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**S**PRING in Ithaca is the most enjoyable season of the year, if for no other reason because it follows directly after the most disagreeable season. The coming of spring therefore is legitimate news, worth a place at the top of the column on the first page. The ice finally went out of Cayuga Lake last Sunday. On the campus the grass is getting green where the steam pipes cross the lawns. The law school men are coming out of Boardman Hall between lectures to sun themselves. Pretty soon the freshmen will have to be told that they are not supposed to take off their coats and roll up their shirt sleeves in public, the way the upperclassmen do.

Later.—An inch of snow has fallen.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Franklin C. Cornell, of Ithaca, the University Library has become the custodian of the family Bible which belonged to Elijah Cornell, the father of Ezra Cornell. The book contains the family record of marriages, births and deaths, including Ezra Cornell's birth and marriage and the births of his children. The volume has been in the possession of Mrs. Phoebe Anthony of Albion, Mich., a granddaughter of Elijah Cornell.

C. W. Wason '76, who is a member of the Rowfant Club of Cleveland, Ohio, has given the Library two publications of the club. One is the club's year book for 1910 and the other is a copy of "The Tempest," edited by Sir Sidney Lee and printed for the club. This volume is one of an edition of one hundred. It is a product of the Marion Press of Jamaica, N. Y., and of the Rowfant Bindery. It is a large octavo. The Rowfant Club is a society of book lovers of Cleveland.

Heber Cushing Peters, M. E. '92 (father of Heber W. Peters '14) recently presented to the Library an interesting collection of works relating

to anthropology, astrology, folk lore, freemasonry, magic, early medicine, and the history of religions. The collection comprises about five hundred volumes. Among them are some quite rare and valuable books, such as, for instance, The Secrets of Alexis, 1615; Swan's Speculum Mundi, 1698; some of Bewick's illustrated works; Fry's Pantographia, 1799; Gerarde's Herball, 1597; Faber's Origin of Pagan Idolatry, 1816; Forlong's Rivers of Life, Inman's Ancient Faiths, etc.

A large bronze tablet designed to commemorate Goldwin Smith's bequest to the University has been received. It was ordered some time ago by the Board of Trustees. It is about ten feet high and six feet wide. It has been placed in Goldwin Smith Hall. The tablet bears the paragraph from Goldwin Smith's will beginning, "All the rest and residue of my estate I give and bequeath to Cornell University," and ending, "In confirming this bequest my desire is to show my attachment to the University in the founding of which I had the honor of taking part, to pay respect to the memory of Ezra Cornell and to show my attachment as an Englishman to the union of the two branches of our race on this continent with each other and with their common mother."

Numerous suggestions relating to the customs of fraternities will come before the Interfraternity Association at its next meeting, April 16. The delegates have held several meetings already to discuss proposed changes in the regulations to govern the "rushing" next fall, but nothing has been agreed upon. The more radical proposal that pledging be put off till the second term has not met with general approval. A motion to postpone initiation until the freshman has passed his first term's work is receiving longer consideration. It

is proposed to abolish what is known as the "afternoon date" and to permit the entertainment of freshmen at the fraternity houses during the period of "rushing" only for luncheon and dinner. Another suggestion is that for the sake of convenience all the chapters select the same night in the week for their chapter meetings.

Cornell freshmen are to hold a debating contest with University of Pennsylvania freshmen later in the month. The general subject of the argument will be the tariff.

Charles C. Anthony '85, Signal Engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad, will give a lecture on railway signaling to-morrow afternoon in Franklin Hall, under the auspices of the Ithaca section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is a son of the late Professor William A. Anthony, for many years head of the department of physics of Cornell.

G. H. Rockwell has been elected assistant field manager of the minor sports association, to have charge of competitions.

The announcement of Cornell's twenty-first summer session, July 6 to August 16, which has just been issued, includes a number of courses that have not been given before. Assistant Professor Whipple will give a course in mental and physical tests of school children, and there will be a course in the theory and practice of elementary education, combining lectures, conferences, and observation. The University will take over one of the Ithaca public schools and run it during the six weeks of the summer session, so that teachers studying may have opportunity to observe methods of elementary teaching. The course will be in charge of Superintendent Boynton of the Ithaca public schools. William H. Elson, until recently superintendent of schools of Cleveland, O., will give the course in school organization and administration.

## Our Undergraduate Periodicals

### The Student Editor of Yesterday and To-day

Undergraduate journalism at Cornell has made great strides since some of us were in college. For years the *Era* was our newspaper and our magazine both. Now the *Era* is a monthly, having absorbed the *Magazine* and yielded the work of news-gathering for undergraduates to the *Sun*. Compared with the *Era*, which is as old as the University itself, the *Sun* is an upstart, having been founded in 1880. But that gives the *Sun* a very respectable age as undergraduates estimate ages. Then there is the *Widow*, who is only eighteen and still attractive. There are other, lesser lights—the *Sibley Journal*, formerly the *Crank*; the *Civil Engineer*, the *Countryman*, the *Chemist* and the *Veterinarian*. The *Era* is conservative and radical by turns and sometimes does a little muck-raking. The *Widow* is joyous and irresponsible. The *Sun* is business.

Gone are the happy days when all the college papers were printed at the same place, when there was a sort of fraternity of editors and when the lodge was a little back room looking out on an alley off State Street; when Hank Martin would come in to say that he must have some copy right away and would stay and “reminisce” about the old editors whose group pictures were hanging on the walls. He knew them all—those old editors—and he would say just enough about some of them to convince you that Hank Martin was a very observing man and to make you want to win his respect yourself.

The first break came in 1893, when the *Sun* board had its famous split. The Slater fragment was loyal to Hank Martin and the little old editorial room on the alley. The Ahern fragment had to go elsewhere to get its printing done. When there had been two *Suns* and a scandal for about six weeks, a student mass meeting voted in favor of the Ahern fragment. The *Sun* has never gone back to the old place. The *Era* and the *Widow* are still there. Another disturbance was caused when the ALUMNI NEWS butted into the com-

munity and compelled the *Era* to marry the *Magazine* and adopt the *Magazine's* habit of life. The *Era* has been sober ever since.

There are those who love the *Widow* less since she became prosperous. She used to wear Quaker gray, and though she had a twinkle in her eye her manner was demure. Now she clothes herself in four-color covers and much advertising matter. The twinkle has become a wink and the *Widow* uses all the latest slang and some of the fashionable bad words.

Prosperity has not gone to the *Sun's* head. That paper has a duty to perform—to gather the news the undergraduates want, to give it to them fresh and to interpret it for them, and it performs the duty well. Maybe you remember it as a little four-page affair. Now it prints eight large pages, including a page of telegraph news received over the wire from New York at 2:30 a. m.

The *Sun* used to be published five days in the week, and it reached its subscribers in the afternoon—no definite time of day—just afternoon. Now it comes out six days in the week and you have it on the breakfast table. That has the true daily newspaper ring, that phrase “on the breakfast table.” There must be organization and business system to put a daily paper on the breakfast table. Why, the editors must work at night. They do. But when do they do their university work? Nobody knows. But they do it, for nobody ever hears nowadays of a *Sun* editor busting out.

There are twelve men on the board, all from the three upper classes, four men from each class. Three of the four are editors and the fourth is a business manager either full-fledged or in the process of evolution. The nine editors, with the help of a swarm of freshman competitors, get out the paper every night. And what a swarm of competitors the *Sun* has! Forty-six came out, I hear, at the first competition this year. No sooner do the competitors swarm, however, than they begin to dwindle. A few of them soon set a pace in

news getting that discourages the rest, and the race narrows down to two or three before the election is made. Two freshman and one sophomore competition are held every year, and in this way the paper recruits its editorial staff. At the same time the business department has a competition going on in the work of getting advertising and subscriptions.

At the top of the editorial pile is the Editor-in-Chief. He is entitled to capital letters, for his is a place of dignity and power. All he does is to write the editorials. The power is real, for no man has a better opportunity than he to direct and sway undergraduate opinion. Even persons much higher in the university scale than undergraduates have been known to shape their official courses by what the *Sun* said. For the voice of the *Sun* generally is the voice of the undergraduates. Not that the editors-in-chief always have their ear to the ground. By no means. More than one of them has been known to take the side of an unpopular minority, or to take an advanced or radical stand. I suppose he consults with his colleagues before committing the paper on an important issue, but as a rule, I believe, the editor-in-chief does his own thinking. He is the result of a severe process of selection. The board does the selecting, and does it seriously and conscientiously. It usually picks a conservative and then stands behind him when he becomes a radical.

Did you ever see the freshman class gathered together in the fall, at drill, or at the President's address, or on some such occasion, and wonder which of that crowd will be the leaders of the rest three years hence? They look very much alike in their gray caps, but three years will sort them out. There are future captains' and class presidents among them, but I always find myself wondering if any of those I see is the future editor-in-chief of the *Sun*.

The position next in importance on the *Sun*, leaving the business manager out of consideration, is that of managing editor. He is responsible

for the contents and make-up of the news columns. He is a junior, and the custom has been to make him editor-in-chief in his senior year. Each of the editors takes turns in being "news editor" for the night,

reading the copy and writing the heads.

The office of the paper is on the third floor of the Trust Company building in North Tioga Street. I have seen it in the evening and it is

a busy place, with a half-dozen typewriters grinding out copy. The composing room is a block away. The press starts at 3 or 4 o'clock, and by 7 o'clock the carriers are on their rounds.

## A Million in Buildings

### Much Construction in Progress on the Campus

More than a million dollars is being spent on University buildings now under construction and other buildings which will be started within a few weeks. The contractors who are to build the auditorium of the College of Agriculture and the hospital and clinical buildings of the Veterinary College are preparing to break ground. Driscoll Brothers will soon finish their part of the work on the Infirmary addition and are about ready to begin the foundations of Prudence Risley Hall, the new dormitory for women. Most of the excavation for the building was done last fall. The new Sibley shop building, Rand Hall, is nearly ready for the installation of machinery, and the buildings for home economics and poultry at the College of Agriculture are enclosed. A new barn for the College of Agriculture is almost completed and a heating plant to cost \$50,000 is to be ready for use next winter.

The magnitude of the work is best realized by a glance at the appropriations for the various buildings and their equipment:

Prudence Risley Hall .....	\$300,000
Home Economics .....	154,000
Veterinary buildings .....	140,000
Auditorium .....	138,000
Infirmary addition .....	120,000
Poultry building .....	90,000
Rand Hall .....	65,000
Heating plant .....	50,000
New barn .....	20,000
	\$1,077,000

In the cases of Prudence Risley Hall, the Infirmary addition and the building for the home economics department of the College of Agriculture, a larger share of the appropriation will be used for equipment than in the other buildings. However, it is not far out of the way to say that about one million dollars will be spent on the buildings alone.

Of all the buildings, Rand Hall is the nearest completion. It was prac-

tically enclosed before winter and work has been progressing steadily in spite of the extreme cold. It has been completely wired and now the supports for the shafting are being put in place. The machinery will be installed at once. This building is the gift of Mrs. Florence O. R. Lang, a sister of the late Jasper Rand '97. Gibb & Waltz are the architects. It will be used for the machine shop, electrical laboratory and woodshop of Sibley College. That arrangement will vacate the building which is used at present for the machine and wood shops. The general plan for the development of Sibley College contemplates replacing that by a new building for the mechanical laboratories.

Prudence Risley Hall is the gift of Mrs. Russell Sage, and William H. Miller is the architect. The excavations are almost completed and a great deal of the material for the structure is on the ground. The building will contain rooms for 175 students and dining rooms for 260. Its style of architecture is English Collegiate Gothic. It will stand on Cornell Heights, just off the campus.

It is on the group of state buildings that the greater part of the money is being spent. Of these buildings Green & Wicks are the architects. The construction of the home economics and poultry buildings began last fall. It has continued through the winter and now the exterior is almost completed. It is expected that they will be ready for occupancy next fall. The home economics buildings is directly north of the main buildings of the college, on the site of the old north barn. The poultry building is east of the Carnegie filtration plant.

The heating plant comes as a natural consequence of the expansion of the College of Agriculture. The present plant under the auditorium of the main building would be quite

insufficient to heat all the buildings of the college next winter. The heating plant will be built near the eastern end of Beebe Lake.

Metz Brothers of Buffalo have the contracts for the auditorium and the new buildings of the Veterinary College. Last week the contractors erected their sheds and active operations will be under way soon. The auditorium will be directly east of Rockefeller Hall, and will face the south. The medical and clinical buildings of the Veterinary College will face Garden Avenue and Alumni Field.

The Infirmary addition, of which William H. Miller is the architect, is completed except for interior decoration, electrical installation and the laying of the linoleum with which the cement floors will be covered. This building, with its gray walls and red tile roof, stands out prominently on lower East Hill. It is much larger than the old Infirmary building, the home of the late Henry W. Sage, and will virtually supersede that house as a hospital for students. It is to be thoroughly modern in construction and equipment.

It has been decided to postpone until the summer of 1913 the work of remodeling the Cascadilla building. This building, which now is an apartment house with a miscellaneous tenantry, is to be made a dormitory to house about two hundred undergraduates. The Trustees decided on the change only a few weeks ago, and for various reasons it has been thought better not to undertake the work this summer.

Members of the Cosmopolitan Club who were unable to go home for the spring recess held a consolation meeting at the clubhouse Saturday night. W. C. Westergard, a graduate student, gave a talk on Stanford University.

### Elected President

#### R. A. Pearson '94 Head of Iowa State College at Ames

Raymond A. Pearson '94 has accepted the presidency of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, situated at Ames. Mr. Pearson recently resigned the office of Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of New York after serving in that office with credit for four years. He has leave of absence from his new post for the coming summer and will visit several agricultural colleges in Europe, taking up his duties at Ames in the fall.

The Iowa State College is one of the foremost institutions of its kind in the country. It was organized in 1858 and has 2,000 students. Its faculty numbers about 200. The State of Iowa is generous in its support of the college, which had an income last year of about \$700,000. James Wilson, the present Secretary of Agriculture, was professor of agriculture in this college when he was called to the Cabinet by President McKinley in 1897.

President-elect Pearson was born at Evansville, Ind., on April 9, 1873. He is a brother of Edward J. Pearson '83, first vice-president of the Missouri Pacific System. Another brother was the late Leonard Pearson '88, who was dean of the University of Pennsylvania veterinary college. Their mother was a sister of the late Professor George W. Jones. Raymond Pearson prepared for college at the Ithaca High School and entered Cornell in 1890. He took the degree of B. S. in 1894 and the degree of M. S. in 1899. During his undergraduate course he held a University scholarship. From 1896 to 1902 he was assistant chief of the dairy division of the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington. Then for a year he was general manager of the Walker-Gordon Laboratory Company, New York City and Philadelphia. In 1903 he was appointed professor of dairy industry in Cornell University and was the head of that department of the College of Agriculture until 1908, when he resigned to accept the office of State Commissioner of Agriculture.



THE HOME ECONOMICS BUILDING.

### Letters

#### Women Entitled to a Trustee

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:*

There is one point in connection with the election for trustees which all alumni should carefully consider and that is the question of fairness. The women graduates cannot elect one of their number without help from the men. We now have quite a large number of women graduates and they are certainly entitled to representation at least in proportion to their number. They have had no representative for several years and this year they have presented a candidate whose service will undoubtedly be of great value. Her wide business experience will make her services of value in a general way and the character of the business which she has developed to such large proportions is such that her specialized knowledge will be of great value in the construction and operation of the new women's dormitory and the department of home economics. In a spirit of fairness I believe that the women's candidate should receive wide support even without considering the very valuable qualifications which she has for the office.

WM. G. ATWOOD.

Indianapolis, April 5.

#### A North China Cup

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:*

The first copy of the NEWS which I have seen since my arrival from China contains an interesting letter

from the Cornell Club of New England, detailing a plan for the presentation of prizes by the various alumni associations for the different events in the Cornell interscholastic track meet.

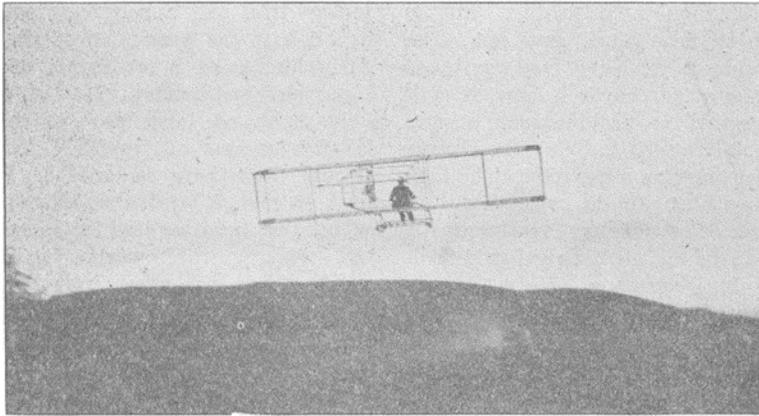
In this letter I read it was intended to cable the Cornell Club of North China to learn if they would support the plan and provide a cup to be known as the "North China Cup." As affairs in China are at present in such a very confused condition, and addresses of our various members are perpetually changing, I am afraid it is doubtful whether this cable will ever reach its destination. As I know what the response of our club will be when they hear of the plan, I am writing to you to save the time otherwise lost in correspondence, and to assure the New England Club through your columns of our hearty support in the scheme proposed.

F. W. POATE,

Rushford, N. Y.

Permanent address, care Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., Shanghai, China.

The New York State Grange has appropriated \$600 to pay for twelve scholarships in the State College of Agriculture. Competitive examinations for the scholarships will be held in each county in June, and the successful applicants will receive \$50 each as soon as they begin work at the college.



GLIDING OVER ALUMNI FIELD.

*Courtesy of the Sibley Journal*

### The Associate Alumni Action of the Directors

A meeting of the Directors of the Associate Alumni of Cornell University was held in Ithaca on April 1.

A communication from the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Dr. H. D. Schenck, was read, submitting for approval by the Directors, in accordance with Section 20 of the By-laws, Regulations for Independent Nominations (as printed in the ALUMNI NEWS of March 27, 1912).

Upon consideration of the Regulations it seemed to the Directors that the instructions for sending in nomination papers were not sufficiently definite, and, on motion, it was voted to amend Regulation No. 3, by inserting after the words "Cornell University" the words "care of the Secretary of the Associate Alumni, Ithaca, N. Y.," so that Regulation No. 3 shall read as follows:

3. Such nomination papers shall not nominate more than one person for any one office, and nomination papers sent to the office of the Associate Alumni addressed to the "Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Associate Alumni of Cornell University, care of the Secretary of the Associate Alumni, Ithaca, N. Y.," shall be duly credited as having been filed with the chairman.

On motion, the Regulations as thus amended were approved and adopted.

The number of candidates for the '86 Memorial Prize competition, to be held on May 17, has been reduced from ninety-two to twenty, and the final selection of ten will be made on April 25.

A large attendance on lectures and demonstrations is reported by the men who are conducting the traveling school of agriculture in the eastern part of the state.



THE TEACHER MACHINE ON KITE HILL.

*Courtesy of the Sibley Journal*

### Aviation

#### Intercollegiate Meet May Be Held Here

The second annual intercollegiate aviation meet will probably be held in Ithaca about May 1. The delegates met in New York Monday of this week to decide the matter. Although Dartmouth, by reason of winning the meet last spring, had the right to the intercollegiate contest, the Cornell delegates were quite sure that the meet would be held here. Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Amherst, Williams, Dartmouth, M. I. T., Penn State and Cornell are members of the association.

Cornell Aero Club members are more than busy now getting ready for the visiting clubs. A glider of the monoplane type will soon be completed by members of the course in glider construction, and as soon as the weather conditions are favorable flights will be made.

The Cornell Aero Club was organized in the fall of 1909. It existed for a year with very little practical work, but in the fall of 1910 the construction of gliders was started and two were completed. Glider No. 2 was entered in the intercollegiate meet at Harvard on May 29 and 30 last year. Contests for glider models have been held in the Armory for the past two winters and have been highly successful.

A "teacher" machine has been erected on Kite Hill, which caps Alumni Field, and on this the would-be birdmen are practicing. The "teacher" is virtually a glider mounted on a universal joint. By the manipulation of levers the operator endeavors to keep his balance. The men in the glider course have been divided into sections which compete in balancing contests on the "teacher." The sections are building a monoplane, a small biplane and a passenger carrying biplane.

C. A. Whetzel '13 holds the record for a flight in a Cornell glider. This was made on Alumni Field last fall, the glider being drawn by an automobile. Work on gliders will be pushed by the club, which cannot take up power machines because of their high cost.

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The secretary of the class of 1909 announces that the class will hold its reunion on Navy Day, June 1, instead of Alumni Day, June 12, a large majority of the class apparently being in favor of this plan. It is reported that the class of 1902 also is planning to make June 1 its reunion day. There are two reasons why some alumni prefer that date to the other. One reason is that it comes at the end instead of the middle of the week, and the other reason is that there is "something doing" then. The first reason will probably not exist after this year, for the program of reunion and Commencement weeks is to be rearranged and there is a very general feeling that the reunion ought

to be held on a Saturday. But a change of date alone may not solve the problem. If Navy Day continues to be the attraction it is now, it may be necessary to provide some strong counter-attraction to bring the classes together on some other day. The lack of something to do, something to make a long journey really worth while, is a fault commonly found with our alumni reunions. Navy Day is attractive because of its games and races. But not all alumni whom it is desirable to bring back to Ithaca frequently are attracted by games and races and an undergraduate circus. And it would not be well for the University to let its alumni feel that the best attraction it can offer them is a day of undergraduate athletic contests.

The University must find some way to show that it welcomes the returning alumnus. It must provide him with some means of expressing the sentiment of loyalty that brings him back. The graduate whose loyalty is worth cultivating, furthermore, is bound to be keenly interested in finding out what the University is doing in an educational as well as an athletic way, and the University authorities should miss no opportunity to satisfy that worthy curiosity. Means of amusement are not so much needed as things distinctly Cornellian in which the alumnus can take his proper part. Sentiment brings the alumnus back to Ithaca. Sentiment seeks outward and visible symbols for expressing itself and craves response. Our alumni reunions will begin to succeed when the alumnus can return to his home feeling that he has given expression to his loyalty to his *alma mater* and that she has heard him and responded to him. We want to feel that we have at least paused before some shrine, that our sojourn at our own seat of learning has not been altogether trivial and selfish.

In another column we quote the president of the Carnegie Foundation on the subject of the influence of alumni organizations. He says that if college alumni influence is to make for a better form of college, then college loyalty must take on somewhat more of real devotion to the cause of education and the intel-

lectual life, and a relatively smaller devotion to the promotion of successful athletics or other forms of college aggrandizement. He is probably right. A large part of college loyalty consists of "rooting" for the teams. But there is another large part of college loyalty which consists of interest more or less intelligent in the college's real work. It seems smaller than the other part because it does not express itself so publicly and so noisily. Alumni associations, as organizations, do take more interest than they need to take in undergraduate athletics, and less interest than they might take in promoting the college's proper efficiency. It is easy to explain this. When we were undergraduates, athletics aroused our common enthusiasm. The problems of higher education did not arouse the enthusiasm of any great number of us. Now that we are alumni, it is easy for us to renew the enthusiasm of our recent youth, and difficult for us to acquire common enthusiasm for a thing which, to be frank, most of us know little about. If alumni associations are to become devoted to the cause of education and the intellectual life, then either the college must foster that devotion in its undergraduates or the associations must provide their members with an education which the college has neglected to give. It looks like a problem for the college rather than for the associations.

**1909****Reunion Navy Day, June 1st**

The almost unanimous opinion of the class, judging from the replies received, is in favor of June 1st as the day of the 1909 Three Year Reunion.

The reunion plan for Navy Day in brief is this: Take part in Spring Day Saturday morning, have a reunion banquet Saturday noon and attend the game and races in the afternoon. Everybody is to wear a "reunion suit" during the day. Talk it up. Write your classmates. Help get enough back to fill one entire car for the races—and be sure to be here yourself on Saturday, June 1st.

R. E. TREMAN, Ithaca.

April 9 was the last day for submitting Woodford orations.

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The annual Cornell alumni dinner of Western Pennsylvania will be held at the Fort Pitt Hotel on Saturday evening, April 20. Handshaking will begin at half-past six. You have just one week to save three dollars and forward it to W. L. Umstad, Frick Building.

James I. Buchanan, president of the Pittsburgh Trust Company, who is now an undergraduate in the College of Agriculture, will honor the club by acting as toastmaster. The speakers will be Dr. John A. Brashear, Mr. Robert Garland, Jack Moakley and others.

Moakley will bring his collection of lantern slides depicting Cornell teams and Ithaca scenes.

The committee hopes to have present also: Mr. Justice Hughes, of the United States Supreme Court; Senator Foraker '69, of Ohio, and Louis A. Fuertes '97, of Ithaca.

If you have not received a notice and a ticket, get busy, for the number of tickets sold already exceeds last year's attendance.

**Oswego County**

In honor of Supreme Court Justice Irving G. Hubbs, LL. B. '91, the Cornell Club of Oswego County gave a banquet on April 3 at the Hotel Pontiac in Oswego. Forty-five Cornell men were present, including Supreme Court Justice De Angelis '71 and Judge Hiscock '75 of the Court of Appeals. Dean Irvine sent a telegram of felicitation. Speeches were made by P. W. Cullinan and Professor E. P. Andrews. The club elected D. P. Morehouse, jr., president; D. H. Judson, secretary, and C. W. Linsley, treasurer.

**Carnegie Foundation**

**College Boards of Trustees—Influence of Alumni Organizations**

The sixth annual report of the president and treasurer of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has been issued. Part I of the report of the president, Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, is devoted to the business of the year. The total expenditures for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1911, were \$580,443.21, of which \$526,879 was paid in retiring allowances and pensions. The treasurer reports that the total in-

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come for the year was \$590,449.54, and that the amount of the fund on September 30, 1911, was \$12,123,846.78. The president has been authorized by the executive committee of the trustees to engage a skilled actuary to make an estimate from newly gathered data of the load likely to come upon the income of the Foundation in the future from the institutions now upon the accepted list.

Part II of the president's report is devoted to educational progress and tendencies from a national point of view. Under the head "The Development of an Effective Board of Government," the report says:

Our American colleges are unique among educational institutions in being governed by boards of laymen presided over, as a rule, by the president of the institution. On the whole, the plan of a lay board has not worked badly in the better American institutions, but in the rapid development of the last few decades little consideration has been given to three important matters that ought to be settled in the constitution of such boards, namely: (1) the form and size of the board; (2) the nature of the duties of its members; and (3) the type of man suited for membership. \* \* \* A board small enough to limit the responsibility and to be efficient, but appointed for terms of considerable length, so that the change in the composition of the board will be gradual, is on the whole the most effective form of governing board. The college authorities that have been interested in this matter have been singularly blind to one result of their own actions. The reason for bringing a large number of men into a college board of trustees is to be found nearly always in the wish to honor some man in the hope of ultimate help from him in one form or another. The authorities who take such action, however, seldom stop to think that when a very large board is created, membership in it ceases to be such an honor.

The grounds upon which appointments are made are various. \* \* \* A minority are chosen on the ground that they are educated college men of good judgment, ready to give time and thought to the work of the college, which last is of course the only true ground upon which a college trustee ought to be chosen.

The lay board of trustees has unquestionably come to stay. For many reasons this arrangement seems wise. Certainly, a board of educational experts would not be likely to succeed better. On the whole, it seems best to leave the educational side of the institution to be managed by the president and the faculty under such conditions and terms as the board of trustees may designate, but to choose

as a trustee the educated man of affairs, of sound judgment, who has had a college life, and who is ready to give serious thought to educational matters. The time has now come when it ought to be possible for most colleges to secure educated men upon their boards. \* \* In no other direction will the college find truer advancement than in a reform of the current impression that any sort of board, however large, however ill-assorted, however unfitted, can govern a college.

Of the influence of organized alumni of American colleges the report says:

The whole question of the influence of organized alumni upon the colleges is a new problem. It is plain from the history of the past few years that such organizations are capable both of good and of harm. \* \* The more conservative advocates of alumni participation in college government go no further than to suggest the presence of a limited proportion of alumni on the college board of trustees, these alumni to be chosen, however, by the alumni association, not by the college trustees. \* \* \*

More than all this, we need in this matter a reform in our conception of alumni loyalty. Our alumni associations have been hitherto almost wholly what promoters in the west call "booster clubs." There has been no essential difference between the two. If college alumni influence is to make for a better form of college, then college loyalty must take on somewhat more of real devotion to the cause of education and the intellectual life, and a relatively smaller devotion to the promotion of successful athletics, or other forms of college aggrandizement.

### Alumni Baseball

On the committee to arrange for a baseball game between alumni teams on Alumni Day, Wednesday, June 12, C. V. P. Young '99 has associated with himself Charles H. Blair '98 and Woodford Patterson '95. The committee intends to have a good game and means, if possible, to give every old varsity player who returns to Ithaca a chance to get into it. Just how the two teams will be chosen has not yet been determined. In the meantime the committee wants to know what men can be counted on, and requests that former baseball players who expect to be in Ithaca on June 12 will inform the ALUMNI NEWS.

President Schurman is attending the Republican State Convention in Rochester.

## Athletics

### Rowing

A snowstorm failed to interrupt crew practice on the Inlet early last week, and on Friday and Saturday the temperature rose to 70 degrees and the weather was ideal for rowing. Saturday afternoon three of the varsity combinations—one of them in a gig—rowed to Crowbar and back for the first time this season. There were some large cakes of ice still floating off the lighthouse, but Mr. Courtney went ahead in the launch and picked a path through them to the west shore, where the water was clear of ice. During the spring vacation practice has been held morning and afternoon. Nine combinations—five varsity and four freshman—have been on the water every day. On Monday of this week the weather had turned cold again and there was so much wind that the crews did not go out in the morning.

Bowen, the varsity stroke, is still in the Infirmary. Bates has returned to his seat at No. 2 in the first eight. Bowen's continued absence is a severe setback to the work, and there is no telling when he will be able to resume his place in the shell.

There are now at the training table (corner of Eddy and State Streets) all the members of the first and second varsity combinations, mainly members of last year's varsity and freshman eights. Distler is stroking the first varsity, and Spransy, of last year's freshmen, is at No. 6. The first two combinations are rowing as follows:

Bow, C. H. Elliott '13; 2, E. S. Bates '13; 3, B. A. Lum '13; 4, W. O. Kruse '12; 5, G. B. Wakeley '12; 6, B. C. Spransy '14; 7, C. B. Ferguson '12; stroke, W. G. Distler '12; coxswain, C. F. Merz '12.

Bow, Lawrence Eddy '14; 2, R. C. Reeve '13; 3, D. M. Larowe '14; 4, H. D. Hyland '14; 5, C. B. Johnston '14; 6, Fraser Sullivan '14; 7, Leslie Chapman '14; stroke, E. H. Dole '13; coxswain, Ward Kremer '13.

### Lacrosse

After suffering a 5 to 2 defeat at the hands of Swarthmore at Philadelphia on Friday, the lacrosse team went to Baltimore and succeeded on Saturday in holding the champion Johns Hopkins team to a tie score.

Though an extra five minute period was added the game ended with two goals scored by each team. Cornell owed its success in holding down Hopkins to the excellence of its infield, a department in which Hopkins, playing several green men, was weak. Hamilton, the Cornell goal tender, stopped a number of dangerous shots and helped materially in averting defeat.

The Cornell team: Goal, G. H. Hamilton; point, F. A. Bond (captain); cover point, B. A. Etler; first defence, P. A. Franklin; second defence, H. A. Mossman; third defence, G. T. Ashton; center, F. B. Gridley; third attack, G. L. Nickerson; second attack, W. B. Herendeen; first attack, A. L. Dean, jr.; outside home, J. A. Kerr; inside home, W. L. Proctor.

Following is the schedule for the rest of the season:

April 27—Crescent A. C. at Bay Ridge.

May 4—Hobart at Geneva.

May 11—Rochester Lacrosse Club at Ithaca.

May 28—Harvard at Cambridge (league game).

May 25—Hobart at Ithaca (league game).

### Football

A contract was signed this week between the Athletic Association and Daniel A. Reed '98 under which Reed will serve as a football coach next fall. Reed will coach the line men.

### Baseball

In its first two games on the southern trip the nine did not do very well. This may have been partly due to a sudden change of climate and the lack of previous outdoor practice. The team went from midwinter temperature in Ithaca to an almost summer climate in Washington.

Thursday morning, April 4, the nine had its first outdoor practice of the season, using the Georgetown University field. On Friday afternoon it met Yale and was defeated by a score of 4 to 1. The Cornell battery was Nisbet and Schirick. The Yale batters found Nisbet for several hits in the early part of the game, and Nisbet's backing was rather erratic. He tightened up after the third inning and his support also improved as the game progressed. Only two hits were made off Brinsmade,

the Yale pitcher, the only clean one coming in the first inning and driving in Cornell's only run.

On Saturday the nine played a ragged game against the Washington team of the American League, the score being 14 to 2 in Washington's favor. Hightower pitched most of the game, being succeeded by Edlund in the seventh inning, and Abbott was the catcher. The fielding was marred by many errors. Only three scattered hits were made off the Washington pitchers.

In both games Captain Clute covered first base, Bills was on second, Isett at shortstop and Keller on third. Gordon was in right field, O'Connor in center and Butler in left.

This week games were to be played with the Baltimore team of the Eastern League, Virginia and Georgetown.

The regular schedule follows:

April 13, Lehigh.

April 17, Niagara.

April 20, Rochester.

April 24, Lafayette.

April 27, Princeton.

May 1, Colgate.

May 4, Dartmouth.

May 7, Brown.

May 11, Princeton at Princeton.

May 14, Penn State.

May 16, Dartmouth at Hanover.

May 17, Vermont at Burlington.

May 18, Columbia at New York.

May 25, Yale.

May 30, Columbia.

June 1, Pennsylvania.

June 11, Alumni.

June 13, Williams at Williamstown.

June 14, Brown at Providence.

June 15, Yale at New Haven.

June 17, Pennsylvania (place undecided).

June 19, Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

### Fencing

Cornell's fencing team finished third in the intercollegiate tournament, which was held at the Hotel Astor in New York City last Saturday afternoon and evening. The West Point team won the championship with 41 bouts won and 4 lost; Annapolis was second with 29 victories and 16 defeats. Cornell's score was very close to the Navy's—28 bouts won and 17 lost. Harvard won 17 bouts, Columbia 11 and Pennsylvania 9. Yale and Princeton were eliminated in the preliminary series held two weeks ago.

Cornell's team was composed of R. L. James, of Ossining, who won

10 of his fifteen bouts; F. B. O'Connor, of Flushing, and H. W. Sibert, of Gatun, Canal Zone, who won 9 each. None of these men had previously taken part in an intercollegiate meet. James and O'Connor are juniors and Sibert is a sophomore.

Harold M. Raynor, of West Point, won the individual championship. He was undefeated in any bout. M. W. Larimer, of Annapolis, was a close second. These two men were tied when they met and the bout between them was hard fought, three ties being declared before the Army man got the decision.

One of the directors of the tournament was William L. Bowman '04, of the New York Athletic Club, and one of the judges was D. G. Roos '11, the individual champion of last year.

### Association Football

The association football team played two games during the vacation. On Wednesday, April 3, at Cambridge, it was defeated by Harvard, 6 to 0, and on Thursday Columbia vanquished it by a score of 2 to 0.

Harvard had the match well in hand from the start, scoring two goals in the first half and four in the second. Cornell seldom had the ball near the Harvard goal.

At South Field the turf was in such excellent condition that it really handicapped the Cornell players at the start, accustomed as they were to the mud of Ithaca. Columbia scored both its goals in the first fifteen minutes of play, but after that Cornell's defence stiffened.

The Cornell team was: Left outside, Stanwood Dodge; left inside, E. N. Hay; center, R. W. Davis; right inside, Harry Sonnenfeld; right outside, H. J. Tillou; left half, D. W. Townsend; center half, N. D. Steve; right half, J. C. Otis; left full, R. T. Cotton; right full, Carlos Collado; goal, John Atkinson; substitute, H. A. R. Austin.

### The Golf Schedule

May 4—Penn at Ithaca.

May 11—Williams at Albany.

May 17—Columbia at New York.

May 18—Princeton at Princeton.

May 25—Open.

The Rifle Club is holding its annual match this week.

## Alumni Notes

'90, G.—Recataloguing of the libraries of the University of Chicago is being done under the direction of James C. M. Hanson, who went to the university from the Library of Congress. The scheme of classification prepared and used by the Library of Congress is to be used at Chicago. It is expected that the Harper Memorial Library will be ready for occupancy in the spring.

'93, M. S.—President Ernest Fox Nichols of Dartmouth College has been made one of the advisory board of editors of the *Physical Review*.

'97, M. C. E.—E. J. McCaustland, formerly assistant professor in the College of Civil Engineering and now professor of municipal engineering in the State University of Washington, has been appointed a member of the state board of health. He has for three years acted as consulting sanitary engineer to the board.

'00, Ph. B.—Gardiner S. Dresser, of the New York Stock Exchange house of John Muir & Co., has an article in *Leslie's Weekly* of April 4 entitled "How to Win in Wall Street." Dresser's article is more conservative than the title indicates. It is a review of stock market changes for some years past, concluding with the advice to would-be speculators to "be content with an investment, but take a speculative profit."

'03, A. B.—Maida Rossiter, reference librarian in the Stanford University library, has been appointed head librarian of Reed College, a new institution just founded at Portland, Oregon. She will take up her new duties at the beginning of the next academic year.

'03, M. E.—H. C. Beckwith, of Duluth, Minn., will be located in Portland, Oregon, after April 20, where he will open an office and warehouse for the Contractors Equipment Company of Seattle. This office will also handle the Pacific Coast logging machinery business for the Clyde Iron Works of Duluth.

'04, M. E.—Ira S. Barth's present address is Main Court Hotel, Westminster, Maryland.

'04, M. E.—First Lieutenant Samuel H. McLeary, Coast Artillery

Corps, U. S. A., has just returned from a leave of absence spent in Porto Rico. His present address is Fort Hunt, Virginia.

'05, A. B.—Andrew White Newberry has changed his address from Ocampo, Chihuahua, Mexico, to Isabella, Kern County, Cal., where he holds the position of assistant general superintendent of the Mammoth Mountain Mining Company. His change of address and occupation is due to the closing down of the Sierra Mining Company's property at Ocampo. The shut-down was brought about by the revolutionary troubles affecting the Republic of Mexico and not by any failure of the property itself to come up to expectations. All railway communication with Chihuahua and El Paso was cut off early in February, making it impossible to get in mail or supplies. About March 5 a warning was received from the American consul general in the City of Mexico to the effect that all Americans should leave the State of Chihuahua without delay. In compliance with this and with orders from the home office in Duluth, the mines were closed on March 10. On the following day the entire force of

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'05, A. B.—Mr. and Mrs. B. Campfield Leonard, of Syracuse, N. Y., announce the birth of a son, Jerome Campfield, on March 26.

'05, A. B.—The engagement is announced of Miss Elizabeth Nichols, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Edward L. Nichols, to Professor Montgomery Throop of St. John's College, Shanghai, China. Professor Throop is a graduate of Yale College.

'06, A. B.—Curt B. Mueller, patent attorney, announces a new location for the practice of his profession, 408-9 Park Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

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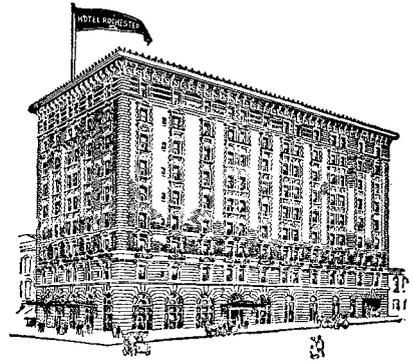
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has recently purchased a farm in Northern Virginia which he will operate as a stock farm. His address is Warrenton, Fauquier County, Virginia, R. F. D. 3.

'08, M. E.—Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dods, of Chicago, announce the birth of a son, John Bruce Dods, on April 3.

'08, B. S. A.—A daughter, Mary Anna, was born on March 31 to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Gracy, 63 Brookfield Road, Upper Montclair, N. J.

'11, A. B.—Melita H. Skillen is teaching in the high school at Olean.

**Obituary**

**P. W. Reid '10**

Information has been received in Ithaca of the death of Paul Walker Reid, M. E., '10, in October, 1911, at Manaos, Brazil, after an illness of three days of yellow fever. Reid was employed by the Madeira & Mamore Railway Company. He was a graduate of the University of Oregon and was a student in Sibley College for one year.

**Frederick J. Marsh**

Frederick J. Marsh died at his home in Ithaca last Thursday, after a long illness, at the age of 77 years. For many years Mr. Marsh was the agent of the Society for the Prevention of Crime. He was the father of Miss Lucy Marsh, the singer.

**Professor Finch's Funeral**

The funeral of Professor William A. Finch was held last Wednesday morning at St. John's Church. The honorary pall bearers were Jared T. Newman, Dean Irvine, Dean Merritt, Professor Woodruff, Professor Gill and Morris S. Halliday. The active bearers were six undergraduate members of the Delta Chi fraternity. The burial was in the city cemetery.

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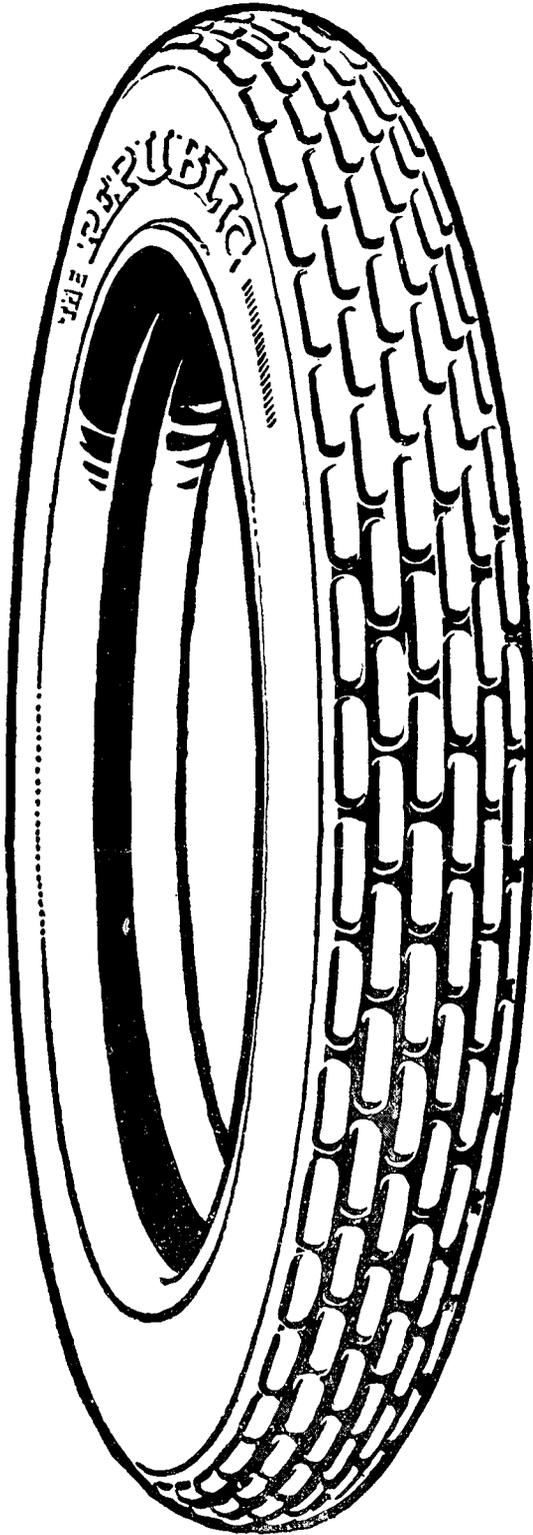
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