

# CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS



Trustees adopt a new plan of government for the College of Agriculture—Faculty votes to hold Commencement a week earlier—What shall be done about the Alumni Reunion?—Graduates meet and talk over the football situation—Letters from the Alumni—Reports from Cornell Clubs



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A PLAN has been approved by the Faculty to establish a Central Record Office. The purpose is to provide adequate facilities for furnishing information about the standing of students to parents, fraternities, the athletic councils and other student and University organizations. The Faculty has recommended to the Trustees that a central office be established for the collection and distribution of student records, at least three times per semester, preliminary to the final term records. Such facilities are needed by the various student organizations, and by one college or department with respect to students registered in another department.

The Northern Nut Growers' Association, of which Dr. Robert T. Morris '80, of New York, is president, held its second annual meeting at the College of Agriculture last week. The association met here on the invitation of Professor John Craig, chairman of the executive committee. More than twenty of the leading growers of the country were present. Addresses were made by Professor G. R. Lake and Professor A. C. Reed, of the United States Department of Agriculture; Professor L. A. Collins, of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; W. N. Roper, editor of the *American Nut and Fruit Journal*; T. W. Littlepage, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. Morris.

An entertainment for the benefit of the Sports and Pastimes Association, the athletic organization of Sage College, was held in the Armory Saturday evening. Members of the University Musical Clubs assisted.

The American Historical Association will be the guest of the University on Saturday, December 30. The convention of the association is to be held in Buffalo on December 27, 28, and 29, and on the morning of December 30 the delegates will come to

Ithaca on a special train. Here they will be entertained at luncheon in Sage College, will hold an afternoon meeting in Goldwin Smith Hall, and will attend a reception given by Andrew D. White, the first president of the association.

The only faculty appointment made by the Board of Trustees at its meeting in New York Saturday was in the College of Agriculture, Professor E. G. Montgomery of Nebraska University being appointed professor of farm crops.

There are now thirty-eight undergraduate chapters in the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, an increase of twenty-seven since the beginning of the academic year 1910-11. The third annual convention of the Society will be held in New York on December 28 and 29. The society's headquarters is at 105 West Fortieth Street.

It is announced that the Brooklyn Cooperage Company has decided to contest to the last its claim of \$1,200,000 damages from the State of New York for alleged breach of contract. It will appeal to the Court of Appeals from a recent decision of the Appellate Division affirming a judgment of Justice Chester. This judgment found that the State was the owner of the "College Forest," in Franklin County, and forbade Cornell University and the cooperage company from cutting on, or removing any timber from it.

Dr. Veranus A. Moore '87, director of the New York State Veterinary College, has been elected Foreign Correspondent of the Central Society of Veterinary Medicine of Paris in recognition of his scientific investigations.

Siam, China, Japan, Germany, Italy, Argentina, Brazil, the Philippines and the United States contributed dishes for the annual international banquet of the Cosmopolitan

Club last week. Professor Norris was the toastmaster. Professor Charles DeGarmo spoke on "Education as a Unifier." K. Y. Char '12 spoke on "Present Conditions in China," and J. S. Fassett '12 contributed several stories.

President Schurman spoke at the People's Forum, New Rochelle, Sunday afternoon, on "Current Unrest and Proposed Remedies." He gave a concise review of most of the larger issues of present national politics.

Professor A. C. Phelps represented the College of Architecture at a meeting of delegates of the leading schools of architecture, held in New York last week to revise the rules for intercollegiate competition in architectural design.

Arrangements are being made to hold the annual banquet of the Ithaca section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in Sibley Dome on January 10. D. S. Cole of West Lafayette, Indiana, is chairman of the committee.

A dual chess match with Hamilton College last week resulted in an easy victory for Cornell. The Cornell team was composed of F. K. Perkins '12, Earl Simonson '12, A. C. Ehrlich '14 and N. S. Perkins '14. Hamilton was represented by C. S. Adams, W. J. DuBourdieu, Charles Dayton and R. T. Clapp. Two rounds were played and the Cornell men won all eight matches.

The gymnasium was closed one day last week for repairs to the mezzanine floor, which had sagged about three inches. The sagging is attributed to vibration caused by running in step on the circular track.

At the annual meeting of the Central New York Student Volunteer Association, held at Auburn recently, it was voted to hold the meeting next fall at Cornell. This University had the largest delegation at the Auburn meeting.

## Special Council for Agriculture.

### Trustees Enact Bailey's Plan—Director to Prolong His Stay.

A new plan for the administration of the College of Agriculture has been enacted by the University Board of Trustees. It will go into effect on January 1, 1912. After that day the management of the college will be subject to the general supervision and control of the full Board of Trustees, and the immediate supervision, instead of being in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Board, as now, will be entrusted to a special committee of eleven persons to be known as the Agricultural College Council.

This Council is to be composed of the five Trustees appointed by the Governor; the President of the University; the Trustee elected by the State Grange; the State Commissioner of Agriculture and the president of the State Agricultural Society, both *ex-officio* members of the Board; and two Trustees to be selected by the Board itself, one of whom is to be an Alumnus Trustee. The Director of the College of Agriculture and the Treasurer of the University, although not members of this Council, are expected to be present at its meetings and to take part in its deliberations. It is to hold four regular meetings a year and as many special meetings as it may think necessary. When practicable, one of its regular meetings is to be held at the same place as, and as short a time as possible before, each of the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees.

#### BAILEY WILL STAY A WHILE.

After the meeting Director Bailey told the Trustees that he would remain at the head of the college long enough to put the new plan in substantial operation. He said that the plan was so largely of his own suggestion that he felt himself under obligation to see it fairly started. He has not withdrawn his resignation, and he did not undertake to say just how long he would stay. But he will not retire until the new system is tried out and in working order.

In the enactment creating the Council, its powers and duties are defined as follows:

"Said Council shall have the follow-

ing powers and duties and those naturally incident thereto:

"It shall have charge of presenting to the Legislature the needs of the college and of securing such appropriations as the State may deem proper to make. Said moneys when appropriated shall be drawn from the State by the Treasurer of the University as provided by law and be carried on the books of the University and be disbursed by the Treasurer thereof.

"It shall prepare each year a budget or detailed statement of the moneys to be expended in carrying on the work of said college during the then ensuing year, which budget, however, shall not become effective unless and until approved by the Board of Trustees.

"It shall provide for sufficiently and properly auditing all disbursements made in behalf of said college, all vouchers therefor being filed with the Treasurer of the University.

"It shall fix the time and place for holding its meetings and the manner and time of calling the same.

"All professors and assistant professors in said college to be elected after the passage of this statute shall be nominated by the Director to the Council after advising with the President of the University, and if approved by the President of the University and said body, the nomination shall be presented by the President of the University to the Board of Trustees for action, confirmation in case of professors being by ballot.

"All other persons engaged in carrying on the work in the said college whether of instruction or otherwise shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Director, except that said Council may make such regulations as it deems proper, conferring upon the director the power to make ad interim appointments of any of the persons designated in this clause.

"But neither the Council nor the Director shall have the power without the consent of the Board of Trustees either in the respects above mentioned or otherwise, to incur lia-

bilities or expenses in excess of the amount appropriated.

"Said Council shall appoint a committee of four members which shall include the President of the University and the chairman of the Building Committee of the University, which, subject to the approval of said Council, and of the Board of Trustees, shall have charge of the location and construction of buildings to be erected for the purpose of said State College. The Director of said college and the Treasurer of the University shall be expected to be present at the meetings of said committee and take part in its deliberations.

"Said Council shall have the right to designate at least one member of the University Committee on Grounds.

"The Board of Trustees reserves the right to at any time alter, amend or repeal the foregoing or any part thereof."

The Board elected Willard Beahan '78, of Cleveland, and John H. Barr '89, of New York, to be members of the Council as provided in the statute. Both these men are alumni trustees. Besides them, the members of the Council will be Thomas B. Wilson, of Hall; Henry W. Sackett '75, of New York; Frederick C. Stevens '79, of Attica; John N. Carlisle, of Watertown; Frank H. Miller, of New York; President Schurman; William F. Pratt, of Batavia; and Raymond A. Pearson '94, of Albany. Two of the *ex-officio* memberships are combined in the person of Mr. Pearson.

#### BAILEY'S RECOMMENDATION.

The report of Dean Bailey to the Board of Trustees contained the following passage material to the government of the College of Agriculture:

"To my mind the solution of the problem is one of great simplicity, and it all lies with the University itself. It is merely this: All state work at Cornell should comprise one administrative unit. The Trustees appointed by the Governor with probably those representing popular interests, or others, and the President of the University, should constitute

a small council or committee to have charge of the state enterprises, reporting to the full Board, and meeting at stated times (say four times a year) of its own right and with the attendance of the Director of the given state work. This council should audit the accounts of the state moneys. The *ad interim* business of the College of Agriculture should be

carried on by the Director of the College, with the advice of the President of the University."

The committee appointed by the Board of Trustees to confer with Dean Bailey concerning his recommendations held meetings which were attended by the Dean. As the result of these a hearty and unanimous agreement was reached by the com-

mittee and Dean Bailey as to the form of regulations to be adopted by the Board of Trustees for the future management of the College of Agriculture. The committee's report to the Board was, after a careful and painstaking consideration, unanimously adopted, with a few minor changes which did not affect the substance of the regulations.

## Commencement a Week Earlier.

### Faculty's Recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

At a regular meeting last week the University Faculty voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the date of Commencement be made approximately one week earlier than the day on which it falls in the present calendar. If this plan is approved, Commencement will be held on Thursday or Friday of the week in which the final term examinations close. It was also suggested that the Commencement exercises be held in the evening instead of the morning, in order to give more time for completing the records of candidates for degrees.

At its meeting Saturday the Board of Trustees referred the matter to a committee consisting of Herbert D. Mason '00, of New York; Charles E. Treman '89, of Ithaca, and Harry L. Taylor '88, of Buffalo. This committee is to consider the matter with especial regard to the effect of the proposed change on the alumni reunion. It will report to the Executive Committee of the Trustees, which has power to act.

In its report to the Faculty the Calendar Committee said:

"The request of the Seniors and Juniors of last year for a change in the date of Commencement eliminat-

ing the greater portion of the period between the end of Block Week and the present date of Commencement was referred to the Calendar Committee for a report as early as possible the present year. As regards this question, your committee unanimously recommends that the date of Commencement be made approximately one week earlier than called for in the present schedule, making it fall on Thursday or Friday of the week in which examinations close.

"The reasons advanced for an earlier Commencement are:

"(1). The very considerable expense demanded of nearly one thousand candidates for degrees for so long a period after all work of instruction has ended.

"(2). A desire of the Seniors that more undergraduates should be able to witness the final exercises and assist in the entertainment of Commencement visitors.

"(3). They maintain that such exercises are primarily for candidates for degrees and their friends and should be held at the earliest possible date and without the distractions of other University events during that period.

"The question of change of date for

Alumni Meetings and Reunions was also referred for consideration. It seems to the committee that the Faculty has no jurisdiction in the matter of placing Alumni Week or Alumni Day. So far as we can ascertain, there is a feeling on the part of many Alumni that Senior Week should belong to the Seniors and that it would be more desirable to have Alumni gatherings under conditions where the actual operation of the University could be inspected and with provision for their entertainment and information which cannot be provided under the present circumstances."

#### THREE DEGREE PERIODS.

It was voted by the Trustees on the recommendation of the Faculty that degrees should hereafter be granted not only at the end of the year in June but also at the end of the first term in the winter and also at the beginning of the college year in the fall. This action was taken to enable undergraduates who enter on advanced standing from other institutions to receive their degrees whenever they shall have completed their courses. The number of such students has considerably increased.

## A School on Wheels.

Extension schools are to be conducted in various parts of the state this winter by the College of Agriculture. Definite instruction will be given with special reference to the immediate locality. The schools are to be of from one to two weeks' duration. In the morning and afternoon there will be regular lessons and in the evening popular lectures. Two

schools have already been held. On January 8 one will start in Salamanca, Cattaraugus County, and the following week one will be conducted at Watertown.

The farm train will probably be discontinued this year, and its place taken by traveling schools. As a curiosity the farm train was a success, but it did very little permanent

good because its stops were for only about thirty minutes at each town. The traveling school will consist of coaches equipped with tables, charts and laboratory apparatus and will remain on a siding for a day or two at each station. The extension department expects to have one of them on the road this winter.

### Vacation Activities.

Many faculty members will spend a part of the Christmas vacation in Washington attending meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and allied organizations. From the physics department Professors Nichols, Merritt, Bedell and Shearer will attend the meetings of the American Physical Society.

Professors Comstock, Crosby, Herrick, Needham and Bradley and several instructors in the department of entomology will be in Washington. They will attend the meetings of the Society of Economic Entomologists and the Entomological Society of America. Professor Comstock will read a paper on "The Spider's Web" and Professor Herrick is on the program for a talk entitled, "Notes on the Control of Three Shade-Tree Pests."

At the meeting of the Society for Horticultural Science Professor John Craig will read a paper on "The Present Trend of Variety Investigation." Professor H. H. Whetzel will be in Washington attending the sessions of the Phytopathological Society of America and Professor Heinrich Ries will attend the sessions of the Geographical Society of America. The American Chemical Society is to meet in Washington Christmas week. Professor W. D. Bancroft is to read a paper on "Study of Environment" and another on "Physical Chemistry in the Introductory Course."

Professor Sutherland Simpson and Dr. Andrew Hunter of the Ithaca division of the Medical College will attend the meetings of the American Physiological Society and the Society of Biological Chemists in Baltimore the early part of the week and go on to Washington Friday. Professor Simpson has prepared papers on "Hibernation" and "The Growth and Curve of the Spine of the Dog." Dr. Hunter is to speak on "The Purine Metabolism of the Monkey."

The meetings of the American Mathematical Society, which will be held at Columbia during the vacation will be attended by Professor Arthur Ranum and Mr. L. L. Silverman from the mathematical department. Professor Ranum has as his subject "N-dimensional Spreads Generated by an Infinite Number of Flats." Mr.



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Silverman is to read a paper on "Divergent Series."

Professors Bennett and Jones of the Latin department will attend the annual meetings of the American Philological Association and the American Archaeological Institute at Pittsburgh.

Professor W. F. Willcox, Professor E. W. Kemmerer, Professor G. N. Lauman, Professor John Bauer, and most of the instructors of the economics division of the Department of History and Political Science will be in Washington during the recess attending the meetings of the American Economic Association. Professor Lauman will speak on "Rural Economy." Professor F. A. Fetter, now of Princeton, will lead a round table

discussion on "The Terminology of Economic Theory."

The annual meeting of the Modern Language Association will be held in Chicago this year under the auspices of the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. Papers by Professors Comfort, Northup, and Faust appear on the program, but will be read by title only.

Since the opening of the present term the members of the Sigma Nu fraternity have occupied their new home in Willard Avenue. The house has a fine situation on the bank of Fall Creek gorge just west of the residence of Professor Lucien A. Wait. Leon Stern '89, of Rochester, was the architect.



THE NEW POULTRY BUILDING.

# Athletics.

## Winter Sports.

Failure of the freezing plant at the Syracuse Arena made it necessary to give up the hockey game arranged between Cornell and Amherst for last Saturday. The Amherst team was on the way to Syracuse when the management of the rink cancelled the game. The Cornell team has not yet been on the ice. Negotiations are under way for games with Ottawa University at Syracuse on December 28, 29 and 30. Games with Yale are scheduled to be played at Syracuse on January 1, 2 and 3. The league season will begin on January 6 with the Columbia-Cornell game at Syracuse.

The intercollegiate championship basketball season will begin tomorrow when Cornell will play Princeton in the Armory. Coach Sternberg is trying to develop a dependable man for throwing baskets from fouls. In the Niagara game the varsity lost many points because of the lack of a man for this work.

In the intercollegiate basketball series last week Law defeated Veterinary, 28 to 12, and Arts defeated Civil Engineering 35 to 22. Law and Agriculture have each won one game; Veterinary, Arts and Civil Engineering have each won one and lost one; and Sibley and Architecture have each been defeated once.

Several promising wrestlers took part in the novice meet in the Armory Friday night. The heavyweight bout between S. C. Hale '12 and H. J. Seaman, jr., '14 took periods of nine and three minutes each before the referee gave the decision to Hale.

## Long Football Discussion.

Cornell men from all over the Eastern States met at the athletic office in North Tioga Street last Sunday afternoon and discussed the football situation. Perhaps they found the situation too big to be disposed of at one meeting, for they gave out no information after the session except that another meeting would be held as soon as might be, possibly in New York just before the Cornell dinner in February. Perhaps the absence of a quorum of the Alumni Football Advisory Committee, which had called the meeting, made it impossible to



CAPTAIN BUTLER.

take any definite action regarding the coaching and other questions that must be settled before next season.

Only two members of the Advisory Committee were present—E. R. Alexander '01, of Washington and D. A. Reed '98, of Dunkirk, with W. J. Norton '02, of Chicago, secretary. T. F. Fennell and Professor George Young of the football field committee were at the meeting; also Messrs. Kent and Gordon of the graduate manager's office; Professors Rowlee and E. P. Andrews; M. S. Halliday '06 and C. H. Watson '10; Willard Beahan '78, of Cleveland; ex-Captain Munk and Captain Butler, Manager Crounse and Assistant Manager Strahan. Several alumni associations were represented—Boston by Barrett Smith, Philadelphia by Hawley Taussig and H. A. Rogers, Pittsburgh by Walter Wing, New York by A. B. Lueder, Rochester by Philip Will and Elmira by Lewis Henry, and Syracuse by W. C. Brown '81.

The conference lasted from 2 o'clock in the afternoon till 9 o'clock in the evening—an indication that there was some discussion. It is understood that nothing was decided regarding the coaching for next season.

## Undergraduate Societies.

Semaphore, one of the societies of the College of Civil Engineering, has announced its membership roll for the year as follows: Faculty—Professor Crandall, Professor Seery, Assistant Professor Walker, C. M. Thiele, E. H. Taylor; seniors—B. W. Austin, H. V. Berry, Albert Clunan, jr., Carl Crandall, R. L. Elton, H. H. George, R. R. Graham, J. L. Green, Howard Gouinlock, E. J. Kelly, A. W. Krause, Edmund Lynch, P. L. Maher; juniors—A. W. Beale, A. B. Cozzens, J. W. McConnell, J. J. D. McCormick, Paul Macy, R. W. Parkhurst, F. S. Selby, H. H. Snyder, Henry Ten Hagen.

Alembic, the chemical society, has announced the following selections from the senior and junior classes: Seniors—N. R. Beagle, H. L. Beakes, A. S. Elsenbast, M. A. Gordon, G. E. Grant, A. M. Hart, C. M. Herrera, W. C. Hooey, R. T. Issett, R. P. Kennedy, G. D. Kratz, A. O. Mason, J. H. Montgomery, F. R. Newman, E. H. Rankin, C. C. Rose; juniors—E. H. Bunce, W. A. Bridgeman, C. M. Dennis, Richard Gibson, jr., M. C. Kneeland, H. G. McCoy, J. L. Osborne, W. M. Ralph, H. G. Sidebottom.

Mabrique, the Greater New York club, has completed its membership for the year as follows: S. E. Robb, Bruce Caldwell, Albert Clunan, jr., F. M. Coffin, A. H. Colcord, S. C. Finch, E. C. Gillespie, D. C. Kerr, W. R. Kuhn, D. D. Merrill, Chandler Montgomery, W. C. Mumford, jr., K. E. Pfeiffer, Leopold Tschirky, Richard Zeller, Tristan Antell, J. H. Barr, E. W. Butler, A. L. Dean, jr., P. A. Franklin, Percival Goan, L. H. Groser, Edward Haynes, Ward Kremer, C. A. Major, Granbery Miller, G. R. Rinke, J. C. J. Strahan, A. L. Stevenson, Howard Tilson, Hugo Zeller, G. C. Halsted, jr., H. C. Halsted, Linton Hart, P. G. Haviland, R. S. Howe, G. O. Kuhlke, G. M. Williamson.

Members of the Savage Club entertained in Sibley Dome Thursday evening for the benefit of Cornell athletics. A nautical ballad by L. A. Fuertes '97, a duet by T. C. Ulbricht '08 and J. S. Fassett '12, and dancing by H. V. Welles '13, were on the program. Adie K. Bell '11 gave his "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" act and other old favorites.



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On account of the University's Christmas vacation there will be no issue of the ALUMNI NEWS next week. Publication will be resumed with the issue of January 3.

A reader says: "The new cover design by André Smith is just what the NEWS has needed. Graceful, tasteful, original and distinctive, it is a real work of art, pleasing at first sight, and satisfying upon careful study."

Another critic writes: "Your last editorial squib on the football situation is a good one for publication where outside folks may get hold of it, but I'm afraid that the greater majority of alumni feel that Cornell has planted either a non-bearing type

of fruit tree or else a member of the *Citrus Limonum* variety in her football field."

For information about the various concerts on the Musical Clubs' tour, and the sale of seats, see the last advertising page of this number.

A conference of football men has been held without, it is reported, making any plans for next season. We are less disappointed than we should have been had the conference resulted in a plan. Before they are ready to approve a coaching system for 1912, alumni and undergraduates will want to know what the diagnosis is, and what relation the system to be put in force next season will bear to the malady with which the patient is groaning.

A tangle in the relations between the University and the College of Agriculture has been straightened out, an outgrown system of government has been discarded, the Director of the College will stay long enough to put the new system into operation, and nobody has any bad feeling.

Would it not be a good idea for each alumni association to take a vote at its next dinner, luncheon or smoker on the question: When shall the alumni reunion be held? This might give some idea of the general sentiment. The suggestion was made by A. C. Morgan '90 in a recent letter. Now that the Faculty has voted to change the date of Commencement, and the seniors have signified that they want that week for themselves, and the Trustees have appointed a committee to consider everybody's wishes in the matter, it is time for the alumni to come forward and say what they want.

There are those who argue that under the proposed arrangement for Commencement Day, assuming that that will be Thursday, the best time for the alumni to come back will be the Friday and Saturday immediately following. Would that be agreeable to the seniors, and would it suit a majority of the alumni? On the other hand, there is a strong feeling in favor of Navy Week. Is there a majority on that side? Or is there some other time better than either of

these? The three possible choices at present are (1) Commencement Week, (2) Navy Week, (3) some time other than Commencement Week or Navy Week. Probably Mr. H. D. Mason, the chairman of the committee, will be willing to act as teller if the votes are brief and to the point. His address is 27 William Street, New York City.

### Alumni Associations.

#### SEATTLE.

Thirty-three members attended the fall banquet of the Cornell Alumni Association of Seattle at the Savoy Hotel on November 25. A. S. Downey '96 was toastmaster. Among the speakers were Mark Odell '97, F. N. Kollock '97, George B. Kittinger '85, F. C. Perkins '01, J. D. Hull '03, and Carl M. Johanson '92. George F. Ward '78 sang some of the old songs and Ireland Davis '08 led in the choruses. Daniel B. Cook '74 gave an interesting account of the formation of the Tom Hughes Boat Club, the first boating organization at Cornell, which was formed at a meeting held in his room. He recounted incidents in the early history of the boat club, such as the encouragement given it by Ezra Cornell, Andrew D. White and Goldwin Smith, and the gift of a challenge cup by Thomas Hughes, in whose honor the club was named.

There were present at the dinner, besides those named: H. O. Slayton '90, F. P. Stevens '96, E. J. McCaustland '97, W. W. Hay '99, C. W. Coit '00, H. D. Folsom '01, A. S. Tenny '05, J. C. F. Shafer '05, W. E. Crosby '06, H. W. Rutherford '06, H. F. Schultz '06, R. D. Willetts '06, T. F. Crawford '06, G. A. Stanton '07, W. R. Van Buren '08, E. R. Williams '09, W. E. Day '10, C. E. Erickson '10, A. H. Fuller '12, L. T. Kittinger '12, G. W. White '12, Charles Thomsen '12, Professor E. G. Cox and Robert M. Hardinge.

#### NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.

At the annual meeting and dinner of the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey, held in Newark last week, these officers were elected: President, Charles E. Timmerman '92; vice-president, Fred S. Crum '93; secretary and treasurer, H. Ezra Eber-

hardt '08; members of executive board, Augustus Howe '75, E. L. Quackenbush '00, and Charles F. Landmesser '06. About forty members and guests were present. The club listened to two talks by members of the United States Life Saving Service, and Mr. Crum presented a hundred views of scenes in life saving work.

#### NORTHEASTERN PENN'A.

The Cornell Alumni Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania held an enthusiastic meeting in the Hotel Casey, Scranton, last Wednesday. It is intended to be the first of a series, to be held every month or six weeks during the winter.

After a discussion a resolution was adopted requesting The Masque to present its play "The Conspirators" in Scranton during its Easter trip.

Those present were: F. L. Brown '82, F. J. Platt '92, H. F. Cox '97, J. G. Sanderson '97, T. R. Williams '03, W. L. Acker '05, Robert Gardner '05, Gordon Taylor '05, H. S. Krauter '06, J. F. Mears '06, R. A. Amerman '07, W. L. Fuller '07, L. G. Sylvester '07, E. J. Kelley '08, Seth W. Shoemaker '08, J. M. Coughlin '08, Sydney Bevin '08, E. J. C. Fischer '08, D. L. Bassett '08, F. J. Coffin '08, A. W. Kuschke '08, W. G. Gridley '08, C. S. Dawson '09, Philip Mattes '10, Robert McClave '10, S. V. Wood '10, and Edgar Coursen '11.

#### PHILADELPHIA ALUMNAE.

The December meeting of the Cornell Alumnae Association of Philadelphia will be held at the home of Miss Emma Gertrude Kunze, 2215 Tioga Street, December 27, at 3 P. M. Any Cornell women in or about Philadelphia at that time will be cordially welcome. The meeting will be followed by an informal tea.

#### WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

The combined Cornell Musical Clubs are making final preparations for their annual holiday tour that will land them in Pittsburgh for their concert Christmas night at the Carnegie Music Hall. It is quite necessary that each alumnus within a reasonable distance of Pittsburgh make every effort not only to be at the concert himself, but to bring as many as possible. The concert coming on Christmas night, and the fact that other Glee Clubs will be in Pitts-

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#### CIVIL ENGINEERS.

The annual banquet of the Cornell Society of Civil Engineers will be held Friday, January 19, 1912, at 7 o'clock, at the Hotel Martinique, 56 West Thirty-third Street, New York. Among the speakers will be Director Haskell.

#### NEW YORK.

After selecting February 1 for the annual Cornell dinner in New York, the committee found that there were objections to that date, and the dinner may be held a little later. It is planned to give an oriental dinner. Alfred Sze '01, recently appointed Chinese Minister to the United States, is expected to arrive in this country in time for the dinner, and with him the committee hopes to entertain his entire suite. The Cosmopolitan Club has been invited to contribute an oriental feature to the occasion. Director Bailey has been invited to speak. The chairman of the committee is Henry P. Du Bois.

#### Trustees Present.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees Saturday was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The members present were: J. G. Schurman, R. A. Pearson, C. M. Tyler, C. E. Cornell, J. H. Barr, Willard Beahan, C. H. Blood, Geo. C. Boldt, J. N. Carlisle, James H. Edwards, William H. French, Frank H. Hiscock, Henry R. Ickelheimer, Herbert D. Mason, Frank H. Miller, Robert T. Morris, Jared T. Newman, Ira A. Place, W. F. Pratt, Henry W. Sackett, Albert H. Sewell, C. Sidney Shepard, Charles E. Treman, Robert H. Treman, Andrew D. White, Roger B. Williams, Thomas B. Wilson.

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## Letters from Alumni.

### Why Not in May?

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni*

*News:* The interesting discussion which you have called forth on the alumni reunion and the season to which it is best suited comes none too soon to make possible for this year the correction of the most glaring incongruity on the University calendar. A more hopeless farce than the present Cornell alumni reunion is not to be imagined, and the fact that some ten thousand full-grown graduates have allowed themselves to be identified with such a function is a credit exclusively to their long suffering patience with anything that bears the name "Cornellian." Being one of the suffering flock I hesitate to clothe this thought in its inverse meaning: that Cornell alumni are so indifferent to the University's needs that they prefer to condone a glaring fault to exerting themselves in an attempt to correct it.

Class secretaries, two score in number, during eight months of the year spend much money and more time in dispatching fervent appeals to their eager classmates, that none may fail to attend the greatest of all pageants—the coming class reunion. In red and white and green come these appeals; in poetry and in prose; worded with an assurance of success commensurate with a Mexican mining prospectus.

"Come with all your bells on, boys."

"Your friends will all be there to greet you."

"The class will have a band of its own and carriages for every member."

"Be a boy again; forget your business troubles."

And what is the result?

The Alumnus arrives in town, seeks his shelter unassisted, usually finding his old haunts filled with strangers instead of friends. He walks the streets for hours with eyes peeled for a comrade, but in vain. At last, away off in the distance, he espies John, a classmate. They rush into each other's arms and exclaim:

"Isn't this a wonderful reunion? But where is Tom?"

"Oh! he didn't come, the kid had

the measles. And Tad? He preferred to see the Giants play the Phillies. But Roge said he would surely be here. They are having an aviation meet out in Chicago, and he thought at the last minute that he wouldn't."

And so it goes down the long list.

"Well, what shall we do, John?"

"Oh! let's get a drink."

Well, wouldn't you do the same?

To be sure there is a parade, and an alumni baseball game, and just lots of meetings. In the parade you act the clown for the edification of the inhabitants of Ithaca; at the ball game you try to be funny, but can't, and at the meetings you sink into peaceful slumber until train time, when the southbound limited over the Lackawanna switchback jars you out of your dream of what might have been into the chilly reality of every day life.

No, gentlemen of the Board of Trustees, we must have something for our pains—just a little something. Ithaca is too far away to go there because you want to buy a postage stamp. We must be attracted by something real. And what a splendid chance you have! No university community in the country affords a more profuse array of entertainment at any time of the year than does Cornell during the last week in May. Baseball games, crew races, track meets, concerts, plays, dances, house parties—all at a time of the year when the weather is uniformly good and Nature holds forth her most brilliant welcome. And, besides, it is a holiday time. Memorial Day—the day on which short journeys into the country are in vogue—this day will, as a rule, come within reach of the week-end, when the big athletic events take place. What college man ever had such inducements? Have Spring Day then too, if you like, and let the alumni frolic with the undergraduates.

When everybody is a fool nobody is the wiser, and you are acting for the amusement of yourself and your friends, and not for the edification of a curious crowd of onlookers. And how the coffers of the Athletic Association would fill! Think that over by itself. Possibly we might ask

Pennsylvania to play football in Ithaca after that.

It is unnecessary to mention the splendors of Ithaca and its surroundings at this time of the year—the canoeing, walks and drives, and informal events which would be the natural outcome of such a program.

But the objections! An act of the Legislature is necessary to change the date of the Alumni Association's meeting. If there is any Cornellian who thinks it is more difficult to get such an act through at Albany than it is to get half his class back for a reunion, I will take the task on a wager.

Then, again, tradition is against the change. Has tradition ever worried us much at Cornell when we had to choose between tradition and real betterment?

It is also timidly interposed that "there is really too much provided in the way of attractions on Navy Day." Shall I answer that? No; I couldn't; it's too easy.

The only serious difficulty which might arise is the proper accommodation of the throngs of alumni who would undoubtedly be attracted to such a mecca of pleasure and rejuvenation, but by the time the throng becomes unmanageable the alumni will have realized the necessity for those long-desired dormitories, and have them built.

If the powers which have in their control the readjustment of reunion week wish to keep alive in the hearts of the alumni that love for Cornell with which they left the campus, let them see to it that no time is lost in uniting Reunion Week and Navy Week.

HENRY P. DUBOIS.

New York, December 12.

### Spirit Lacking.

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:* Once again we witnessed the last sad rites of the Big Red Team on Franklin Field last Thursday, and once again we were called upon to answer the same old question, "What's the matter with Cornell football?" For the last ten years I have been present for this Thanksgiving Day game, first as a substitute, then as a player and lastly as an alumnus. I have followed Cornell football closely and observed all sides from an absolutely impartial view point, not being on either side of the so-called football factions.

While in college and while on the football squad there was one fault in the Cornell camp which continually drove itself home to me, and which has been most evident in every team since then. The 1906 team showed more spirit than any of the rest, and was the best team Cornell has had in years, but their spirit was not all that could be wished for, by any means. Cornell football alumni such as Dan Reed and the assistants he had in Ithaca this fall know as much about football as any other combination of alumni coaches which can be gathered by any of the universities or colleges on our schedule.

Cornell has never had a championship team, and very few winning teams. In the last fifteen years you could count such teams on less than the five fingers of one hand. Cornell therefore has no football prestige to drill into her men.

The one point which is mentioned above, and which is the basis of all team development in any sport, is *spirit*—the real *do or die* football spirit which makes Princeton win the football championship with apparently an inferior team, which wins the Thanksgiving game for Penn each year, and which makes Cornell the champion of crew and cross-country races. It is a hard thing to say of Cornell, and I only say it here in the hope that seed will be sown which will develop the desired result. In the ten years of my personal experience with Cornell teams, I have yet to see the team which had the spirit of fighting to the last drop—of fighting till they had to be carried off the field exhausted.

The football coaches can train the team in their plays and the fundamental principles of the game, and Jack Moakley has demonstrated many times his ability to condition men for a game, but without this football prestige they cannot develop a *fighting* team. Cornell undergraduates must develop this spirit in the team. They must develop a spirit which with defeat in a game will mean shame for every member of the team. After this last discouraging game I actually saw members of the Cornell team, fifteen minutes after the game, rollicking around, laughing and showing by their actions the spirit or lack of spirit they must have had in their attempt to beat Pennsylvania. This is no new observation, and was no surprise when noted this year. Why, after such an exhibition as Cornell put up on Thursday, every man on that team ought to have sneaked home to Ithaca and gone into seclusion for a month! They did not, of course, for such an action could only be taken by a team who had fought as a unit to the last blow of the whistle, and fought to the limit of their endurance.

Again let me bring the following points to your attention:

(1). Cornell has as good football

knowledge among her alumni as any university on her schedule.

(2). Cornell has no football prestige.

(3). With no prestige one can hardly expect the proper spirit.

(4). It is up to the undergraduates to develop this spirit by shaming every man on a Cornell team which accepts a defeat in the way the Cornell team did the Chicago and Penn games of this year.

J. E. FORGY '06.

Wilmington, Dec. 7.

### "Why Don't We Win?"

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:* I went to see the Penn-Cornell game last Thursday. We were licked again. All the dope pointed to a Cornell victory, still we were licked. Why is it? Surely we have the material for a good team. There were lots of wonderful individual plays in the Thanksgiving game. Surely Jack Moakley knows how to train the men—he has proven this many times. Surely we have enough coaches to tell the men how to play the game. Then why don't we win?

While in Philadelphia I overheard the following remarks: That more than once Jack Moakley has stated that a man was not in condition to play on a certain day and the coaches overruled him, making the man play so as not to break up a combination; that Jack Moakley's opinion was not considered as much as it should have been as regards his duties as trainer; that there were so many coaches, all with seemingly equal authority, that some of the men became bewildered by the number of different styles of play they attempted to learn; and that a coach has been seen down town on several nights in succession having a "party" in the cafés.

Wednesday afternoon the Pennsylvania undergraduates, three thousand of them, gathered at Franklin Field. They had speeches, songs and yells. They informed the Red and Blue team by their earnestness, that, to a man, they were behind it and surely expected to win on the following day. Now we have mass meetings at Ithaca. But are they spontaneous and from the heart? From experience I can say, not altogether so.

We have professional coaches in other branches of sport at Ithaca and last year I noticed that Cornell won five championships. Why can't we get a professional to do the same thing for the football team? It seems to me that our graduate coaches have had enough chances to make good and have failed.

Last year there was a half-hearted argument of Outside Professional vs. Graduate Coach. This year I hope the Athletic Council can decide the question and football at Cornell show a long-hoped-for turn for the better.

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burg of the United Gas Improvement  
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New York Shipbuilding Company,  
and F. A. Cleveland of Bryn Mawr  
College dined together in Philadel-  
phia on December 15.'00, M. E.—Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Mc-  
Adam announce the birth of a daugh-  
ter, Lydia Gilpin, on November 10.'01—M. R. Faville is practicing  
medicine in Augusta, Ga., with offices  
at 21-22-23 Miller-Walker Building.  
His practice is limited to eye, ear,  
nose and throat. He is a graduate  
of the medical school of the Univer-  
sity of Virginia.'03—C. Parker Holt has changed  
his address to Balboa Building, San  
Francisco, Cal. He is a manufac-  
turer.'03, A. B.—Jacob G. Smith is prac-  
tising law in Syracuse. His address  
is 405 Emerson Avenue.'04, M. E.—Samuel H. McLeary,  
first lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps,  
U. S. A., is at present on leave of  
absence for three months. His ad-  
dress is San Juan, Porto Rico.'04, M. E.—Mr. and Mrs. John  
Griest announce the marriage of  
their niece, Anna Mae Birdsall, to  
Clarence Smith Adams, on December  
6, at Pasadena, Cal. Mr. and Mrs.  
Adams will be at home after January  
6 at 915 Ninth Street, Douglas, Ari-  
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'05, A. B.; '06, C. E.—F. W. Scheidhelm, chief engineer for the Pittsburgh Hydro-Electric Company, is now located at Connellsville, Pa.

'05, C. E.—H. F. Porter's present address is Sheboygan, Mich.

'06, M. E.—Leon C. Welch has been appointed division superintendent for the Buckeye Pipe Line Company, Cygnet Division, and is to have offices at Room 519, Rockefeller Building, Cleveland, Ohio, after December 15.

'06, B. S. A.—P. L. Lyford is a forest engineer and his address is 206 Board of Trade, Montreal, Canada.

'06, M. E.—Charles DeVed has severed his connection with the Northern Equipment Company of Chicago and has opened an office in New York for the sale of boiler accessories and supplies. His address is 1119 Tribune Building, New York.

'07, M. E.—Norman M. MacLeod is with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and is now engineer in charge of erection and equipment of new buildings and installation of electrical equipment. He is working at Salisbury, Md., and his home address is 219 Queen Lane, Germantown, Philadelphia.

'07, C. E.—Walter P. Stewart's address is U. S. Engineer Office, Louisville, Ky.

'07, A. B.—Louis White Fehr and his wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Mandelkern, of New York City, are living at 440 Riverside Drive, New York. Mr. Fehr is a member of the staff of the *New York Times*.

'07, B. S. A.—John Goldhaar is teaching manual training in the public schools of New York City. His address is 1075 Kelly Street, Bronx, New York City.

'07, M. E.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Cook, 2835 Tracy Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., announce the birth of a son, Charles Reed, jr., on December 10.

'08, M. E.—Charles A. Haines is with the John Deere Plow Works, Moline, Ill.

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'09, C. E.—G. J. Reguardt is assistant engineer in the storm water division of the Baltimore Sewerage Commission. His address is 2235 Eutaw Place, Baltimore.

'09, C. E.—T. P. Rollow, jr., is in the maintenance of way department of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company, at Cleburne, Texas.

'09, M. E.—Walter D. Wood is now with the Alpha Portland Cement Company of Easton, Pa.

'09, M. E.—Fred O. Ebeling's present address is 351 West Fifty-seventh Street, New York City.

'09, M. E.—Joseph B. Turner, jr., is now in the Detroit office of Turner Brothers, of New York City, sugar brokers, 534 Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit.

'09, C. E.—Benjamin G. Danis is with The A. Bentley & Sons Co., New Schwind Building, Toledo, Ohio.

'10, D. V. M.—C. A. Roig is practicing veterinary medicine and surgery at 110 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

'10, A. B.—Harry M. St. John is a chemist with the National Carbon Company. His address is 1817 West 114th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

'10, M. E.—John K. Dorrance is with the Fred A. Jones Building Company, Houston, Texas.

### Obituary.

SAMUEL P. HITCHCOCK '01.

Samuel Patch Hitchcock died suddenly at his home in Bath, Maine, on December 7. He entered Cornell in 1897 and graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1901. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and was conspicuous in its university and national activities. His brother, Harry A. Hitchcock, is a member of the class of 1900.

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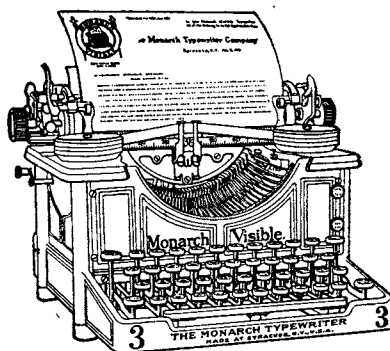
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### **Detroit.**

Knights of Columbus Hall; Dec. 21. Exchange tickets for alumni sale at Grinnell Bros., Dec. 18, may be obtained from L. F. Murphy, 810 Jefferson Ave. General sale opens Grinnell Bros., Dec. 19.

### **Toledo.**

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### **Dayton.**

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### **Baltimore.**

Albaugh's Theatre; Dec. 26. Seat sale at Albaugh's ticket office Dec. 18 to 26 inclusive.

### **Brooklyn.**

Academy of Music; Dec. 27. Exchange tickets for alumni sale at Academy of Music box office Dec. 18, 19, 20, may be obtained from C. L. Mulligan, 227 Macon St. General sale opens Dec. 21.

### **Albany.**

Harmanus Bleecker Hall; Dec. 28.

Exchange tickets for the alumni sales at the Cluett stores Dec. 21, 22 and 23 in Albany, Troy and Schenectady may be obtained from A. J. Wing, 441 State St., Albany; C. I. Warren, Warren Fuller Co., Troy and C. G. Rally, General Electric Co., Schenectady. General sale Dec. 26, 27 and 28 at Harmanus Bleecker Hall.

### **Syracuse.**

Empire Theatre; Dec. 29. Exchange tickets for the alumni sale at the Empire Theatre, Dec. 26 may be obtained from A. A. Costello, 42 White Memorial Bldg. General sale opens Dec. 27.

### **Elmira.**

Lyceum Theatre; Dec. 30. Exchange tickets for the alumni sale at D. S. Andrus Music Store, Dec. 26, 27, may be obtained from J. T. Thompson, c/o N. J. Thompson & Sons. General sale opens Lyceum box office Dec. 28.

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