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# Railroad Rate Problem

Most Vital Question of the Hour, Says Judge Knapp-More Laws Needed Imperatively.

Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, delivered last Friday evening the first address in a series planned by the department of political science for the coming year. If this lecture can be taken as a criterion of the new course of non-resident lectures in political science, the course will be one of the most popular and valuable ever given in the university.

"The Government Regulation of Railroad Rates" was the subject of the lecture. This will be undoubtedly one of the most vital questions before Congress in the coming session, and the intimate knowledge of this complex subject, which Judge Knapp has gained through long study under the most favorable conditions, enabled him to give a lucid, impartial statement of the main points of the controversy. From his opening sentence to the final words of his conclusion, he held the rigid attention of the large audience which crowded the auditorium of Barnes hall.

The speaker was introduced by President Schurman, who said that the question of the government regulation of railroad rates is the most important problem before the nation and that Judge Knapp is the most eminent authority upon this question.

Judge Knapp began his address with a brief review of the history of the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution, which, he said, has begun to assume a position of importance only within the last two decades.

"The use of the steam highroad is as much a political right as is the use of the public roads and highways of the country," said Judge Knapp. 'Abuses working out of the operations of the great railroads of the country are as much an infringement of the constitutional rights of a citizen as would be

those arising from abuses in the management of a public highway.

LAWS MUST BE PASSED.

The states cannot control the great railroads which pass through their territory, in so far as the railroad business is interstate. There is no body of Federal common law under which rights of the citizen against the great railroads might be protected. The only way in which the railroads can be prevented from running their interstate commerce according to their own pleasure alone is through the enactment of a specific body of substantive law, regulating this commerce, either through a commission or in some other manner.

The object and purpose of government regulation should be to secure justice and equality in the enjoyment of this political right to every one alike; it should preserve to us the benefits of private enterprise and at the same time hold open to every citizen a fair and just rate, free from discrimination of

There are two requisites for the efficient regulation of railroad rates: there must be a body of substantive law enacted, imposing certain definite restrictions, prohibitions, requirements and obligations on the railroads; and there must be executive provisions made to meet the constantly changing character of the problem.

"First of all, since all regulation presupposes a rate, there must be a tariff fixed as a basis in the substantive law. Given the rate, however made, there are two separate things to be accomplished: first, to insure the observance of the standard in actual business; second, to require the standard to be changed when found unjust or oppressive.

SHOULD BE A MISDEMEANOR. "The only practical way to accomplish the first purpose is to make it a misdemeanor for the carrier to depart from or the shipper to pay less than the published rate. The only remedy for the rebate is to place it in the category of criminal misdemeanors. When political rights are invaded, as in such discriminations, an offense of a serious character is committed, similar to assault or robbery.

'If, however, the standard rate is unjust and works hardship to communities or persons, the very nature of the trouble precludes criminal action. The logical thing to do is to change the standard. A judicial tribunal cannot declare a rate for the future. It can only declare the present rate unjust. It is therefore inadequate to remedy the situation. There must be a legislative tribunal with power to hear complaints, investigate and settle upon a just charge.

'The problem is not, as seems to be the belief in some quarters, to increase the commissioner's powers, but to remedy the defects of the Interstate Commerce law of 1887. If the law is defective, if the rules are inexact and insufficient, the defect cannot be supplied by carefully constructed administrative machinery. The first commission could do nothing, not because its powers were not great enough, but because under the law as construed by the Supreme Court, the railroads were not doing anything unlawful when they gave rebates in certain indirect ways. The substantive law must be made sound and then no question of lack of power will arise.

'This problem goes out far beyond the questions with which it deals directly; it has bound up with it the whole far-reaching problem of capital itself; its solutions will decide whether weare to be ruled from Washington or from New York, whether this is to be an empire of Government or an empire:

of Capital.
"Nine groups of railroad magnates now control 70 per cent of the entire: mileage; 75 per cent of the total valuation; 72 per cent of the traffic; 75 per cent of the revenue of the railways of the United States. The great Vanderbilt and Pennsylvania groups alone control a third of all this and draw from the public \$600,000,000 revenue per year.

"It is a noteworthy fact that the

trustees of the three great life insurance companies now being investigated are in many cases members of these great railway rings. Can it be possible that the railways are connected with any such scandals? It is hard to believe, yet I do not doubt that there will be some startling revelations when the lid of secrecy begins to loosen under the prying lever of investigation. If everything is clear and above board, why is it that this terrific cry comes up from the officers of every railroad in the country at the least suggestion of government regulation of the rates, a measure which is designed only to prevent discrimination, and which ought to prove as beneficial to the railroads as to the shippers?

'It is fortunate that this great problem is pressing for solution at a time when the man who occupies the president's chair is a man of courage eminently fitted to grapple with so gigantic an issue—a man who enjoys the confidence and trust of eighty millions of people to a degree which no man ever attained before.

# Registration Figures

Total Increase of 135-Falling off in Medical and Veterinary Colleges.

The annual student directory, just issued from the registrar's office, shows some interesting facts with reference to the attendance in the various University departments compared with last year. This does not, of course, represent the final registration for the year, since many late arrivals drift in after October 10, but by comparing the figures with those of the same date last year, fairly accurate conclusions may be drawn.

The University authorities do not attempt a classification of the students as to departments until they come to prepare material for the Cornell register, issued about the first of January, and the only way such a classification can be made is by counting the names in the student list according to the courses as indicated after each name. We believe, however, that there is enough public interest in the matter to repay the trouble. The data published in the NEWS last fall, for the first time, were received with considerable interest by the University faculty as well as the alumni.

The total number of students registered up to October 10 was 2,992, as

compared with 2,857 at the same time last year. This gives an increase of 135, about what was predicted by the president in his opening address. As for the individual colleges of the University, all share in this increase except the Medical and Veterinary Colleges, in each of which there is a falling off.

For the sake of ready comparison, we publish below a table showing the total registration up to October 10 each year since 1888, with the increase over the preceding year:

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YEAR	TOTAL	GAIN
1888	1141	
1889	1250	109
1890	1323	73
1891	1457	134
1892	1560	103
1893	1670	110
1894	1574	96
1895	1611	37
1896	1706	95
1897	1733	27
1898	1737	4
1899	1939	202
1900	2147	208
1901	2415	268
1902	2615	200
1903	2656	41
1904	2857	201
1905	2992	135
1703	4774	199

This year, it will be observed, the increase is not quite so large as last. but nevertheless it shows a healthy growth at nearly the normal rate that has prevailed since the late nineties, with the single exception of 1903, the year of the typhoid epidemic.

Below are given the figures for the individual colleges of the University, together with the corresponding figures

for 1903 and 1904:

	1903	1904	1905
Sibley	. 950	1040	1078
Arts	. 708	648	693
C. E	. 307	377	411
Law	. 232	213	219
Ag	. 127	178	216
Vet	. 87	104	88
Arch	. 63	68	79
Med	. 66	82	57
Grad	. 116	147	151

...2656 2857 2992 Sibley College, which in point of numbers has headed the list of Cornell departments for the past four years, shows its usual gain this fall, as does the College of Civil Engineering. is the more remarkable in view of the fact that the entrance requirements in

engineering were raised this fall so as to include advanced work in both modern languages, or their equivalent. It is not surprising that the departments in question do not show quite as large gains as last year; indeed, that they have any increase at all gives evidence of the wide reputation they have attained.

Another noteworthy point is the fact that the College of Arts and Sciences, which last year dismayed its adherents by a falling off in attendance of 60, has now recovered itself and shows an increase of 45, the largest in any one department. The College of Agriculture continues to advance rapidly at about the same pace as a year ago, giving further evidence of its growing reputation among the people of New York state and of the country at large. It must be borne in mind, however, in justice to the other departments, that a large percentage of the students in agriculture are specials, who are admitted without being obliged to meet the en trance requirements. In the other colleges of the University special students are comparatively few.

The Law school, which fell off in numbers somewhat last year, is now holding its own. The College of Architecture shows a gain which is even more significant than appears from the table. During the past few years the entering classes in that college have not been large, so that by now the decrease has reached the upper classes, tending to reduce the total. This season, however, this loss is more than offset by the incoming class, which is almost double as large as in 1904.

The Veterinary College has sunk to just about its figures of two years ago, while the Medical College has a corresponding decrease. Investigation shows that this falling off is not entirely in the entering class. The chief reason is the large number of students dropped from the college last year as a result of the final examinations. Then, too, a few members of last year's Freshman class are now studying in New York.

It may be worthy of note that the number of women students in the University shows an increase this fall for the first time in several years. In 1902 the number was 345; in 1903, 322; in 1904, 304, while this year it is 332. I he steady talling off in the attendance of women students was commented

upon by President Schurman in his Commencement address last June. The increase this year probably explains in some measure the gain in attendance in the College of Arts and Sciences, in which nearly all the women students are enrolled.

# Favor Football Reform

President Schurman and Coach Warner Endorse Roosevelt's Attitude.

The most important development of the past week in intercollegiate athletic circles was the intervention of President Roosevelt in the interests of cleaner football. The president called a conference of representatives of Harvard, Yale and Princeton Universities, to consider what might be done toward abolishing unnecessary roughness in the game. Those present at the conference were Dr. E. H. Nichols and William T. Reid of Harvard, Arthur R. Hillebrand and John B. Fine of Princeton, and Walter Camp and John E. Owsley of Yale, athletic advisers and coaches of the institutions named.

President Roosevelt made it clear to these gentlemen that he believed too much brutality had crept into the game of football, and that he was anxious for some revision of the rules which would lessen the danger of accident without robbing the game of its interest or value as an athletic sport.

As a result of the conference those present signed a compact promising to do their utmost to eliminate roughness and foul play from the game, and circulars are to be sent to the athletic authorities of the other universities of the country, urging them to co-operate in the movement. At the close of the season a general conference is planned, in order to consider changes in the intercollegiate rules. The compact signed by the six men reads as follows:

"At a meeting with the president of the United States, it was agreed that we consider that an honorable obligation exists to carry out, in letter and in spirit, the rules of the game of football, relating to roughness, holding and foul play, and the university coaches present pledged themselves to so regard it and to do their utmost to carry out that obligation."

President J. G. Schurman and Coach Glenn S. Warner, when interviewed regarding President Roose-

velt's action, gave out the following statements:

PRES. SCHURMAN'S STATEMENT.

"Reform in football is very much needed. I believe in the retention of the game, but its brutality must be eliminated if the game is to be retained. The difficulty has been in finding some supreme central authority which could initiate reforms with effect.

"President Roosevelt has all the qualifications for such effective initiation. The exalted office he fills, his standing as a college man, his well known devotion to athletic sports, the admiration which he evokes from the young men of the country, his sensible comments on the football situation in his Harvard address, all mark him out as the man to lead in this movement of reform.

"I believe that what he finally recommends will be adopted by college athletes throughout the country. It might perhaps hasten the reformatory movement if a convention of the athletic representatives of the colleges and universities were summoned to meet in Washington, and they should prescribe the reforms which ought to be adopted in football after consultation with President Roosevelt.

"No university president could take the position of leadership which President Roosevelt occupies in this matter, but all university and college presidents and faculties will unite in a chorus of praise to President Roosevelt for his interest in this important matter, and the reforms which under his initiation are bound to ensue."

JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN.

COACH WARNER'S STATEMENT.

"It is gratifying to hear that President Roosevelt is taking such an active interest in improving the game of football. I think that the game should be opened up more than it is, but that it ought not to be radically changed. Every enthusiast of the game naturally has his own remedy for changing football to a better game, but I think that a very simple way to fix things up would be to allow offside play on all punts—that is to let the ball be free after kicks—and to increase the distance to be gained in three downs from five to ten yards.

"As far as roughness goes I think that this element of the game depends as largely upon the coaches as upon anything else, and that it is possible to play a fair and gentlemanly game, no matter how rough and fierce it may also be. I believe that it is up to the coaches to discourage underhand tactics and sly evasions of the rules in football.

"While at Carlisle, I never had a man ruled off the field for slugging in a game. The superintendent of athletics there had passed a rule that anyone who was put off the field for slugging would never be allowed to play football again, and this struck me as being a good rule to follow out. At least it worked well at Carlisle.

"There is no way to avoid the roughness of football, but the fault does not lie so much in that phase of the game as in intentional roughness, that aims to injure another player. This should be done away with at once if possible and the remedies I suggested above seem to me to be in the right direction toward coming to that end."

GLENN S. WARNER.

# Quiet Week at the Field

Problem Now to Keep Men in Condition—Football at Other Colleges.

The past week has been a quiet one at Percy field. No games were scheduled, and several of the Varsity men were kept out of the daily practice on account of injuries or poor condition. Secret practice was instituted last week, to continue throughout the season, except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In this way the coaches hope to develop their strategy without any risk of the plays leaking out and coming to the knowledge of Cornell's rivals. Few hard scrimmages have been held of late, in order to minimize the danger of injury to the players.

The situation has virtually resolved itself into a question of keeping the men in condition during the month that intervenes before the big games in November. If any of the prominent players should be laid off now it would cripple the team severely, for the entire squad now numbers only about 30. While keeping the men in condition, the coaches have before them the problem of developing the team work so as to turn out a football machine which may be pitted against the leaders on the gridiron.

After shifting the men about for several weeks, they have finally drop-

ped into their respective holes, and now the effort must be to round them and smooth them until they fit the holes This does not mean that the nicely. final line-up of the Varsity eleven has been fixed, for in several of the positions there are still hot contests between two or three men. No changes in the line-up have been made in the past week.

Captain Costello is still the crux of the team. He has managed to lose five pounds out of his twenty pounds of excess weight, and if he trains hard and keeps up the thinning process, he should be the saving grace of the team.

In any event, the Cornell line is bound to be a heavy one, while the backfield will be comparatively light and must make up for this in speed and cleverness. The next game is on Saturday, the 30th, with the Western University of Pennsylvania.

### AT THE OTHER COLLEGES.

Among the Big Six, so-called, Yale and Princeton have done the most consistent work thus far in the season. Every big college has been scored on save Yale, whose goal has not been seriously menaced at any time. The Tigers overwhelmed Bucknell on Saturday by a score of 48-0, just double what Cornell piled up. While the comparison of scores is never a safe criterion, it shows in this case that Princeton's team is a strong one. Harvard won .from the Springfield Training school Saturday in a loosely played game by a score of 12-0.

Pennsylvania and Columbia have both suffered the loss of some of their best players through injuries and faculty action. Penn had already lost Weede, the brilliant left end, and Hollenbeck, the halfback. Now the faculty has refused to permit Captain Reynolds to play, and Torrey, last year's captain and center, succeeds to the captaincy. Reynold's place at left halfback is being filled by Sheble, Cornell ex-'06, who left the University in his Freshman year on account of the typhoid epidemic, after doing good work in the Varsity squad.

At Columbia the faculty has removed from the team three of the strongest players, Captain Thorpe, fullback Carter and halfback Starbuck. The loss of these men wil seriously cripple the eleven.

SATURDAY'S SCORES. Princeton 48, Bucknell 0. Yale 30, Holy Cross 0. Columbia 11, Williams 5. West Point 6, Va. Polytechnic 16. Penn 17, North Carolina 0. Colgate 16, Dartmouth 10. Syracuse 27, Hamilton 0. Lehigh 6, Haverford 5.

### List of Class Secretaries.

The new Association of Class Secretaries, organized last Commencement week, announces the following complete list of the secretaries of all the Cornell classes, with their addresses. The list will be published in the NEWS at frequent intervals, and the members of the various classes are requested to keep their respective secretaries advised as to changes of address and other points of interest.

'69-M. L. Buchwalter, building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

'70—S. D. Halliday, Ithaca.
'71—R. G. H. Speed, Ithaca. '72-C. L. Crandall, Ithaca. '73-Edwin Gillette, Ithaca. '74-J. H. Comstock, Ithaca. '75—E. L. Nichos, Ithaca. '76—Eugene Frayer, 141 Broad-

way, New York city. '77—C. B. Mandeville, Ithaca.

'78-R. H. Treman, Ithaca. '79—W. C. Kerr, 10 Bridge street, New York city.

80--Judge Frank Irvine, Ithaca. '81—G. L. Burr, Ithaca.

'82-N. 1. Horr, 1513 Williamson building, Cleveland, Ohio.

'83—Franklin Mathews, York Sun, New York city. New

'84-H. P. De Forest, 124 W. 47th street, New York city. '85—R. J. Eidlitz, 489 Fifth ave-

nue, New York city.

'86—A. S. Norton, 256 Broadway, New York city.
'87—H. M. Lovell, Elmira, N. Y.

'88-W. W. Rowlee, Ithaca. '89—H. N. Ogden, Ithaca.

'90—C. J. Miller, Newfane, N. Y. '91—W. H. Austen, Ithaca.

'92—C.D. Bostwick, Ithaca. '93—C. S. Northup, Ithaca.

'94-Elmer E. Bogart, Ithaca.

'95-W. F. Atkinson, 44 Court street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'96-G. S. Tompkins, 381 Green avenue, New York city.

'97---Jervis Langdon, Elmira,

'98—Jesse Fuller, jr., 166 Montague street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
'99—N. J. Gould, Seneca Falls,

N. Y.

'00-George H. Young, 814 Hepburn street, Williamsport, Pa.

'01-Heatley Green, 42 Woodward avenue terrace, Detroit, Mich.

'02-W. J. Norton, 58 West 45th

street, New York city.
'03—P. R. Lee, 50 Gates circle, Buffalo, N. Y.

'04—C. J. Swan, 66 West 35th street, New York city.

'05-Harold J. Richardson, Lowville, N. Y.

## The New York Campaign.

Several Cornellians are connected, directly or indirectly, with the present mayoralty campaign in New York city. The Hon. John Ford, A. B., '90, has been nominated for the office of comptroller on the Hearst Municipal Ownership ticket.

It was announced on Monday of this week that Clarence J. Shearn, B. L., '90, has been nominated by the Municipal League for the office of district attorney, in opposition to Mr. Jerome and Mr. Osborne. Mr. Shearn was formerly a member of the law firm of Einstein, Townsend, Guiterman & Shearn. He was counsel for William R. Hearst in the campaigns against the Coal Trust, Ice Trust and Lighting Trust, and in the same interests secured the removal of Sheriff Guden of Kings county for misconduct in office.

It is interesting to note that the Municipal League ticket contains two members of the Cornell class of '90, Mr. Ford and Mr. Shearn.

William M. Ivins, the Republican nominee for mayor of the city, is a member of the law firm of Ivins, Mason, Wollff & Hoguet, of which Herbert D. Mason, LL. B., '00, is junior partner. The Republican nomination for mayor was tendered to Charles E. Hughes, formerly a lecturer in the Cornel Law school, but he declined it on account of his connection with the legislative investigation of life insurance companies.

Among other Cornellians whose names have been mentioned for prominent positions upon one of the various

tickets are John DeWitt Warner, Ph. B., '72, who was mentioned for county attorney, and Calvin Tomkins, B. S., '79, who was spoken of at one time for mayor on the Citizens' Union ticket. Mr. Tomkins was a delegate from the New York Chamber of Commerce to the recent reciprocity convention in Chi-

## Judge C. H. Blood Weds.

Monument place at Greenville, S. C., was the scene of a brilliant social event on the evening of Wednesday, October 11, when Miss Marie Louisa Macbeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Macbeth, and a granddaughter of the Hon. George Trenholm, secretary of the treasury in the cabinet of Jefferson Davis, was married to Charles H. Blood, '88, a leading attorney of Ithaca and surrogate of Tompkins county. Monument place, the home of the bride, is one of the oldest homes in South Carolina, and a distinguished assemblage of friends from both North and South was present to witness the ceremony.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Helen Macbeth, maid of honor. Charles E. Treman, '89, was best man, repaying a debt incurred five years before, when Judge Blood served in a like capacity at the wedding of Mr. Treman in Sage Chapel.

The ceremony was performed by Bishop Capers of Columbia, S. C., assisted by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, rector of the Episcopal church in Greenville. After the wedding supper 'Mr. and Mrs. Blood left for a trip to the mountain resorts of the South, after which they will return to Ithaca, where they will make their home.

Among the scores of handsome presents sent to the newly married couple was an elaborate cut glass serving sct, the gift of the Tompkins County Bar association.

### Changes in the Era.

The first number of the Cornell Era. which appeared last week, shows clearly the effect of the reorganizing influence which has assumed the task of raising the magazine to its former high standard. An entirely new board has been placed in charge of the monthly this year, and a radical change has been made in policy, as regards the character of the articles to be published.

In pursuance of its aim to print arti-

cles on topics of local and general importance to the student body, written by prominent Cornell men in the faculty and among the alumni, as well as among the students themselves, the 1ssue of this month opens with an interesting article on "Athletic Management at Cornell" by Judge Frank Irvine, '80, president of the Athletic Council.

Another interesting subject is a comparison of the past and present characteristics and relations of faculty and students, by Professor R. C. H. Catterall. Into this comparison, written in an easy, readable style, is woven much that would serve as food for reflection in the review of the gradual change that has been creeping over the studies taught, as well as the student institutions.

Warren Ellis Schutt, '05, contributes an article on the system of instruction at Oxford, which is suggestive of new ideas and desirable reforms.

## Exciting Crew Race.

The interclass crew race, held on Thursday, October 12, was won by the first Sophomore crew. The race was one mile in length, over a course on the west side of the lake. Four crews were entered, one each from the Senior and Junior classes and two from the Sophomore class. The second Sophomore crew put up a plucky fight for the race against the winners, and was less than a length behind them at the finish.

A ludicrous feature of the regatta was the race between the Senior and Junior crews for third place. The Juniors had a fast crew, but soon after the start No. 6 caught a crab which stretched him out flat in the bottom of the boat. When the men in the shell had recovered from this shock the other crews were about two lengths ahead, but the 1907 boat promptly set out after them and had just about pulled up even with the Seniors when No. 6 caught another crab. At the finish the Junior crew was about three lengths behind the second 1908 crew and about two lengths ahead of the Senior crew, notwithstanding the fact that No. 6 had caught five crabs during the race. The accidents were due to a cramp in his right hand, which made it imposible to feather his oar properly.

The crews in the order of finishing

were made up as follows:

1908 First Crew-Bow, Coan; 2, Vanderveer; 3, Leschen; 4, Austin; 5, Remsen; 6, Gracie; 7, Bromley; stroke, Carman; coxswain, Wickser.

1988 Second Crew-Bow, Kuschke: 2. Anderson: 3. Baker; Eberhardt; 5, Baer; 6, Allen; 7, Bramer; stroke, Bierma; coxswain, Seipp

1907 Crew-Bow, Patten, 2, Weller; 3, Newman; 4, Kothe; 5, Nasmyth; 6, Ostos; 7, Alderman; stroke, King; coxswain, Mulligan.

1906 Crew-Bow, Johnson; 2, Shreve; 3, Lee; 4, Slauson; 5, Sailor; 6, Jones; 7, Forbes; stroke, Krauter; coxswain, Slocum.

## A Noted War Correspondent.

Edwin Emerson, jr., A. B., '90, who has attained since graduation wide reputation as a newspaper correspondent, added considerably to his fame during the recent Russo-Japanese war. He returned recently from the Far East and has lectured in various cities on his experience at the front. His work during the war has been widely commented upon by noted men and prominent journals. A few typical extracts are given below:

"Emerson is one of the few war correspondents who can claim to have got anywhere, to have seen anything, or to have returned with anything worth telling."—Review of Reviews.

"One of the most brilliant war correspondents serving in Manchuria is the American Rough Rider Emerson."-Black and White.

"The first man who succeeded in interviewing General Stoessel was Edwin Emerson."—Harper's Weekly.

'The only correspondent to witness the battle of Tashitshao from the Japanese side was Edwin Emerson, an American."-London Times.

"The most brilliant feat accomplished by any foreign or Japanese correspondent during this war is the thrilling entry into Port Arthur made by Edwin Emerson, the famous American correspondent. Our Admiralty should release this brave man. He has written nothing of Japan but the truth.' --Nichi-Nichi. (Tokyo.)

'Mr. Edwin Emerson was a member of my regiment at the front in Cuba, where he behaved with much gallantry. \* \* \* I take pleasure in writing this about him.'

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

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### THE REGISTRATION FIGURES.

In university management, as in other enterprises, it is unwise and often dangerous to emphasize quantity at the expense of quality. Those who depend on numbers, merely, to evidence the strength of their Alma Mater are short-sighted in the extreme. But with due allowances and in proper subordination to other things, registration figures have a decided interest and importance.

It is, therefore, gratifying to know that Cornell has entered upon the thirty-eighth year of its existence with a substantial gain in attendance. It is even more gratifying to note that this gain is shared by almost every department of the University, showing that each is developing and prospering and gaining in favor with the American public. The decrease in the Medical and Veterinary Colleges may well be temporary and due to causes outside the University itself. In any case a falling off for a single year is seldom

significant. It is only when the decline is constant and long continued that it furnishes ground for apprehension.

One of the most interesting features of the registration figures printed elsewhere in this issue is the gain in the College of Arts and Sciences. While it is just as true in this instance as in the case of a decrease in attendance. that not much reckoning can be placed upon one year's record, still it is pleasant to see that the academic department has called a halt in its downward course in the matter of attendance, and has almost regained the place it held previous to last year's big slump. Taken in connection with the fact that Harvard reports a falling off of 139 in its total attendance, and of 93 in its academic department alone, the situation at Cornell is highly encouraging.

Another gratifying feature of the registration figures is the fact that the College of Law, after falling off last year, is now holding its own again, and even has a slight increase.

Harvard reports a decrease of 24 in the total attendance in its Law school this year and a decrease of 30 in the entering class in that school. From Columbia comes the news that its entering class in law has fallen off from 87 in 1904 to 58 in 1905, and its total registration in law has fallen from 302 to 255. When these institutions, which rank among the foremost law schools of the country, show such a shrinkage in numbers, it is comforting to find that the same conditions do not prevail at Cornell.

In Sibley and in the Civil Engineering College there is a goodly increase, as usual. Indeed, these departments have fallen into such a comfortable habit of growing consistently from year to year that we have come to expect this of them, under all conditions. That they should continue their advance this year in the face of the stiffened entrance requirements is no slight proof of their prestige in the country at large.

### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ACTION.

The important place which the game of football occupies in modern American life, and the pressing need for a remedy for the roughness and foul play which have become so closely associated with it, could hardly have been shown more strikingly than by President Roosevelt's action last week. When the president of the United States finds it necessary or expedient to intervene and reform a game played by college students, two things are pretty evident: first, that the game itself has come to have an important bearing on public life outside of college circles; and second, that the evils in the method of playing the game are so grave that they can no longer be overlooked.

The football season of 1905, though still young, has already produced an unusual crop of injuries and serious casualties. Several players on the minor college teams have been killed during games or practice scrimmages; though these deaths, sad as they are, no doubt are due less to the roughness of the game itself than to the lack of skilled coaching or medical supervision. More significant are the injuries to players on the larger college teams. At Pennsylvania three men have been removed from the game by broken bones, at Harvard two, at Columbia one, while minor injuries have been abundant at all the big universities.

We believe that ultimately much good may come from President Roosevelt's intervention. In the first place, his pre-eminent position and his well known attitude toward athletic sport make his utterances on the subject noteworthy and serve to attract general public attention to the evils of football as it is now played. The result can only be to crystallize public sentiment into a demand that foul play and unsportsmanlike conduct on the gridiron cease, once for all. With such backing, the reformers within the college circles may accomplish much.

Then, too, the president's deter-

mined stand is bound to have its influence upon coaches and football officials. It is our firm conviction, already expressed in these columns, that if the officials at intercollegiate games could be induced to enforce the rules now in existence, much of the unnecessary roughness would disappear. All sorts of restrictions have been placed upon foul play and unfair tactics of any kind, and the penalties, if enforced, are severe enough to play an important part in determining the issue of a hardfought game. But, we repeat, they are not enforced. The officials seem to be actuated either by a sympathy for such tactics, in which perchance they themselves indulged in undergraduate days, or else by a fear that if they are too strict they will not be asked to serve in future games. Whatever be the reason, the fact remains that too many infractions of the rules have been

Now that winked at in the past. President Roosevelt has spoken, may perhaps look for better things in this direction.

Such laxness has of course reacted upon the coaches of the teams, and in many cases the men have been deliberately taught the most approved method of "putting the other fellow out of business" or of wearing him out by repeated punishment. We can say in all sincerity that such has not been the case at Cornell during Glenn Warner's regime. We trust that it may no longer be the case at any other college. The compact signed at Washington last week cannot fail to exert a powerful influence toward the abilition of such tactics at every American institution.

In this connection the ALUMNI NEWS repeats a suggestion which it made last season, when the same subject was under consideration.

urged the establishment of an Intercollegiate Board of Umpires, to be chosen at the beginning of each season by the universities entering into the agreement, and to be drawn upon in selecting the officials for all important The board should be made up of men who do not believe in foul play on the gridiron and who have shown a determination to do their part in stamping it out. If necessary, give these officials more power than they now have, but at any rate organize a group of men whose attitude on the question of foul play admits of no doubt or misunderstanding.

We believe now, as we believed last winter, that herein lies a remedy which will do much to abate the evil, and we have been gratified to see the same idea suggested recently in some of the metropolitan papers.

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possibilities of improvement under the present rules, if lived up to by coaches and men and enforced by officials. As to changes in the rules in the direction of more open play, it is the opinion of some of the most prominent football experts in the country that much can be accomplished in this way. Coach Warner's suggestions that offside play be allowed on all punts and that the distance to be gained in three downs be increased from five to ten yards, are deserving of careful consideration.

# Brief University News.

The first of a series of Wednesday afternoon organ recitals was held in Sage chapel at 5:05 o'clock on October 11. The organist, Miss Alice Wysard, was assisted by Paul R. Pope, violinist.

Seventeen Freshmen have entered the competition for places on the editorial staff of the Cornell Sun this fall. The competition is based on the amount of news matter which the different men contribute to its columns during the first term.

The University has received an invitation from the University of Melbourne of Australia to be represented at the 50th anniversary of that university from April 24 to May 1, 1906. The invitation is written in Latin and signed by the chancellor.

The Freshmen won both the games in the underclass baseball series last week, the first by a score of 6 to 5 and the second by a score of 8 to 3. A special feature of the second game was the work of Hill, the Freshman pitcher. During the seven innings of the game he allowed only five hits, struck out four men, and gave no bases on balls. The score was 3 to 3 until the beginning of the last inning, when the Freshmen took a brace and gained the five additional runs.

Emory E. Brandow, who was compelled to leave the University in the early spring of 1903 on account of blood poisoning, has returned to Ithaca and has registered as a Sophomore in the civil engineering course. He was one of the first men to make the Varsity crew in his Freshman year and was

counted upon as a strong candidate for the Varsity again in his Sophomore year, but he was attacked by blood poisoning in the spring and compelled to return to his home at Catskill, N. Y. He was confined in a hospital for several months, and amputation of his right leg was finally found to be necessary. Mr. Brandow acted as timer in the recent interclass crew race.

The Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke of Princeton occupied the Sage Chapel pulpit last Sunday and delivered an inspiring sermon. He will preach again next Sunday. At the morning service fully two hundred persons were turned away, while one hundred stood in the aisles and doorways during the service. At the Vesper service in the afternoon the Chapel was again crowded. The rule adopted last spring of giving the preference to University students Chapel services, refusing admission to townspeople until five minutes before the service begins, is again in force this fall. The advanced chorus under the direction of Professor Hollis E. Dann rendered a delightful program on Sund v afternoon.

# Cornell Obituaries.

BENJAMIN NATHAN, '93.

Benjamin Nathan, who was gradu ated from Cornell with the degree of B. L. in '93, died at his summer home at Stamford, N. Y., on August 27.

During his college course Mr. Nathan was interested in various lines of literary activity. He was editor of the Cornell Era for two years, a frequent contributor to the Cornellian, and author of one of the four class songs. At the graduating exercises he was class prophet, delivering one of the most original and clever class prophecies ever given.

After leaving college he was for several years on the staff of the New York Daily News, but failing health finally forced him to give up his position. For several years past he had lived in New York city. He was unmarried.

ENOS S. F. MINOTT, '06.

Enos Samuel Forrester Minott, a Senior in the Cornell Medical College, in New York, died of tuberculosis at his home in New York city in September. He was the holder of a state scholarship and an earnest student.

# Cornell Alumni Notes.

'74, B. Lit.—George T. Winston is one of the leading educators in the South, and for a number of years has filled the president's chair at the College of North Carolina at Raleigh. President Winston was in Ithaca in June, having stopped on his way home from West Point, where one of his sons was graduated. Another of his sons is a lieutenant in the navy.

'75, A. B.—The firm of Sackett & McQuaid, New York city, has been dissolved and Henry W. Sackett, '75, William A. McQuaid and Edward L. Stevens, '99, A. B.; '02, LL. B., have formed a partnership under the firm name of Sackett, McQuaid & Stevens, for the general practice of law. The offices of the firm are in the Tribune building, 154 Nassau street, New York city. Mr. Stevens, the new partner, had been for several years a clerk in the office of Sackett & McQuaid.

'77.—The address of Daniel O. Barto is 502 Daniel street, Champaign, Ill.

'77, B. S.—An exhaustive bulletin has been issued recently by the Department of Agriculture, dealing with the Mexican Cotton Boll Weevil. It was prepared under the direction of L. O. Howard, '77, the entomologist of the department, and is a copiously illustrated pamphlet, 180 pages in length.

'78, B. Arch.—Edward B. Green spent several weeks last summer in London and Paris.

'78.—Jesse R. Grant, son of President U. S. Grant, has been travelling recently in Europe.

'80—The address of Edmund O. Barto is Wright street, Champaign, Ill.

'80—Horton D. Wright is an attorney with offices at 58 and 60 North Main street, Gloversville, N. Y.

'86, B. S.—Hobart Chatfield Taylor of Chicago was recently decorated with the Order of St. James by King Leopold of Portugal. The honor was conferred in recognition of Mr. Taylor's services in writing an article on the city of Lisbon. This is the fourth foreign order received by Mr. Taylor, the others having been given by King Alphonso of Spain and by the president of France.

'92, Ph. B.—Liston L. Lewis, '92,

and William A. Keener, formerly professor of law at Columbia and now dean of the Columbia Law have withdrawn from the law firm of Hatch, Keener & Clute, and have formed a co-partnership for the general practice of law, with offices in the Mutual Life building, 32 Nassau street, New York city.

'93, B. S.—Dr. Cora S. Sechrist is practising medicine with offices at 416 Rose building, Cleveland, O.

'95, LL. B.—Ernest E. Cole of Savona, N. Y., has been elected principal of the Addison Union school for the coming year. Mr. Cole has been principal of the Painted Post Union school for several years.

'96, Ph. B.—Miss Elizabeth Conrow has been appointed teacher of German in the Richmond Hill High school in Greater New York.

'96, M. E.—George H. Stickney is assistant to the chief of the lighting department in the Edison Electric company at Lynn, Mass.

'97, A. B.—The address of Charles E. Burroughs is Graham court, 116th street and Seventh avenue, New York city.

'97, E. E.—Clarence W. Gail, who has been since graduation in the Buffalo office of the Jones & Laughlin Steel company, is now at 810 Penobscot building, Detroit, with F. A. Goodrich & Co., Michigan agents of the above company and other iron and steel interests.

'97, LL. B.—The marriage Miss Lilian Jane Milne to Ezra Cornell Blair, '97, was celebrated at St. George's church, New York city, on September 15. Mr. and Mrs. Blair have been at home since October 10 at their residence, 210 East Seventeenth street, New York city.

'97, Ph. D.—Thomas L. Watson is professor of geology in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg. Va., and geologist in charge of the recently established survey of that state. During the year he expects to issue reports on the iron ores, lead, zinc and copper, and on the building stones and clays of Virginia.

'97, E. E.—The marriage of Miss Lilian Meredith Ball to John Hawley Taussig, 97, will be celebrated at Grace church, Mount Airy, Philadelphia, on October 21. Mr. and Mrs.

Taussig will be at home on Thursdays in January at East Grove lane, Chest-nut Hill, Philadelphia. Mr. Taussig is remembered as a brilliant player on the Varsity football team.

'98, A. B.—The address of Miss Eva W. Grey is Rowland hall, Salt Lake City, Utah.

'98, LL. B.—Harry B. Mintz has been elected head of the new department of oratory at the Binghamton High school.

'98, B. S. A.—William C. Baker, formerly instructor in drawing in Sibley College, has been studying in France during the past year. He has recently been engaged by Director L. H. Bailey of the College of Agriculture to do some book illustrating.

'98, E. E.—Franklin R. Benjamin, jr., has been with the Worthington Pump company, with headquarters in New York city, since graduation. The past six months he has spent in Mexico, whence he returned recently. During his six years with the Worthington company he has been in nearly every state in the Union.

'99, B. S. A.—Heinrich H. Hassell has charge of the plant house in



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'00, LL. B.—E. F. Clark is assistant general counsel for the United States Realty and Improvement company at 111 Broadway, New York city.

'00, B. S. A.—Franklin Sherman, jr., has resigned his position as state entomologist at Raleigh, N. C., to accept the chair of entomology and zoology in the Agricultural College at Guelph, Ont.

'00, B. S. A., '01, A. M.—G. M. Bentley, who has been for some time past assistant state entomologist at Raleigh, N. C., has resigned to accept the position of assistant state entomologist at Knoxville, Tenn.

'00, C. E.—John C. Trautwine is a civil engineer with offices at 257 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, Pa. His specialties are original investigations, instrumental experimentation, designing and inventing in hydraulics and physics.

'01, A. B.—George D. Crofts has opened offices for the general practice of law at 933 Ellicott square, Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Crofts is lecturer on torts and treasurer of the Law school of the University of Buffalo.

01, A. B.—Dr. Robert M. Ogden, who has been assistant in psychology at the University of Missouri for the past two years, was married on September 6 last at Columbia, Mo., to Miss Nelle Dorsey. Dr. Ogden now has a position at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

'02, A. B.—Miss Ruth Bentley, who attended the summer school of the University during the past session, has accepted a position as teacher of history in the High school at Bradford, Pa.

'02, A. B.—Jay R. Kinney, who has been engaged in teaching for the past two or three years, has been nominated by the Democrats of Otsego county, New York, for school commis-

'02, M. D.—A report on the tuberculosis clinic at Gouverneur hospital in New York city by Dr. Stella S. Bradford, '02, and Dr. N. Gilbert Seymour, '97, A. B.; '02, M. D., clinical assistants at the Gouverneur dispensary, has been reprinted from the

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Medical Record of September 2. The results of the establishment of a separate dispensary for the treatment of tuberculosis cases are summed up in the report as follows: A steady increase in the number of tuberculosis cases treated; an average improvement among the patients, both in their condition and in their observance of sanitary regulations, and a distinct benefit to that community to which Gouverneur hospital belongs.

'03, B. S. A.—E. J. Glasson, who has been in the winter tomato and truck gardening business in Southern California, has accepted a position in the bureau of plant industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

'03, A. B.—The engagement of Miss Eleanor Margaret Hurst of Syracuse to Morgan Lane McKoon, '03, of Bluestone terrace, Long Eddy, N. Y., has been announced. After graduating from Cornell, Mr. McKoon studied for two years in the New York Law school.

'04, C. E.—Raphael Dominguez is one of the engineers on the Panama canal, and is stationed at Colon.

'04, LL. B.—F. H. Wilmot recently secured a position with the Title Guarantee and Trust company of New York city.

'04, B. S. A.—Albert R. Mann is at present in Ithaca, assisting Professor L. H. Bailey as secretary in his work on the Cyclopedia of American Agriculture.

'04, A. B.—The marriage of Miss Louisa May Waterman of Ithaca, N. Y., to Charles M. Mann, '04, was celebrated on June 16 last. Mr. Mann's address is 19 Maiden Lane, New York city.

'04, A. B.—Miss Elsie McCreary, who has been vice-preceptress of the High school at Geneseo during the past year, has been elected preceptress of the Union school at Franklin in Delaware county for the coming year.

'04, LL. B.—Howard C. Lake, assistant attorney for the New York City Street railway company and Eric H. Webb, '04, A. B., employed by the American Woolen company, have taken apartments at the Standish Arms hotel, Brooklyn Heights, New York city.

'04, A. B.—C. W. Howard has gone to South Africa to take the position of assistant entomologist of the

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'05, A. B.—The address of Austin M. Warner is 221 Lincoln street, Johnstown, Pa.

'05, M. E.—Herbert C. Brown, who was associate editor of the ALUM-NI NEWS last year, now has a position with P. N. & L. L. Nun, consulting engineers to the Ontario Power company at Niagara Falls, Canada.

'05, LL. B.—Herbert Wight recently secured a position in the offices of the Title Guarantee & Trust company of New York city.

'05, M. E.—H. Edwin Smith is with the American Locomotive company at Schenectady, N. Y.

'05, LL. B.-Walter McMeekan is with the firm of Warner, Wells & Korb, attorneys at 60 Wall street, New York city.

'05, LL. B.—W. H. Snowden is with the law firm of Frayer, Stotesbury & Grigg, 141 Broadway, New York city.

'05, M. E.—John Hurlbut is with Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co. in New York city. His address is in care of Dr. C. E. Shaw, 106 Seventh avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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