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UNIVERSITY MISCELLANY.

This week's calendar of University events is a slender one, Thursday and Friday being holidays. Instruction will be resumed on Saturday. The Rev. John Haynes Holmes, pastor of the Church of the Messiah (Unitarian), New York City, will preach in Sage Chapel next Sunday.

President Schurman has been absent from Ithaca for a week, attending meetings of the National Association of State Universities in Washington and the trustees of the Carnegie Foundation in New York. He was present also at a meeting of the faculty of the medical school. In Washington President Schurman made an address criticising some of the provisions of the bill pending in Congress for the incorporation of the Rockefeller Foundation. He said: "A self-perpetuating and irresponsible board wielding enormous powers is from the point of view of efficiency a blunder and from the point of democracy an anomaly if not indeed a defiance."

In army orders published November 16, Colonel Walter S. Schuyler, 5th Cavalry, is detailed as a member of the General Staff Corps. Upon the arrival at Honolulu of the transport sailing from Manila November 15 Colonel Schuyler will proceed on the transport to San Francisco as chief of staff, Department of California. Colonel Schuyler was professor of military science and tactics at Cornell in 1883-86 and again in 1896-98.

Professor Ernest Merritt, dean of the graduate school, and Professor Frank Thilly, of the department of philosophy, represented Cornell University at the twelfth annual conference of the Association of American Universities, held at the University of Virginia November 10 and 11.

The Cornell Navy has laid its boats up for the winter. There are about eighty freshmen still in the competition for seats in the 1914 eight, and most of them have had practice in gigs on the Inlet during the fall. From now until the ice goes out

of the Inlet in the spring, Courtney and Hoyle will spend their afternoons in the crew room at the gymnasium. All of last season's varsity eight are still eligible. Clark, the coxswain, graduated, but Kimball, who was varsity steersman two years ago, has recovered from an illness which kept him out of college last spring and has returned to his studies.

Robert Willard Walker, of Yonkers, a member of the sophomore class and of the Zeta Psi fraternity, has been elected to the business board of *The Widow*.

About fifteen men are engaged in a contest organized by the Cornell Chess Club preliminary to the annual tournament of the Triangular College Chess League (Pennsylvania, Brown and Cornell), to be held in New York City just after Christmas. Louis Tolins and C. E. Simonson were the Cornell players last year. Tolins is no longer in the University, but Simonson and F. K. Perkins, who was on Cornell's 1908 team with Tolins, are in the present preliminary contest. Norman T. Whitaker, of Pennsylvania, who won all his matches last winter and was the strongest player of the League, will play again this year.

At last Friday's organ recital in Sage Chapel Mr. Johnston played Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C minor, a cantilena by Jules Grison, the barcarolle from Offenbach's "Contes d'Hoffmann," Borowski's Sonata No. 1, the gavotte from Thomas's "Mignon" and the "Poet and Peasant" overture. There are few vacant seats in the Chapel at any of these recitals. There will be no recital this week on account of the Thanksgiving recess.

S. F. Nixon '11, Theta Delta Chi, defeated W. E. Weidler '12, Phi Delta Theta, in the final round of the interfraternity tennis tournament last week.

A new and more substantial toboggan slide will be needed at Beebe Lake next year, the Minor Sports Council thinks, and the net income from the sale of tickets for skating and tobogganing this winter is to be

set aside for a building fund. Heretofore this income has gone into the general fund and has been shared by the various "minor sports," which will have to get along this year on their own individual receipts and their respective shares of the income derived from the sale of minor sports season tickets. Tickets admitting skaters to Beebe Lake for the season have been sold in the past for one dollar, and they were good for use of the slide too; hereafter an additional charge of one dollar will be made for the slide, but a ticket good for both will be sold for \$1.50.

Professor E. W. Kemmerer spoke at the thirteenth annual session of the Academy of Political Science, held at Columbia University on November 11 and 12. He advocated a central bank, believing that the need was for an opportunity to increase loans in time of stress. He suggested a capital of a hundred and fifty million dollars for the central bank, and said that the government should be strongly enough represented on the board to give it real power in the control of the bank's affairs.

The Book and Bowl, a club whose object is the sociable study of literature, announces the following elections: Professors Catterall, Durham, Olmsted and Gordon; graduates, A. W. Conklin, R. C. Gano, W. W. Goetz, G. K. Imbrie and J. C. O'Brien; seniors, d'Autremont, J. E. Bennett, Bigler, Bole, Burnet, Crassweller, Hawkes, Hugins, Marshall, Matthai, Torrey, Turnbull, Van Cott, Wallace and Winslow; juniors, Coffin, Fassett, Flack, G. G. Goetz, Walker and Walter.

J. Fischer & Brother of New York have published "Evensong," a composition for the organ by Edward F. Johnston, the organist of Sage Chapel. Theodore Presser Company, of Philadelphia, have published a work by the same composer, entitled "Shadowland," for the piano.

An Ulster County Club has been organized in the University, with thirty-five members. Irving Perrine '07, instructor in geology, is the president.

RECENT LECTURES.

Before the Cornell chapter of Sigma Xi, last week Monday, Professor W. R. Orndorff of the department of chemistry delivered a lecture on recent advances in chemistry. He noted the fact that within a short time past German chemists had discovered six new elements in the group of rare earths, bringing the number of known elements up to eighty-eight. He said that although a good deal had been known about the properties of radium, especially of the bromide, the metal itself had not been isolated until within the past summer, when Madame Curie and Dr. André Debierne of the University of Paris succeeded in obtaining a minute quantity of pure radium. Professor Orndorff said that an important piece of chemical work recently accomplished in Germany was the synthetical preparation of ammonia from its components, hydrogen and nitrogen. This synthesis might be of great commercial value, since the use of nitrogen compounds had increased rapidly of late, the production of Chili saltpeter was diminishing and the amount of ammonia produced in the distillation of coal was limited by the amount of coke and gas that could be sold. The airship industry had brought about a great development in methods of procuring hydrogen. The artificial preparation of india rubber was receiving much attention, but the artificial substitute had not yet been produced so cheaply as to be of commercial value. In Germany camphor was now made synthetically and sold in competition with the natural product. Professor Orndorff concluded his lecture with a few words on the advancement which has been made in the manufacture of matches.

Dr. Leo S. Rowe, head professor of political science in the University of Pennsylvania, lectured before the College of Arts and Sciences last week on "The Present Situation in Mexico." Dr. Rowe has just returned from a long tour of the country to the south of us. He said that the people of Mexico looked upon the United States with vague apprehension because this country is such a powerful neighbor and Americans have so much money invested there. An anti-American feeling was latent in Mexico, he said, and a political party might arise there

that would take advantage of the feeling.

"The Farm House" was the subject of a lecture delivered by Director Bailey at the College of Agriculture last week. He said in part: "The process of redirection in country life has been actively begun in the school and the church, in the improvement of highways and in the spread of means of communication. In the farm house redirection has been scarcely felt. We are now working out standard schemes of farm architecture. It is not expected that any plan will be literally followed by any particular farmer. We should have such knowledge of household necessities as will give us definite working standards as to the general arrangement of rooms, the floor space per person, the house in relation to the size of the farm, the proportionate outlay that should be given to house and barn, and the like. The farmer should be able to apply a set of working principles at the same time that he is able to express his personal taste in the details of his plan."

Dr. Louis L. Seaman '72, author of "From Tokio Through Manchuria," and donor of the intercollegiate rowing cup which Cornell has won so often at Poughkeepsie, gave a lecture in the course in sanitary science and public health last week. His subject was "The Conservation of Human Life." He said that the white race was not sufficiently alive to the danger of racial degeneration through the spread of preventable diseases. At no time in modern history had the supremacy of the white man been in such peril as it was to-day. There were so many dangers in civilization that only the physically hardy could survive them. That our race was degenerating was shown by the increasing difficulty found in getting men for the army and navy who come up to the physical standard required. For his own regiment in the war with Spain he examined 5,600 men before he obtained the 1,400 that were needed. Historians now traced the decline of Greece, Rome and the nations of Northern Africa to disease. That nation which first freed itself from preventable disease would dominate all others.

The board track was laid north of the Armory last week.

ANY TOWNS HE HAS MISSED?***The Stammering Fraud Visits Cincinnati — In Utica and Albany Last Summer.***

The man with a stammer seems to be working his way east, telling the story of the lost pocketbook to Cornell men on the way. An alumnus in Cincinnati writes:

"Your little notice in the ALUMNI NEWS, regarding the man who is passing himself off as a Cornell man to obtain money, came just a day late, as the same man worked — — — and me for a few filthy dollars. If you hear of him being nabbed, kindly let us know so that we can get the money back."

A Cornell man in Albany writes that "Fisher" was in that city about the middle of last June and swindled a number of Cornell men there out of various sums of money. He handed them a letter which he had written in a local hotel and addressed "to whom it may concern." He had lost his pocketbook in the station while waiting for the train and wanted money enough to get to Syracuse, where he had a job, he said, with the Continental Construction Company on a survey for a new electric line. He told the same story that he related in Wilmington about having been at work down on the Panama Canal.

We have seen two of the begging letters written by "Fisher," who pretends to have been a student in civil engineering at Cornell, and the only information he seems to possess about the College of Civil Engineering is that it is in Lincoln Hall. "Lincoln Hall" are apparently the only words he knows that have a Cornell flavor.

E. A. Spears '07, of Utica, contributes the following:

The man with a stammer visited Utica July 15, 1910, and dropped in on Curtis F. Alliaume and Paul J. McNamara, young Cornell lawyers in partnership, and told much the same story that he has spread from New York to St. Louis. His name in Utica was A. N. Fisher, as it was in Wilmington, Del. Fisher could talk without a stammer if he pointed off each word on the fingers of his hand.

"I am a Cornell University boy, attending college from '04 to '07," said a letter which he handed to Alliaume & McNamara, "and from there I went to Panama Canal." He said he had

been looking for a job all the way from New York to Utica, "and I had the luck to lose my pocketbook while walking around." He said he was bound for Rochester, where he had a job with the Burton Construction Company twelve miles out, and all he lacked was fare to Rochester to take up this job at \$90 a month. He said his father was a mining engineer and prospector of Chihuahua, Mexico, but he couldn't reach him by telegraph.

The young law firm took considerable interest in this young "Cornell boy" in hard luck. Its members almost reached into their pockets for more than enough cash to take the fellow to Rochester, but naturally the conversation swung to things in Ithaca. The fellow soon showed a dense ignorance of Cornell matters.

"Why, he didn't know whether Zinck's was the law school or something to eat," said Mr. Alliaume the other day when he was telling about it.

"He didn't even know who Davy is," added Mr. McNamara.

A curious thing about "Fisher" was that he didn't seem a bit abashed when he was so completely caught. Locally, he is considered unbalanced.

Topic for Triangular Debate.

"Conservation" is the subject that will be discussed in February by the triangular debate league (Columbia, Pennsylvania and Cornell). Cornell and Pennsylvania both suggested this subject and it was chosen unanimously. The question has not been formulated yet. Contests for the selection of the Cornell teams will be held in the second week of December. Twelve men will be chosen, from among whom six debaters and two alternates will eventually be picked. The men will have debates during the early winter with Rochester, Union, Allegheny and other colleges. Four former intercollegiate debaters are still in college. The triangular debate will be held on February 24. Cornell will uphold the affirmative against Pennsylvania at Ithaca and the negative against Columbia in New York.

The crew men made a surprise party for Mr. Courtney last week Sunday and gave him a leather traveling kit. They also gave Mrs. Courtney a hand bag. It was Mr. Courtney's 61st birthday.

"THE ERA" MUCKRAKING.

Says Some Boarding Houses in Ithaca are Unclean and Serve Poor Food.

That many undergraduate eating-places and boarding-houses in Ithaca are unclean and that the food is bad are assertions made in an article in the November *Era*, written by Stanley P. Lovell, the managing editor of the magazine. The article is entitled "The Crime of the Boarding Houses." It says in part:

"We fully realize the fearful meaning of our statement when we say that the conditions in the Ithaca boarding-houses have not been improved since the typhoid epidemic of 1903. On the contrary, they are worse than ever before. That we are not confronted with more sickness is nothing short of a miracle.

"We made a personal canvass of twelve so-called 'dogs' and over twenty boarding-houses. In each case, several of the students were asked for their opinion of the food served, and the proprietor was asked 'How's business?' A list of the answers shows two striking things: first, that in only four out of the thirty-two places is the food satisfactory: second, that with two exceptions, the proprietors, by their own admission, are making good money. Of course, this is only natural, otherwise they would not be in the business—the surprising thing is that with prices so high, they can continue to make money *without* raising the price of board! A grammar school boy could figure it out—it comes out of the food.

"The average student, then, realizes that the food is bad. Many asked us, 'What can we do about it? We've tried a dozen places—they're all the same.' In fact, the five and six-dollar houses are little better than the three to four dollar places. The cellar, ill-lighted and with room at a premium, seems to be the chosen place for students to eat. The quality of the food is about the same in all the houses—it is only the variety that changes. The description of the kitchen of a five-dollar cellar, told by an ex-waiter, was fairly nauseating.

"The practice of 'shifting' is almost universal. Shifting consists in transferring from a plate returned to the kitchen, to an outgoing dish, those pieces of meat, potato, and so forth, that have not yet been consumed.

"As nearly as a present undergraduate can judge, food has never been so poor nor prices so high since the founding of the University. The question of clean food at reasonable rates has become paramount to the average student. The statement in the '09-'10 *Register* (page 62) that both room and board may be obtained in clubs for \$3.50 a week is a libel on the eating houses, when one considers that *that* price is the lowest cost of board alone—and at \$3.50 the bill-of-fare is not enviable.

"One house is a typical cellar-hotel. Sixty men eat in one room (dimensions 15x40) and the food, at the ridiculous price of \$3.50 a week, is neither clean, wholesome nor varied. There are two dozen more like it on the hill. What can we do about it?

"Unquestionably, it is a problem for the University. It is a problem that other universities have met and solved. It is a problem Cornell must meet, if the health and through that the scholarship of her students is to be maintained."

The *Era* says editorially that the Trustees ought to provide a student commons.

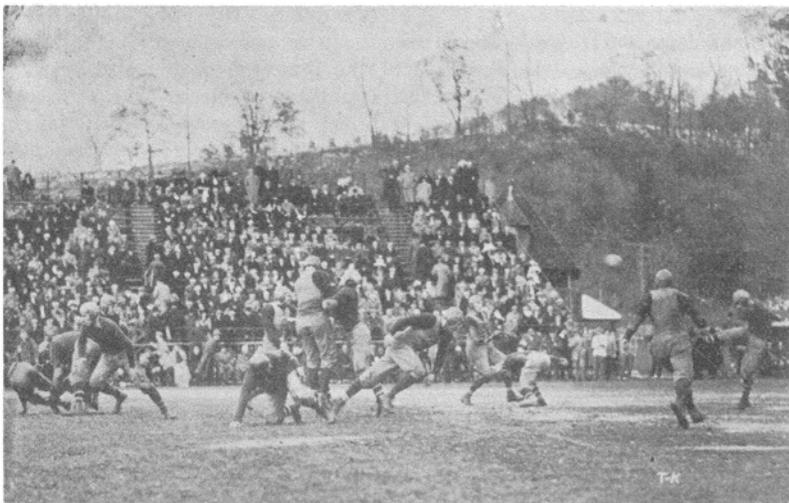
AMONG THE COLLEGES.

At a regular meeting of the Agricultural Association held on Tuesday night of last week arrangements were perfected for receiving the "short horns," who will begin to arrive after the Thanksgiving recess.

The following men have been elected to the Gargoyle Club: seniors, Donald Frazer Crane, Henry Noble Hinckley, Arthur Brautigan Holmes and Thomas Howeston McKaig; juniors, George Bain Cummings, Walter Otto Kruse, Clinton David Howe, Frederick Henry Klie, Herbert Nathan Putnam, Charles Lewis Bowman and Daniel David Merrill.

Dr. Lawrence Pumpelly of the department of Romance languages lectured before the Deutscher Verein at a regular meeting in Barnes Hall on Thursday night.

Dr. E. J. Bailey of the department of English is to read a paper on "The Lesson Assignment in English" at the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland, to be held at Lehigh University this week. C. Stuart Gager, Ph. D. '02, of the Brooklyn



THE CHICAGO GAME. SMITH PUNTING.

Photographs by Troy & Keith.

Institute of Arts and Sciences, will speak on "The Purpose of an Introductory Course in Botany."

Professor F. A. Barnes gave the first of a series of lectures before the students of the College of Civil Engineering in Goldwin Smith Hall on Friday. He spoke on "Railroad Engineering." His lecture was illustrated with stereoptican views. Later in the year the following lectures will be given by members of the college faculty: "Bridge Engineering," Professor Donald Derickson; "Municipal Engineering," Professor H. N. Ogden; "Hydraulic Engineering," Professor F. J. Seery; "Surveying," Professor D. A. Molitor.

H. F. Stratton '03, who is general sales manager of the Electric Controller & Supply Company, will speak on "The Practical Application of Lifting Magnets" before the Ithaca section of the A. I. E. E. on December 2. M. A. Cohn '11 and R. H. Andrews '11 read papers on "The Testing of Transformer Oil" at a meeting of the section in Franklin Hall on Friday night. Professor H. H. Norris and W. C. Wagner gave a report of the recent meeting of the A. I. E. E. in New York. A meeting of the Cornell section of the A. S. M. E. was also held on Friday evening. C. C. Trump '11 read a paper on the Humphrey gas pump.

At a regular meeting of the Society of Comparative Medicine, held in the veterinary college on Friday night, C. I. Corbin '11 and W. E. Fritz '11

presented papers on "An Outbreak of Anthrax" and "A Case of Purpina."

One Smallpox Case in Ithaca.

After chapel on Sunday President Schurman announced that there was a case of smallpox in Ithaca. He said there was practically no danger to members of the University and no reason for apprehension. As a safeguard, however, he advised all undergraduates who had not been vaccinated recently to take this precaution. He said he had arranged that any undergraduate might be vaccinated in the Armory on Monday without charge.

Dr. H. H. Crum '97, health officer of the city, made a statement in Monday's *Sun*. The smallpox patient is the pastor of a negro church who moved to Ithaca from Buffalo on October 28. His dwelling at 415 South Plain street has been isolated and several hundred persons who may have been exposed have been vaccinated. Dr. Crum said that the only danger that might come to the undergraduate body was through the janitors of fraternity houses. All these cases were being looked into and there was no cause for worry.

The annual wrestling and fencing tournament will be held in the Armory on December 16. Four class teams and a graduate team will compete for the fencing supremacy. The wrestling bouts will be open to novices.

SIBLEY WINS THE BIG RUN.

Mechanical Engineers First in Intercollegiate Cross-Country Race.

Sibley College won the intercollegiate cross-country run Saturday over a new three-and-a-half-mile course. The mechanical engineers scored in first, fifth, eighth, tenth, seventeenth, eighteenth and twenty-ninth places, making 88 points. Agriculture was second with 101 points. The other colleges in order were: Civil Engineering, 121 points; Veterinary, 260 points; Arts, 331; Law, 333. Only five men from the College of Architecture finished. About 175 men started and a few more than 100 ran the entire course. J. P. Hickok '11 won the race in 22 minutes 21 seconds.

The course was a new one. The men started in front of Morrill Hall, cut across the quadrangle, went up Reservoir avenue past the College of Agriculture and made a complete circuit of Alumni Field. On the second time around the field the runners turned north into the four-mile course, which they followed to a point near Forest Home, where they took a short cut into the Forest Home road. The finish was in front of Morrill Hall, the men entering the quadrangle between Sibley College and Franklin Hall. A continued cold spell had made the ground very hard, but there was no snow on the ground, so that the contestants did not have to undergo the hardships suffered three years ago, when there was a foot of snow. In the past the race had not been held until well into December, but the weather was generally so unfavorable at that time that an earlier date was chosen this year.

By winning the race Sibley College gets possession of the intercollegiate banner and the Ehrich cross-country cup for a year. The mechanical engineers also get ten points toward the intercollegiate supremacy in athletics.

Cornell freshmen scored a complete victory over the Colgate freshman team in a run over the same course earlier in the afternoon. E. J. Evans won the race in 22 minutes 13 seconds. All the Cornell men scored ahead of the first man of the Colgate team. Cornell's points were 15 to Colgate's 50.

FOOTBALL.

Varsity Squad at Atlantic City for Two Days Before the Game.

Cornell's football squad left Ithaca on Monday night and went to Atlantic City. There were thirty players in the party, besides seven coaches, Professor Rowlee, Dr. Munford and Frank Sheehan. The squad was to stay at Haddon Hall till the morning of Thanksgiving Day and then go to Philadelphia for the annual game with Pennsylvania. A final scrimmage was held on Alumni Field Monday afternoon.

It was expected that the team would line up against Penn as follows: Left end, Eyrich; left tackle, Munk; left guard, O'Rourke; center, J. S. Whyte; right guard, Delano; right tackle, Weekes; right end, Seagrave; quarterback, Butler; left halfback, Robb; right halfback, Nichols; fullback, Simson.

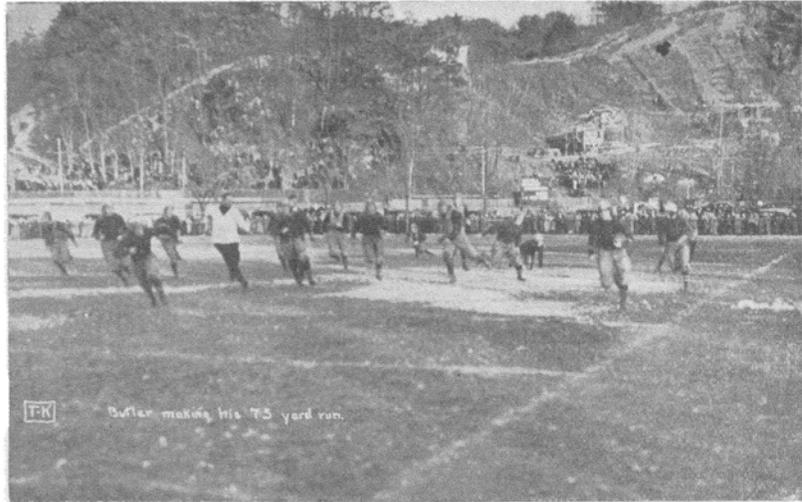
In the last week of practice, besides the regular coaches, Reed, Hutchinson, Newhall and O'Rourke, there were several others on the field, including Fennell '96, "Bobby" Young '00, Caldwell '00, Davall '01, and Smith '04.

Champaign, who has been playing a strong game at left guard, is not in the best condition physically, and the coaches expect to hold him out of the game as a substitute for Munk.

The management announced that it could not afford to send the scrubs to Philadelphia this year, and so on Saturday a benefit game was played at Percy Field between the scrub team and the eleven from Mansfield Normal School. The scrubs won, 11 to 6, but there was so small an attendance that instead of a profit the game entailed a loss of \$90. However, the undergraduates were taking up a collection to send the cadet band to Philadelphia and this fund was growing so large that it promised to be enough to take care of the scrubs too.

On Monday night a torchlight procession of undergraduates escorted the varsity squad to the station. A mass meeting was held in Sibley Dome at 7:30 o'clock and the parade started there about 9 o'clock.

Last Saturday, at Franklin Field, the Pennsylvania freshmen defeated the Cornell freshmen 25 to 6. The score last year was 11 to 0 the other way. The Penn first-year men scored a field goal and four touchdowns. The Cornell touchdown was made in the



BUTLER MAKING HIS LONG RUN IN THE CHICAGO GAME.

last period by Williamson, right guard, who intercepted a forward pass and ran eighty-five yards. The Penn goal was in danger on two other occasions, but once Cornell lost the ball on downs and the other time a field goal was missed.

The Football Schedule.

(Cornell's score given first.)

- Sept. 28. Hobart, 50-0.
- Oct 1. R. P. I., 24-0.
- Oct. 8. Oberlin, 0-0.
- Oct. 15. St. Bonaventure, 47-0.
- Oct. 22. Vermont, 15-5.
- Oct. 29. Williams (Cancelled).
- Nov. 5. Harvard, 5-27.
- Nov. 12. Chicago, 18-0.
- Nov. 24. Penn at Philadelphia.

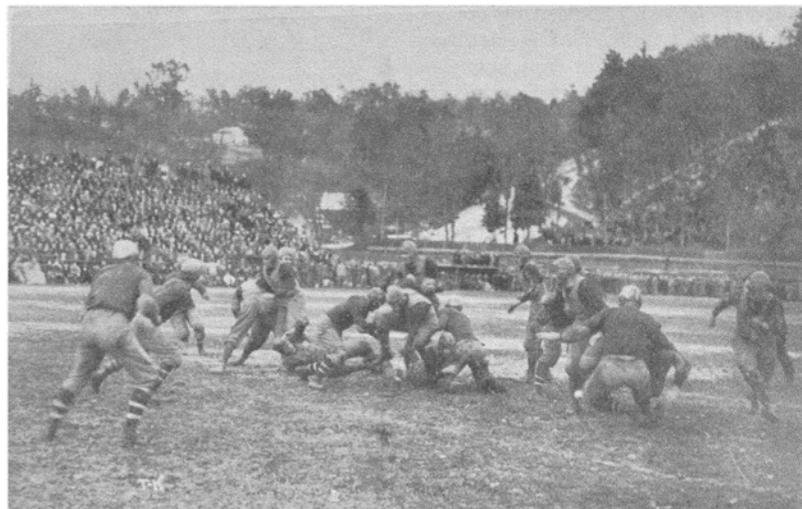
The freshmen beat the sophomores at football, 5 to 0.

Notes of Undergraduate Sports.

Basketball practice will begin in earnest after the Thanksgiving recess. Paul Steinberg, who had the team in hand last year just before the 28-11 victory over Pennsylvania, has been employed as coach. Several practice games will be played before the intercollegiate league season begins.

Swimming practice has begun. The Cornell team will meet several other college teams in the water this winter and will be a contestant in the intercollegiate meet to be held at Columbia in March.

The Cornell Aero Club has inaugurated a course in glider construction and manipulation which will be given after Thanksgiving by members of the club.



CHAMPAIGN ABOUT TO TACKLE A CHICAGO BACK.



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OUR STATEMENT of last week on the subject of Alumni Field and the expansion of the College of Agriculture is still true. Nothing has been decided upon. Alumni members of the Board of Trustees tell us that they are looking out for alumni interests in the matter. A special committee of the trustees is in charge of the preparation by landscape architects of various plans for a solution of the expansion problem, and is to report at a special meeting which will be called as soon as the plans are ready. This committee consists of Charles H. Blood '88, Henry W. Sackett '75 and R. H. Treman '78.

THE SECRETARY of the Cornellian Council finds that some Cornellians who receive his requests for subscriptions think they are being asked to

contribute to the athletic field. If this is the notion of a considerable number of persons, the notion ought to be dispelled. The athletic field is provided for, and what is being raised now is a fund for the general and perennial support of the University. If the literature of the Council fails to make this clear it might be revised, and the aid of Cornellians should be invoked to make the purpose of the Council generally understood. An athletic field naturally interests comparatively few persons, but all alumni should be supporters of a project for the general betterment of the University. Mr. Eads Johnson is meeting with success in his work. The goal he is trying to reach was expressed by a Boston man who nicknamed him Every-Alumnus-Do-Something Johnson.

SOME OLD GRADUATES may not be familiar with the word "dog," student slang for quick-lunch restaurant, and may be curious about its etymology. Fifteen or twenty years ago there were lunch-wagons on East Hill, where sandwiches, doughnuts, pie and coffee were served. A popular sandwich was the hot frankfurter. Everybody knows the tradition about where the frankfurter comes from, and it is easy to see why the lunch-wagons came to be known as "dog wagons." The name soon became shortened to "dog." The proprietors made so much money that they were able to sell the wagons and rent small stores, where they had room for more customers during rush hours. But the name stuck to them, and now any place on the hill where "quick lunches" are served is known as a "dog."

IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT to the President of the University, Dean Hull of the College of Arts and Sciences says: "During the last two years there has been a marked growth in the apparent interest taken by fraternal and athletic organizations among the students in the academic standing of their members, and the Faculty, at their April meeting, approved the policy, already adopted in some degree by the Dean's office and by various professors, of furnishing, to apparently responsible bodies making inquiry, information as to the standing of students." There can be no doubt that a co-operation of this sort between Faculty and students holds

a promise of much good; but it also contains a potentiality of no small evil. All will depend upon the use made by 'apparently responsible bodies' of the information furnished in reply to their requests. If they use it to admonish the slothful and negligent, and to encourage with appreciation the good scholars among their members, there should result, in some measure, that improvement of scholastic standing which the President has recently enjoined it upon certain organizations to effect. If, on the other hand, the certainty that any of its abler members is far above the passing mark should be treated by any 'apparently responsible body' merely as an evidence of a margin of safety on account of which he might be urged to neglect his class work in order to achieve the glory of 'prominence' in 'activities,' the net result would be most unfortunate. For the scholastic standards of the College are far more debased when a man of known capacity sinks to the passing mark than they are elevated when half-a-dozen incompetents are somehow driven just above it."

FOOTBALL.

To the Editor of the Alumni News: I read recently the following lines of Sir Walter Scott, found in a "Song—On the lifting of the banner of the house of Buccleuch, at a great foot-ball match on Canterhauch," December 5, 1815:

"Then strip, lads, and to it, though sharp be the weather,
And if by mischance you should happen to fall,
There are worse things in life than a tumble on heather,
And life is itself but a game of foot-ball."

Game of our fathers! Game of song and of story! Do we not play it just because it is in our blood and there by right and of necessity?

WILLARD BEAHAN.

Cleveland, November 17.

Dr. Eugene Oberhummer, professor of geography in the University of Vienna, gave a lantern slide lecture before the College of Arts and Sciences Monday night on the principal geographical features of Austria-Hungary.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS.

Cincinnati Smoker on December 10.

The Cornell alumni of Cincinnati are going to have a smoker on Saturday evening, December 10, at the University Club. They expect to have a large gathering and have invited a number of men from out of town. All Cornell men of Southern Ohio are cordially invited. The committee in charge of the smoker is Bob Caldwell, Babe Pollak and Clyde Johnson.

Alumni Weekly Publications.

Alumni publications are tending strongly toward the weekly form. Such papers as the *Yale News* and *CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS* have long been known for vigorous and able representation of university and alumni interests. They have been joined by a number of other weeklies within a comparatively brief time. The *Minnesota Alumni Weekly* presents this fall a much more pleasing aspect than it has heretofore offered, especially as to its cover. The second volume of *Columbia Alumni News*, a weekly, promises to have a permanent career. *Old Penn*, which last year became *Old Penn Weekly Review*, acknowledges such prosperity as to encourage the editor to promise a weekly magazine of thirty-two pages at least.—*Alumni Quarterly of the University of Illinois*.

Other Counties Heard From.

In the recent election Gottfried H. Wende, of Buffalo, was re-elected Member of Assembly from the seventh Erie district. Mr. Wende is a lawyer, associated with his son in the Erie County Bank Building, under the name of Wende & Wende. He attended Cornell University in 1868-69 and claims to be the first student that went to Cornell from Erie county.

Simon L. Adler '89, of Rochester, was elected Member of Assembly from the second Monroe district.

William D. Cunningham '00, of Ellenville, N. Y., was re-elected district attorney of Ulster county for a second term of three years. Cunningham is a Republican, and the county went Democratic, but despite that he received a plurality of 2,484, running more than 2,500 ahead of

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John Leo Sullivan '04, of Dunkirk, N. Y., was re-elected Member of Assembly from the second Chautauqua district. Mr. Sullivan is a Republican.

John F. Murtaugh '98, of Elmira, senator-elect from this district and former captain of the varsity nine, was the principal speaker at the annual smoker of the College of Law, which was held in the Dutch Kitchen on Saturday night. Over 200 members of the college attended the smoker. Senator Murtaugh advised the lawyers to get into politics as soon as possible after graduation. He said also that participation in college athletics was of benefit in after life. F. Dana Burnet '11 was toastmaster. Talks were given by Dean Irvine, Professor Olmsted and Professor Hayes, and several undergraduates helped in the entertainment.

The St. Louis Club reorganized at a meeting in the Senate on Thursday night.

CORNELL ALUMNI NOTES.

[Personal notes about Cornellians are solicited by the ALUMNI NEWS for publication in this department of the paper. Any item of interest, such as a change of business or address, a marriage, a new book by a Cornellian, etc., will be gladly received.]

'72, M. S.—*The Stanford Alumnus* says: "President Jordan upon his return from Europe has been making a brief, unofficial visit to the campus. Since he left the University last spring he has been engaged upon three important international undertakings: the International Fisheries Commission, upon which he is the United States representative; the International Commission of Zoologists, which is endeavoring to unify nomenclature in systematic zoology, and the International School of Peace, as it is called. Of these, the last is the most interesting because it is newest and because it is biggest. The title that has so far been given it is insufficient and misleading. It is really a foundation of a million dollars established by Edwin Ginn, the Boston publisher, for the prevention of war and the promotion of international peace. The way in which the fund shall be administered

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'74, Ph. B.—E. O. Randall, Columbus, Ohio, Reporter of the Ohio Supreme Court, is the author of the article on "Reports" in Volume 34 of the Cyclopedia of Law and Procedure, commonly known among lawyers as "Cyc." This is the first article ever published on the law of Law Reports—a subject to which Mr. Randall has given much study. Mr. Randall has now edited and annotated thirty volumes of the published decisions of the Ohio Supreme Court, but not content with that work of industry he has put in his spare hours in writing on the early history of Ohio. He is now preparing for publication by a New York house two volumes on The Indian and Pioneer Period of Ohio History, a work which will be published in connection with two volumes by another author on the later history of Ohio.

'79, B. S.—William Seymour Edwards is an attorney and counselor at law in Charleston, W. Va.

'81, B. S.—For the next three months the address of Miss Isabel Howland, of Sherwood, N. Y., will be 24 rue d'Artois, Paris, France.

'93, Sp.—E. H. Bangs was married on October 29 to Miss Janet Norris of Lamolille, Ill. Mr. Bangs is chief engineer of the Central Union Telephone Company, Indianapolis, Ind.

'99, A. B.—Henry H. Foster is now a resident of Norman, Oklahoma.

'00, M. E.—John A. Hunter is steam engineer with the American Steel & Tin Plate Company. His address is 151 Dickson avenue, Ben Avon, Pa.

'00, A. B.; '03, M. D.—Dr. R. F. Ludwig's address is changed from 244 to 238 Eldert street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'04, F. E.—Charles A. Lyford (M. F., Yale) is in partnership with Judson F. Clark, former professor of forestry in Cornell, under the firm name of Clark & Lyford, forest engineers, 403 Crown Building, Vancouver, B. C.

'04, A. B.—Mr. and Mrs. Christian Baynard Kuschke announce the marriage of their daughter, Maud Llewellyn, to Mr. Arthur Linwood Thayer,

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'04, LL. B.—John C. Grier, who for several years past has been a member

of the staff of trial attorneys of the New York City Railway Company, is now with the law firm of Gould & Wilkie at 2 Wall street, New York.

'05, C. E.—W. S. FitzRandolph has formed a partnership with W. E. Bang for the general contracting of everything in the building line. The firm name is Bang & FitzRandolph and the main office is at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street, New York.

'05, M. E.—S. E. Hickman is sales engineer in the Buffalo office of the Allis-Chalmers Company. His address is 1268 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y.

'05, A. B.—A third son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gail at Colorado Springs, Col., on October 25.

'05, M. E.—L. V. Lewis is with the Union Switch & Signal Company. His address is 173 Gordon street, Edgewood Park, Pa.

'06, M. E.—Charles De Ved, formerly employed by the syndicate of fire insurance companies known as "The Union" as electrical inspector in charge of the inspection of all electric railway and lighting properties from Ohio to Colorado and south through Tennessee, has resigned to accept a position as engineer for the Northern Equipment Company, manufacturers of the Copes boiler feed

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'07, M. E.—C. G. Lee, jr., is superintendent of construction with the Du Pont powder company and is at present working at Keokuk, Iowa. His address is The Belvedere, Wilmington, Del.

'07, M. E.—Nelson J. Darling is with the gas engine department of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

'07, M. E.—John J. Conen, jr., has left the Acme Column Company of Brooklyn, N. Y., and is now engaged in the shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Baltimore, Md. He lives at 1064 West Fayette street.

'07, A. B.—E. L. Jenne is with the Bureau of Entomology, Washington, D. C., and is assistant in deciduous fruit insect investigations.

'07, M. E.—R. B. Gerhardt is with the Spanish-American Iron Company, Felton, Oriente, Cuba.

'07, LL. B.—George F. Lewis, formerly with Frayer & Stotesbury of 141 Broadway, New York, has taken a position with the law firm of Jerome & Rand, at 37 Wall street, of which firm William Travers Jerome, formerly district-attorney, is a member. In the same office are Harland B. Tibbetts, A. B. '04, LL. B. '06, and Harold T. Edwards, LL. B. '10. Lewis and Tibbetts are living at 9 Buckingham Road, Brooklyn.

'08, A. B.—Stephen L. Vanderveer, who graduated from the Columbia law school last June, has taken a position with the law firm of Everett, Clarke,

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'08, C. E.—M. Davis is superintendent for O'Connell & Hanna, contractors, on a reinforced concrete hospital at Coney Island, Long Island, N. Y. His address is 29 West 114th street, New York City.

'08, B. S. A.—Edwin Earle, jr., has changed his post office address from Warren to Esmont, Va.

'10, M. E.—H. C. Harding is with the Bethlehem Steel Company. His address is Post Office Building, Bethlehem, Pa.

'10, B. S. A.—George I. Hartley is following the occupation of farming at Middleburg, Va.

'10, M. E.—W. G. Copeland is in the construction department of the Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago. His address is Glencoe, Ill.

'10, B. S. A.—Louis F. Boyle is located at Murray, Utah, as agriculturist in charge for the Inter-Mountain Industrial Association of Salt Lake City. This association consists of three railroads, implement house, creameries, beet sugar companies, etc., and its purpose is to help the farmers directly in the betterment of their farming methods. The companies will thus be furthering their own interests indirectly.

'10, A. B.—John A. Durkan is circulation manager of the *Watertown Standard*, Watertown, N. Y.

'10, C. E.—Lynn Crandall's address is Box 972, Salt Lake City, Utah.

'10, Sp.—W. Rossiter Redmond is an attorney at law with office at 64 Wall street, New York.

'10, M. E.—Arthur H. Barber is surveyor and draftsman of the Factory Mutual Insurance Companies, whose general office is at 31 Milk street, Boston, Mass. His home address is 18 St. James avenue, Boston.

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