held on the day when alumni were in town, not the day before. It might just as well be the week before.

In all this we knew we were but voicing the sentiments of a large proportion of the younger alumni, for many of them had expressed themselves to us on the subject. Consequently, if the action of the reunion secretaries reported in this issue results in a change of the Alumni day program, we shall regard it not as a personal victory for ourselves, but as a victory for the alumni in general. Still we are glad we spoke when we did and so helped to bring about the reform.

The recommendation of the secretaries, which will undoubtedly be adopted, is a step in the right direction. They seem to agree with the NEWS in maintaining that the baseball game should be the feature of the day, and that whatever stands in its way should be sacrificed. This means not that the other events shall be omitted altogether, but that they shall be changed to an hour when they will not conflict with the game. This has been done by looking the luncheon for the noon hour, so that it shall be over in time for the alumni to adjourn to Percy Field. It must be borne in mind that when the Alumni Field is finished on the hill the time consumed in getting from the Armory to the game will be greatly reduced.

There seems to be no good reason why a luncheon that begins at 12 or 12.30 should not be over by 2.30. The lasting quality of this function in the past has been due to the extensive toast list arranged. Now it is also true that in the past the luncheon has been regarded by many "grads" rather as a necessary evil than as an unbounded delight. Whether or not the long toast list had anything to do with this we shouldn't care to say, but we have our suspicions. At any rate, there can be no doubt that many of the speeches would be more entertaining at the individual class reunions, where each speaker would be well known to his hearers, rather than at a general assembly, where the "three-year-olds" can hardly be expected to work up much enthusiasm over personal reminiscences

of twenty or twenty-five years ago.

The failure of the luncheon in the past was the more deplorable because so unnecessary. The luncheon is the only occasion in the whole year when the University entertains the alumni as its guests. It is the occasion when the president and the trustees extend a personal welcome to the returning Cornellians. By this very token it should be an altogether delightful occasion. That it has not been so must have been due to faulty arrangements rather than lack of interest in the function itself.

When we said that the change in the Alumni day program was a step in the right direction we spoke advisedly. We are not yet satisfied that it solves the whole problem of Senior week from the alumni standpoint. We still think, as we did a year ago, that the ideal arrangement will be to place Alumni day at the end of the round of festivities, so it will be free from the distracting effect of dances and concerts and graduation exercises. Alumni who care for these social events could then attend them just as well as now; while the men who come to Ithaca primarily to renew the old friendships and live over the old student days could do this to their heart's content.

But "the mills of the gods grind slowly," and we cannot expect to attain every desire in a jiffy. We rejoice over this first step in the reform movement, and we shall hope for further advance when the time is ripe.

Professor E. W. Olmsted of the department of Romance languages has been granted a leave of absence for the first half of the university year, beginning next September. He will leave for Spain at the close of the present term in June and will spend six months in study, returning to resume his work in February, 1906.

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## Cornell Notices.

### Philadelphia Dinners.

EDITOR CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS.

Sir:—During the past few months a number of the alumni living in or near Philadelphia have been meeting each month to dine together.

It has been decided to have these meetings monthly, and to enlist the support of all alumni in Philadelphia who care to help such a movement this means has been taken to reach them.

The dinners are informal, and there is in no sense an organization, the idea being to provide a place for Cornell graduates to meet each other, to renew acquaintanceship for social entertainment and mutual benefit. Any visitors to the city are welcome.

The meetings are to be held at 6.30 p. m. on the second Saturday of each month at Kugler's restaurant.

We hope to have a large attendance at the next dinner on the 11th of February and desire many new faces.

The only rule we have is to be able to pay for your dinner.

Yours very truly,

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### Reunion Secretaries.

Trustee Charles E. Treman, '89, announces the following list of reunion secretaries:

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### Change in "C" System.

Honor May Be Awarded on Different Basis in Track and Crew.

At the regular meeting of the Cornell Athletic council held on Saturday night of last week a committee was appointed consisting of the captains of the several branches of athletics and the commodore of the navy to consider the advisability of changing the present system of awarding the Varsity "C's." This move on the part of the council is of considerable importance in Cornell athletic affairs, and the result of the committee's deliberations will be watched with interest.

The most radical changes will probably result in reference to track and crew. As conditions exist at present any track athlete who has secured one of the first four places in the intercollegiate or a first in the dual meets with Princeton and Pennsylvania is awarded the "C," no matter whether the contest in which the honor has been secured was a worthy one or not. It is likely that the rule will be so amended that the track committee will decide whether a candidate has earned his title in any of these events and will also reserve the power to award the "C" to a man who may not have secured any of the above places.

In the navy there has been no definite understanding as to the number of oarsmen who should receive their "C's." Generally fifteen have been awarded, thus allowing for nine Varsity men, the four-oared and two substitutes. Hereafter, it is believed, the honor will be more coveted than ever, as, according to the proposed plan, the "C" will be given only to the Varsity eight and coxswain, the four, and to any one who may have rowed regularly in the Varsity until a week before the race and then been displaced on account of illness.

In baseball and football probably no changes will be inaugurated as the present plan seems entirely acceptable.

Some other business of importance was transacted by the council at the recent meeting. E. W. Champion's election to the football managership was ratified.

A call was made for assistant managers for lacrosse and the Interscholastic league. It has been settled that the Cornell Athletic association officials will endeavor to improve the method of entertaining preparatory school athletes during their visit to Cornell at the May meet. A determined effort will be made to bring worthy athletes to Cornell.

The schedule of the cricket team was ratified. The final business of the evening was the appropriation of \$500 for the support of the Lacrosse club interests.

### Further News from New England.

A fuller report of the New England dinner at the Boston University club on January 14 has been received by the News since the last issue went to press, and it indicates that the function was highly interesting and enjoyable. The speech of the evening was an inspiring address on "The Duty of the College Graduate to the State," by Lieutenant-Governor Frederick H. Jackson, ex-'73, who was the guest of honor. The other speaking was largely informal, and was interspersed with singing and with violin solos by A. P. Bryant.

During the business meeting action was taken authorizing Secretary L. E. Ware to arrange for a club dinner in Springfield, Mass., during April or May

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for the special benefit of the many Cornellians who live in the vicinity of that city. It was also voted that the secretary should publish as soon as possible the club membership list. Besides the election of officers, as announced in these columns last week, the business session of the club included a short talk by President H. J. Messenger on Cornell and its present and future welfare, and reports from the secretary-treasurer.

An attractive four-page menu called the attention of the diners to a toothsome repast and also announced this schedule:

Registration and visit to the treasurer.

Intensive gastronomic laboratory work.

Required course in the new Cornell yell.

Optional exercise in the department of music, in charge of all those present.

Practicum in the department of public speaking.

Experimental work on smoke-stacks (for Sibley students only, and others).

Examination. (Those unable to pass will please order carriages in advance.)

The following were present at the banquet:

The Hon. Frederick H. Jackson of Providence, R. I., lieutenant-governor of Rhode Island; H. J. Messenger of Hartford, Conn.; W. A. Rowe of Quincy, Mass.; C. T. Reed and L. E. Ware of Worcester, Mass.; E. F. Thayer of Attleboro, Mass.; G. H. Stickney of Lynn, Mass.; C. H. Thurber, G. E. Parsons, H. A. Hitchcock, C. A. Taussig, J. T. Auerbach, F. S. Auerbach, W. L. Bowman, R. O. Walters, H. E. Heath, B. H. Hamilton, J. H. Blair, L. E. Chester, E. S. Browne, A. P. Bryant, R. F. Chatillon and G. M. Marshall of Boston and Cambridge. J. M. McLaughlin, director of music in the Boston public schools, was the guest of the club.

**Committee of Secretaries Meets.**

A full meeting of the committee on organization of the class secretaries was held on Saturday at 4 p. m. at the Cornell University club in New York city. The members present were Chairman W. J. Norton, '02; H. P. de Forest, '84; W. F. Atkinson, '95, and James H. Gould, '00.

Plans were discussed and a general outline of the work sketched. Mr. Nor-

ton acquainted the committee with the results of the Ithaca meeting of the preceding week and suggested possible features of the proposed association, somewhat along the line of the Yale organization. The members of the committee were unanimous in heartily praising the plan and will do everything in their power between now and June to carry out the project.

A second meeting of the committee will be held at the Cornell club in New York on Saturday, February 18, at 4 p. m., to consider further plans.

**Hockey Team Wins Twice.**

Thus far this season the Cornell hockey team has played but two regular games, one with the St. Nicholas club of Rochester, in which Cornell won easily, and the other with the All-Syracuse team in Syracuse last Saturday, in which Cornell was also successful. Judging from the enthusiasm with which the candidates have reported daily at Beebe lake, and the life and team work put in the playing in those two games, the seven will be considerably

stronger than those of the past two years.

Three more games have been scheduled for next week. The first will be in Ithaca on Monday afternoon of Junior week, when the Rochester aggregation will play on Beebe lake. On the following day the team will leave for Binghamton, where it will meet the Binghamton Hockey club seven, and from there will go directly to New York city to meet Yale at St. Nicholas rink on the night following.

At a recent meeting of the club Captain Preston tendered his resignation as captain, and R. A. Lockerby was elected in his place. Those in the team who have played during the two games already held are Cooper, Lallie, Browne, Reiber, Brown, forwards; Ricketson, cover point; Lockerby, Middleditch, point, and Forbes, goal.

**Dr. White's Desire for America.**

Below is given an extract from the series of articles by former President Andrew Dickson White which are appearing in the Century Magazine and

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#### Article by Dr. E. D. Durand.

"Street Railway Fares in the United States" is the subject of a well-considered article in the February Review of Reviews by Dr. E. Dana Durand, Ph. D., '96, one of the experts connected with the United States Department of Commerce and Labor. Dr. Durand's conclusions regarding the watering of stock and its bearing on the question of low fares for the people in our great cities are highly significant.

It has been estimated that \$60,000 per mile of track would cover the cost of constructing and equipping the average surface railway in cities of more than 500,000 inhabitants. A return of five per cent. on this investment should be adequate in view of the fact that there is almost no risk in the street railroad business. A further allowance of five per cent. on the investment is believed by Dr. Durand to be ample to cover depreciation in all forms.

He concludes that, in view of the increased traffic which would follow the reduction of fares, the rate of six tickets for 25 cents would, in most large cities, return a fair profit on the capital invested.

#### Brief University News.

Coach Courtney has had additional rowing machines placed in the fencing rooms of the gymnasium for the use of the unusually large number of candidates for the crews.

The Cornell basketball team suffered another defeat in the Armory last Friday night at the hands of the Williams team, which scored 26 points to the home team's 5. In the first half Cornell held the visitors very well, the score

being 8 to 3, but in the second part of the game the Cornell five could not locate the basket and was easily vanquished.

Professor John Craig of the department of horticulture will leave on Monday for Massachusetts, where he will speak at five different meetings held under the auspices of the Massachusetts State Department of Agriculture. He will close the series on Saturday with a lecture in Boston at Horticultural hall under the auspices of the Massachusetts Horticultural society.

The last examination of block week will be held on Friday, and Saturday will be given over to registration. The scheme of lengthening the time during which examinations are held has met with universal approval this year, and was exceedingly welcome after the unfortunate arrangement of last year, when examinations were held from 8 in the morning until 10 o'clock at night.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the University trustees Professor C. L. Durham of the Latin department of the College of Arts and Sciences was granted a leave of absence for the coming college year. Professor Durham will leave Ithaca for Europe at the close of the summer school, and will study during the winter at a German university, returning in time for the 1906 summer school session.

#### Cornell Alumni Notes.

'71, Ph. B.—R. G. H. Speed, who is now engaged in the insurance business in Ithaca, recently enjoyed an extensive trip through the West Indies. He met there a number of Cornell men and was royally entertained during his entire trip.

Ex-'76—Irving P. Bishop is chairman of the committee appointed some time ago by the New York State Science Teachers' association to prepare a form of school instruction on the effects of alcoholic drinks and tobacco. A full report upon the subject was prepared by Dr. Burt G. Wilder of the University and presented at the meeting of the association on December 29, 1904.

'76, A. B.; '77, A. M.—Theodore Stanton, in collaboration with Yves Guyot, formerly French minister of public works, has prepared an article and submitted it to the commercial interests of the United States, suggesting that American merchants make a more systematic effort to increase their foreign trade by the foundation of a central agency in Paris which would have branches throughout Europe. The Palais Royal, an edifice where the fashionable classes of the entire world used to meet in the latter half of the eighteenth century, is suggested as the location for this central agency.

Ex-'81—W. T. Mann spoke before the students of the College of Agriculture recently on "The Problems of Agriculture." He is a practical fruit grower of Niagara county and his lecture was highly instructive. His lecture was the second of a series of readings on this subject which will be held during the term.

'90, E. E.—Louis W. Healey is with

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'91, M. E.—James E. Kress is employed with the Cambria Steel company at Johnstown, Pa. His address is 534 Locust street, Johnstown, Pa.

'96 and '01, G.—G. A. Smith is a manufacturing chemist and is located at 260 Hicks street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'97, M. E.—W. J. Maytham is mechanical engineer for the Peninsula Portland Cement and Construction company at Jackson, Mich.

'97, M. E.—A. S. Garrett is general manager of the American Water Softener company, Mutual Life building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ex-'97.—C. F. Lake is mechanical en-

gineer for the Osborne company of Cleveland, O.

'97, LL. B.—George A. Rogers is employed as superintendent of construction of water works and sewers at Kingston, N. C.

'97, A. B.—Herbert A. Taylor is assistant general solicitor of the Erie railroad, with offices at 21 Cortlandt street, New York city.

'97, M. E.—John L. Harper is mechanical engineer and superintendent of the Niagara Falls Hydraulic Power and Manufacturing company. He has responsible charge of the construction of a large power station.

'98, M. E.—J. F. Fullerton is superintendent of the Helderberg Portland Cement company at Howes Cave, N. Y.

'98, M. E.—J. W. Prince is superintendent and engineer of the Great Northern Portland Cement company, Marlboro, Mich.

'98, A. B.—Clarence O. Harris, fellow in Greek in the University, has been appointed instructor in Latin for the year 1905-1906, in place of Professor C. L. Durham, who has been granted a leave of absence for the year in order to study in Europe.

'98, M. E.—W. H. Thomas is manager of the Corsicana Gas and Electric company and of the Corsicana Transit company, Corsicana, Tex.

'99, M. E.—R. B. Hayward is resident engineer of the B. F. Sturtevant company at Pittsburg, Pa. He presented an interesting paper upon "Centrifugal Fans and Their Application to the Heating of Industrial Buildings" at a recent meeting of the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania.

'99, E. E.—J. Allen Haines has been appointed Chicago manager of the Electric and Gas Lighting company of Boston, Mass.

'00, Sp. Arch.—George Winkler is a practising architect in Pittsburg, Pa., and is located at 1526 Park building.

Ex-'01—James A. Hagerty is assistant postmaster at Plattsburg, N. Y.

'01, M. E.—W. H. Baker is mechanical engineer and superintendent of the Kosmos Portland Cement company at Louisville, Ky.

'01, M. E.—C. B. English is mechanical engineer, superintendent and director of the Portland cement plant at Belleville, Ontario.

'01, M. E.—Claudio Martinez, who has been visiting his brothers in the University for several weeks, has returned to Hornos, Mexico, where he is engaged in railroading and mining.

'01, A. B.—David Paine is with the law firm of White & Case, at 31 Nassau street, New York city. He has recently been made managing clerk. His address is 142 Henry street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'02, M. E.—H. E. Vanderhoef is mechanical engineer of the Solar Refining company of Lima, O.

'02, E. E.—Edward L. Wilder, who is an engineer with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company of Pittsburg, Pa., contributed an interesting article on "Series Transformers" to a recent issue of the Electrical Club Journal. His address is 511 Franklin avenue, Wilkesburg, Pa.

'02, E. E.—Alan E. Flowers has been appointed instructor in electrical engineering at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. Until recently he was a special apprentice with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company.

Ex-'02.—A. M. Gilbert has resigned his position with the Munising paper works of Munising, Mich., and has accepted a position in the engineering department of the American Steel company foundries at 74 Broadway, New

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York. He lives with David Paine at 142 Henry street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'03, F. E.—Asa S. Williams recently attended a meeting of the United States Forestry association in Washington, D. C. He is engaged with the Berlin Mills company.

'03, C. E.—John M. Ellis is now located in Chicago and is sales manager of the Bethlehem Iron and Steel works.

'03, C. E.—Fritz Huber is in charge of the U. S. Geological Survey testing laboratory located at the University of California, and is at present making tests of cement being used by the government irrigation system in Nevada. He is also making tests looking to the establishment of cement mills in Arizona.

'03, M. E.—H. L. Chapman is with the Western Electric company, and is located at 6624 Stewart avenue, Chicago, Ill.

'04, A. B.—Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Tarr of Gloucester, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Florence M. Tarr, to Lawrence Martin, '04. Miss Tarr is a sister of Professor Ralph S. Tarr of the University.

'04, M. E.—C. M. Cross is serving an apprenticeship with the General Electric company at Lynn, Mass., and is located at 113 Franklin street.

'04, LL. B.—J. E. Curran is manager of the general agency for the Success Magazine company at Macedon, N. Y.

'04, LL. B.—E. H. Davis is a member



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'04, LL. B.—J. T. Driscoll is a practicing attorney at 373 North Division street, Buffalo.

'04, F. E.—Frederick Dunlap is with the United States Bureau of Forestry at the Missouri Botanical Gardens at St. Louis, Mo.

'04, M. E.—C. W. Everson is serving an apprenticeship with the Bullock Electric and Manufacturing company and is located at 5027 Linden avenue, Station H, Cincinnati, O.

'04, C. E.—Newton C. Fassett, who was formerly at 702 Maine avenue, Spokane, Wash., engaged in the mining business, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in a New York hospital and is now convalescing.

'04, M. E.—J. D. Mudge of the International Steam Pump company, 114-118 Liberty street, New York city, has been transferred to the Pittsburg office of this company. He is addressed in care of the Henry R. Worthington company, 409 House building, Pittsburg, Pa.

'04, A. B. and M. E.—W. E. Dickinson is with Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co. of New York city, and is addressed at Briarcliffe Manor, N. Y.

Ex-'04—H. K. Dirlam, who left the University in June of 1902, is now treasurer of the Baxter Stove company of Mansfield, O.

Ex-'04—A. H. Doolittle, who left the University in June of 1902, is a draughtsman with the Campbell company at 1 Madison avenue, New York city. He is addressed at Highland place, New Rochelle, N. Y.

'04, A. B.—H. W. Douglass is a student in the Pittsburg Law school and is located at 702 Walnut street, McKeesport, Pa.

'04, A. B.—Miss Anna Feehan is teaching at Lyon Mountain, N. Y.

'04, B. Arch.—A. E. Fettis is located at 1820 Park avenue, Baltimore, Md., and is a draughtsman with Archer & Allen.

Ex-'04—W. R. Dean is now with the Maryland Steel company, and is addressed at P. O. box 84, Sparrows Point, Md.

'04, A. B.—I. C. Dederer is a medical student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York city.

'04, C. E.—R. C. Dennett is assistant hydraulic engineer for the Board of Underwriters committee of twenty. He is located at 28 First place, Brooklyn.

'04, M. E.—O. H. Davis is a draughtsman with the Atlas Portland Cement company and is located at 131 South Eighth street, Allentown, Pa.

Ex-'04—James H. W. Davison, who left at the close of his Freshman year,

is now secretary of the Rochester Electric Motor company. He is addressed at 22 Locust street, Rochester, N. Y.

'04, D. V. M.—C. F. Day is a practicing veterinary surgeon at Warsaw, N. Y.

'04, E. E.—S. B. Charters is with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, and is located on Allequippa street, near Center avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

'04, LL. B.—H. V. Clements is a practicing attorney at 81 Owasco street, Auburn, N. Y.

'04, A. B.—L. B. Clapp is with the New England Furniture and Carpet company at Minneapolis, Minn.

'05, M. E.—N. W. Elmer is in the drafting office of the Fall River Ship and Engine company, and is addressed at 556 Washington street, Quincy, Mass.

Ex-'05—"Phil" Lewis, former shortstop on the Varsity baseball team, will wear a Brooklyn league uniform during the coming season. To escape a rule adopted by the Eastern Baseball league which provides that any player may be purchased by a major club for a stated price, Manager Hugh Jennings, ex-'04, drafted his entire Baltimore Eastern league aggregation to the Brooklyn Nationals at the end of the season last fall. All the players save "Phil" Lewis have been returned to Baltimore as unfit for National league company.

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