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NEW SERIES.

ALLEGHENY IS CHARITABLE

Just to Encourage the Lads From Grove City

HANDS THEM THE GAME.

Allegheny Shows Her Unselfishness By Refusing to Score While She Lets Grove City Roll Up 16 Points.

Last week was a bad one for football favorites and when the smoke of battle had cleared away on Saturday night it was found that many a good thing had gone wrong. The only consolation that Allegheny can find in her defeat lies in the fact that she started a movement at Grove City that made itself felt throughout the football world until even Yale, Harvard and Pennsylvania caught the spirit of benevolence and gave their less famous opponents the games for encouragement.

The score at Grove City was 16-0, with the Presbyterian brethren at the heavy end of the score, a place they have not occupied with Allegheny for three years. To tell how Allegheny, chuck full of confidence and burdened with reputation, fell down before so meek and humble an opponent as Grove City is a painful task, and we will, as quickly as possible, ring down the curtain on the melancholy scene. Grove City had become so accustomed to get it in the neck that when Allegheny appeared she humbly and meekly bowed her head and prepared herself for the annual blow in the usual place, but Allegheny's sympathies had broadened and a spirit of peace and good will pervaded the whole team, so, instead of striking the fatal blow they took their humble brother by the hand and told him to take hope. Allegheny was all right in doing this and Grove City seemed to appreciate the favor, however, she overdid herself, for she not only took hope but all the scores and won the game as well, and all Allegheny had to show for her day's work was a large goose egg and hoodoo story of colored man with a rabbit's foot.

Grove City showed a very bad spirit for a team that had won but one game, and instead of playing slowly and deliberately she rushed into the game with a spirit of recklessness and abandon that was surprising for sober Presbyterians, and with so much haste did they work that it took but seven minutes to rush the ball over the for the first score.

Grove City now kicked off to Allegheny and to show their good will Allegheny advanced a few yards and then gave the ball to the home team on downs. The haste with which Grove City carried it over the goal line when they once got it was embarrassing to the supporters of her team and showed clearly a lack of consideration for the visitors' feelings. Both sides refrained from further scoring in the first half and Allegheny's disintegrated team was given a chance to talk it over in the intermission.

The second half showed a great improvement on Allegheny's part and runs by McCartney, M. Turner and Lockwood showed some of the dash that characterized Allegheny's work in the beginning of the season. On the kickoff Fish caught the ball and gained a clear field, but in a spirit of charity and to give his opponents a fair chance, he allowed himself to be tackled. Bill Marshall and Locke for the home team, were the most instrumental in Allegheny's defeat and repeatedly they tore off gains of 25 and 30 yards. The only touchdown came after 14 minutes of play and on this touchdown a goal was kicked, making the score 16-0.

There must be a cause for every defeat, yet it is hard to pick a winner from so large a field of excuses. Some one has suggested that "ringers" were used by our opponents, but even if it is true

they were all men and but eleven were played at one time, so that is no excuse. Hayes, McQuiston and Turner did not play, but they also missed the Hiram game and we won it easily. Some one has suggested that the game was played outside of our own yard, but that is too painful a question to discuss before the public and we will think of that at home when the doors are locked and the lights are out. But one reason remains and that deals with the colored hoodoo with the rabbit's foot. Now all we have to say is, that any college that has to resort to so nefarious a means of winning a game as working on the superstition of the visitors should—but let us ring down the curtain on so sad a scene.

Grove City—16. Allegheny—0.
Dodds..... L. E.Turner
Marks..... L. T.Walters
Dight..... L. G.Holson
McCullen..... CenterRevely
McConnell..... R. G.Comfort
Bozelle..... R. T.Vandewort
Sandals..... R. E.Mook
Martland..... Q. B.Davenport
Larimer..... L. H.Fish
Marshall..... R. H.McCarney
Locke..... F. B.Lockwood
Touchdowns—Marshall 2, Marks;
goal—Marks. Referee and umpire (alternating) Simpson and Payne.

Dr. Lockwood Talks On Mormonism

Delivers Interesting Lecture Before Men's Club of Congregational Church.

The first meeting of the season of the Men's Club of the Park Avenue Congregational church was held on Friday evening, when the speaker was Dr. Frank C. Lockwood, of Allegheny college, on "Climax of Salt Lake City and Mormonism." Mr. Lockwood resided in Salt Lake City five years, hence is well equipped to speak interestingly and instructively on the subject. There was a large attendance, including many ladies, and the paper, which occupied a little over an hour in its reading, was followed with very marked attention.

Dr. Lockwood said that the Mormon church is the most complete hierarchy on the face of the earth. Its organization is almost perfect: in view of its effectiveness it would be idle to deny this. In 24 hours after an edict has been issued by the head of the church, every Mormon in Utah will have heard and heeded it. At any important crisis in the church the members act as one man. In temporal affairs as in spiritual the people are taught absolute obedience to their president—God's chosen prophet.

The lecture was cordially applauded and a vote of thanks extended the speaker.

THIEL LOST HER SUIT.

Supreme Court Decides in Favor of Greenville Citizens.

Greenville has won in the Thiel college case. The supreme court sustained the decision of Judge Miller which was the continuing of the preliminary injunction restraining the trustees from moving Thiel college from Greenville and from opening that institution in Greensburg. The injunction was continued "until final hearing" and the appeal was taken to the supreme court to have the injunction dissolved. The supreme court now dismisses the appeal and the preliminary injunction remains in force. The trustees must now begin new proceedings in the Mercer county court looking toward the dissolving of the preliminary injunction. Should they again lose in the Mercer county court an appeal will have to be taken to the supreme court for the second time. The chances are this will never be attempted. Greenville is ready to forgive and forget if the trustees will now make the best of the situation and put new life into the institution that should be in the first rank.

Chicago University has 700 students less than last year.

Quill Club Meeting.

Delightful Dinner and Program Enjoyed—Some of the Aims of the Club.

One of the features of the college life at Allegheny which is but little known and understood by the outsider, is her clubs representing the different phases of college work—literature, science, classics. Allegheny's Quill Club and Classical Club are an inspiration to many a student. At their meetings the members, all with a common bent of mind, with similar ambitions in life and with keen appreciation of their particular line of work, enter into an intimate association with each other and in a pleasing way discuss their aims, their work and seek the common good of all. These occasions and these relations are often the most memorable in one's college life.

Thursday evening the Quill Club held one of its monthly meetings in the parlors of the First Presbyterian church. A delightful supper was served by the young ladies of the church, after which an interesting program was carried out. This club is composed only of the literary persons of the college and has about 25 members who form a most congenial company. Its purpose is to foster the development of journalism among its members; to aid the literary work of its members by both adverse and commendatory criticism; to foster the growth of the college publications, and to promote the social life of the college. In fact, it is a second "Ben Johnson Coffee Club," and is one of the treasured features of the college.

At Thursday evening's meeting Dr. Lockwood was the chairman and delivered some most inspiring remarks. Talks on "The Literary Monthly," by Mr. Robert Freeman, and on "The Campus," by J. Gayle Nelson, the president of the club, were given. Mr. Dewey and Miss Terry talked on "Our College Traditions." One of the features of the evening was a talk by Mr. S. C. Lampe, class of '03, on "The Practical Side of Journalism and the Benefits of the Experience Gained at College."

Many of the interesting features of the college originated with the Quill Club, such as the Washington birthday banquet, and plans for some new features are being formed.

A CRITIQUE OF GYM WORK.

Campus Reporter Notes the Preparations Being Made for the Annual Exhibition.

A Campus reporter visited the gymnasium Saturday for the purpose of watching the classes in their preparations for the coming exhibition. Upwards of 50 men were on the floor, taking part in wand drills, dumb-bell and Indian club exercises, as well as more intricate work on the horse and bars.

The drills are bound to be especially fine. They are characterized with a certain snap and precision that makes them most attractive to behold.

The fencing exhibition will be something of a surprise. Both Prof. Lewis and Mr. Crawford are thoroughly proficient in the art and will make things interesting.

The gym team is the best Allegheny has ever had. Better feats are performed than before and more skill is manifest in their execution.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

Miss Strong, the state secretary, visited the college Y. W. C. A. from Saturday afternoon till Monday. She was in consultation with the chairmen of committees learning of the work done and giving helpful words of counsel. The Y. W. C. A. devotional meeting Sunday night was led by Miss Strong, who talked on the importance of guarding our speech as Christians, that our conversation be worthy of our Master's servants.

The young ladies of the college had the opportunity of meeting Miss Strong at a reception given to her by the Association at the Hall on Saturday evening. Refreshments were served to complete the pleasant evening.

LETTER FROM AN EX-STUDENT.

Has a Number of Things to Say About Rooting.

A very interesting letter has been received from H. L. Smith, ex-'04, in which he has a number of nice things to say about the Campus. Among other things he says:

"I have also been interested in the effort of the Campus to get better rooting and a brass band. I have been attending all of Columbia's games this year and yelling for them as I am taking work there three days a week. Their rooting is great. In the Colum.-Penn. game fully 1,500 were in the rooting section. In the Colum.-Yale game it rose to 2,500. They have a brass band that leads the singing, and they know their songs. Then they have a yell master and all he does is to yell through the megaphone the required 'hymn' or yell and then beat time. They do the rest. It's great. From the first to the last of the two long 35 minute halves with Yale, you could hardly hear yourself think.

"Keep at them. Get the band and make them yell if you have to make them swallow a phonograph."

PURDUE WILL ERECT A MEMORIAL

To Her Dead Students—Will Probably Take the Form of a Gymnasium.

A memorial will be erected at Purdue University to preserve the memory of the Purdue football men killed in the Big Four railroad wreck at Indianapolis. Nearly all of those killed in the wreck were athletes and a gymnasium has been suggested by the citizens of Lafayette. Gov. Durbin has started a subscription, heading the list of donors. The citizens of Lafayette are willing contributors to the fund and many have already signed their names. The governor has requested that all who purchased tickets for the game ask for no refund, and the amount the athletic association would realize in this way would be nearly \$6,000.

FOOD FOR THE PREPS.

What feelings of envy and admiration must have filled the souls of the more ardent acquisitions of our preparatory school, as from commanding positions behind stumps and trees they silently and reverently regarded that Greek Archaeology class last week as it stood open-mouthed before the Observatory while its sage instructor pointed out the mysteries of the architecture! Let them ponder on the broadness and aesthetic culture and subtle intellectuality of a college life which can produce men and women capable of appreciating with keen perception the niceties of a Doric portico or the divine beauty of an Ionic facade. Hitch your wagon to a star, Preppies.

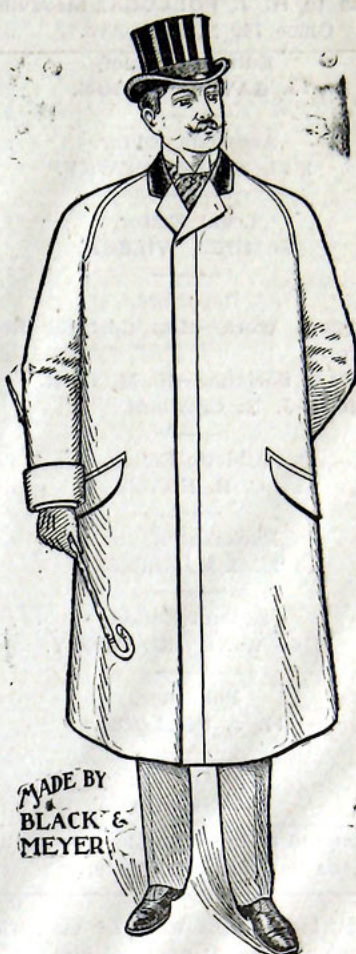
A "Red" View of Football.

Below is a clipping from "Medical Talk," apropos football:

We wonder why any educated man would take part in such a game. We wonder still more that educated professors will abet and encourage such a game. And we wonder yet more that ladies of refinement and delicate sensibilities will witness and applaud such a game.

It is a desecration and a degradation to the human body to submit it to the senseless ordeal of a football game. It is a deliberate despite to the wonderful organism of the human anatomy which God has placed at our disposal for useful and noble purposes. Not only the physical damage which the body receives from which it will never recover, not only the numerous blemishes scattered here and there all over the human form divine that is sure to follow such an unreasonable use of the body, but the reaction of such a game upon the mind, upon the morals. It cannot be otherwise than that a coarseness of the sympathies and a callousness of the sympathies must follow such abandon of conduct, such terrific treatment and turmoil.

We do not presume that these men wish to injure each other permanently. Of course they do not. But temporarily



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Every college in the United States pretends to admire and approve of this desperate game. We do not believe that way down in the hearts of the presidents and professors of the many colleges of learning there lurks a real consent to this game. We have a suspicion that cowardice and diplomacy have much to do with this seemingly universal acquiescence.

In Math. I.

Prof. Dutton—"Go to the board, Reavely."

Reavely—"Not prepared, Professor." Professor Dutton—"Go to the board, Reavely and write an essay on 'Not Prepared.'"

Reavely goes to the board and writes as follows:

Not Prepared.

An essay I must write
So I'll treat the matter light,
For although I'm unprepared
I'm not so badly scared
But what an essay I can write
On being unprepared.
If this is not enough
I must hang an awful bluff,
And write the trashy stuff,
For I am unprepared.

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Courtesy laughs with the man who makes a mistake: never at him.

In learning to be cheerful givers, let's not forget to be grateful receivers.

Even the most interesting subject somehow loses its pungency after the closing bell for the period rings.

The student who thinks he knows it all will have a hard time getting his fellow-students to agree with him.

The article on Historical Allegheny in another column reaches Historical back into the long-gone Allegheny days when our beautiful college hill was bare of building block or stone. Beneath the business-like accounts of the first beginnings there runs a strain of sacrifice and pure devotion that somehow makes us want to canonize those ambitious, sturdy settlers. Stories such as these take us away from the days of budding buildings and limitless endowments into a past when a pittance was a fortune and when sacrificing hurt. Traditionalism abundant lies buried in those dusty documents, which, by the way, are by far too valuable to be left in the condition they now are.

Allegheny's football team has won four games and lost four. Football. We have won from Grove City, Westminster, University of Buffalo and Hiram, and have been defeated by State, Case, Geneva and Grove City. The recent defeat by Grove City was a surprise. Their team may have been loaded with "ringers" but we prefer to think not. Let's simply say they beat us in a good, square game and congratulate them. Our team is now in good shape and will make a hard try for victory with any aggregation. Allegheny this year does not have a champion team, it is true, but in one way the student body has stood by it manfully. The student body hasn't "knocked" the team. It has sympathized in the defeats but never "knocked." True, there have been isolated charges of yellowism, favoritism, etc., but such accusations have always been promptly squelched by loyal supporters of the team. The football team and the coach may have been "knocked," but it has been done only by men of the town, unconnected with the college, who can not appreciate the difficulties in the way of successful football. From now on we must stand united behind our team. The team itself needs encouragement. Any little mistakes of judgment incident to the daily practice on the part of anyone in authority must now be forgotten. Our team is not a losing one, and with a united student body behind a united team we shall sweep Mt. Union off the football map.

The success which has marked the meetings of the Classical Club and Quill Club and the Scientific evident benefit which students have derived from these organizations, has caused no little favorable comment, both in and out of the college. The result of both clubs has been to call forth much more independent effort on the part of the student than has before been the case, and the work of the Quill Club, especially, with its broader range of purpose, will have its effect, we feel sure, in creating a certain atmosphere of college traditionalism that has been thus far lacking. Students, as well as athletes, are to be developed in Allegheny College, and no one thing is giving a greater impetus in that direction than such clubs as the Quill and Classical Club. The need of a Scientific Club is apparent. The college once boasted of such an organization, but the days of its activity have long been past. The demonstration of scientific facts is always a matter of interest, and the discussion of new theories and new discoveries would clearly develop an interest in this time of college work which the class room fails to afford. The moment the students are awakened to the possibilities of independent research, we may expect the quality of graduates in the scientific department to be materially bettered. It is to be hoped that some effort will be made at once in this direction. The need is apparent and ought to be met.

PROFESSIONALISM WILL HURT SPORT.

President Roosevelt Gives Some Ideas as to Its Effect Upon the Current Games.

"Probably there never has been a time when sporting matters had as keen an interest for the American people as they have at present; yet it is probable that a smaller proportion of the people now take an active part in sporting events than ever before," says an eastern man. "Half a century ago there was not so much variety in games, but virtually any able-bodied men were ready to go to bat in town ball (from which has sprung baseball) to vie with one another in jumping, running, swimming, skating and the like. While athletics were no part of the college curriculum and there was no organized intercollegiate games still the boys were all out in the field for personal trials of strength and agility, and had all the benefits a gymnasium could confer. Now, however, as President Roosevelt has said, professionalism has placed limits to the value of the sports. For one thing, it has set so high a standard of excellence that the ordinary performer hesitates to display his lack of skill. The people are willing to pay so high a price for their amusements that professionalism is inevitable—to pay high even for the privilege of watching the contests of the players. Persons who could earn but a small salary otherwise may gather riches if they be skilled in sport.

"It is the President's idea that we are injured by professionalism, and that even the glory which we may win in international contests belongs to individuals rather than to the nation; that just as we pay men to take our exercise for us on the ball field, while we look on from the grandstand or bleachers and shout for the hirelings from other towns who play under our own town name, so the glory which we win from other countries we must pass on to the hired professionals, whose skill has achieved the result. It may be conceded that in the long run professionalism in sport must destroy the personal interest which led men to take an active part therein. Much of the present-day interest is due less to care for the sport as such than to the chance it gives for gambling. Often the man who has the most intense concern about the outcome of a horse race could not be dragged to a track. It is the fact that he has put money on the result which explains his interest. It is doubtful if sport which is a means of livelihood to thousands of professional gamblers and of indulgence of the gambling passion to an immense body of clerks and other salaried persons can be beneficial.

A western teacher nistructing a class in composition, said, "Do not attempt any flights of fancy; be yourselves and write what is in you." The following day a bright pupil handed in the following: "We should not attempt any flites of fancy, rite what is in us. In me there is my stomach, lungs, heart, liver, two apples, one piece of mince pie, three sticks of candy, a hull lot of peanuts and my dinner."

Exchange Department

An art student recently painted a picture of a dog under a tree so life-like that it was impossible to distinguish the bark of the tree from that of the dog.

The monkeys were our ancestors and were educated in the higher branches.

The exchange editor may scratch a pen

Till the ends of his fingers are sore, When some one will be sure to remark with a jest,

Rats! How stale! I've heard that before.

If the Mississippi is the Father of Waters, why is it not called Mister-sippi?

In a history class the student has to listen to Prof. with one ear and write with the other.

The Harvard Orchestra, composed exclusively of Harvard students, will soon build a large concert hall.

Wooster has now a missionary training school.

Some interesting facts about football:

About one college man in ten plays. The proportion of men playing seems to be decreasing.

About one player in 35 is sufficiently injured each season to necessitate the loss of time from college duties.

The number of college football players who are permanently injured or die from the effects of the game is so small as to be practically a negligible quantity.

Of the 700 members of the Sophomore class at Harvard this year, 400 enter on probation either for misdemeanors or poor scholarship.

Prof. Cattell of Columbia University has taken the four principle encyclopedias of the world—English, American, French and German, and made out a list of the thousand famous men and women who are given the most space. The result is Napoleon heads the list, Shakespeare comes next, Mahomet third, and Voltaire fourth.

Western Reserve begins this fall a two-years course of librarians, the required funds having been promised by Carnegie.

Miss Virginia Waterman, who is attending Northwestern Academy at Evanston, Ill., is supposed to be the oldest preparatory student in the United States. Although 60 years old she takes front rank in her classes.

It may be interesting to note that the bishops of the M. E. church during their recent semi-annual conference at Rock Island, Ill., were entertained at dinner by Judge Sweeney, an alumnus of Allegheny college.

At Glee Club Rehearsal.

Merril—"Say, King, do you sing from your diaphragm?"

King—"Sure!"

Merril—"Well, that voice of yours sounds as though it soured coming up from your stomach."

A High School Yell.

Rayen High school, Youngstown, Ohio, has a yell that is a veritable throat-twister. Here it is:

Hurrah hog; hurrah ham,
Hicka-lick-a-chick-boot-a-ram-stam-dam;

Alika-zam; aliqa-zam,
Alika-flipity; aliqa-floppity
Alika-flim-flam.

Alika-hip-zoo, razoo;
Jimmy blow your bazoo;

Ipse, des, I-key S;
Hen-zein; Ben-zein

Jimmy blow your tambourine.
A beefsteak,—a clam bake, a hurrah dog.

Alika-raff-ruff
Alike-raff-perms,

Alika Rayen school, high school, hot worms.

Hindu, Zulu,
Hick-a-lick-a-chick-boot-a-ram-stam-dam sheep or mutton;

Hallabaloo, hallobalus, what is the matter with us?

I-key, I-key; Dog bite Mikey!

Ice cream, you scream, we all scream for

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A little rummaging through some of the oldest documents and papers of the College brings to light many interesting facts and curious phases of the earliest days of this institution. Though the presidency of President Alden, which lasted some fifteen years, saw the graduation of only twelve students, yet in these very years the foundations for an institution such as Allegheny is to-day were being laid with the greatest toil and exertion, and the papers still existing give strong proof of the far-sighted philanthropic purposes of the founder and are peculiarly interesting to the students of Allegheny College.

The Original Manuscript Copy of the "preamble to the business of the meeting" which was the first definite step taken by the citizens of Meadville towards establishing a collegiate institution and signed by some fifteen names, is still extant. It says in part:

"From the patronage we hope to receive and from a reliance on the smiles of Heaven, we indulge the expectation that our endeavors for the literary and scientific, moral and religious benefit of the rising and future generations will not be in vain, and that many young men of genius and piety, in this part of our republic, will soon enjoy the desired advantages for acquiring such an education as will enable them to become an honor to their country and a blessing to the world."

In the

Resolutions Drawn Up

it was stated that "from the circumstance that a great part of the region, for the benefit of which the seminary is designed, is watered by the numerous streams, which, in the aggregate, make the Allegheny river, it was resolved that the institution be called ALLEGHANY COLLEGE."

The Rev. Timothy Alden

a graduate of Harvard College, in the year 1794, whose interest in education had led him to come to Meadville that he might set up in this vicinity an institution of learning, was honored with the first presidency. His arduous duties included instruction in Latin, Greek and the Oriental languages, besides ecclesiastical history. Associated with him, as the only other member of the faculty, was the Reverend Robert Johnston, whose duties as instructor covered the branches of "ethics, logic and metaphysics," and these two learned men as sole instructors were allotted in addition the departments of literature and science.

We may judge somewhat of

The Compensation

which these men received when we note this resolution drawn up in 1829, a dozen years after the actual founding: "The president, the Rev. Timothy Alden, shall be allowed as compensation for the discharge of his duties, 'the occupying of the West end of the College building, and ground for a garden, both free of rent, also one-third of all the fees for tuition; also all fees for diplomas, after deducting their cost, (twelve of these were issued during President Alden's entire administration), and the Board of Trustees guarantee that if the fees fall short of two hundred dollars, the said deficiency shall be made good."

The Charter

was not received from the Legislature till the year 1817, and since during these two years the Rev. Alden was journeying through New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, where he succeeded in collecting some \$4,000.00 in money, land and books, the formal opening of the college did not take place until July, 1817. A manuscript copy of laws, dated July 4, 1817, as the first body of laws formulated in the College, is of unusual interest. We note that the third and fourth classmen were honored with the dignified titles of Junior Sophisters and Senior Sophisters. When the verdant Freshman matriculated he must needs attach his name to

This Formidable Pledge:

"We whose names are subjoined, severally promise, that, while undergraduates of Allegheny College, we will obey the laws of this institution, refrain from all immoral and unbecoming speech and behavior, treat with respect the trustees and all the other

officers of the College, demean ourselves towards all our superiors, equals, and inferiors, in a manner becoming the characters of gentlemen, and will pursue our studies with a regularity and diligence worthy of the approbation of our friends and instructors. In testimony of which, we have hereunto set our respective hands at the times of the annexed dates."

Undergraduates were required to "declaim at such times and places and in such languages as the President of the Faculty may prescribe," and regular attendance at public worship on the Sabbath day was strictly enforced. His admission as a Freshman required of him the ability to parse and construe Cicero's select orations, the Aeneid of Virgil, and the Greek Testament, a knowledge of Latin prose composition, arithmetic, besides vouching for his moral character by a written testimonial from parent or guardian."

Such then were some of the laws and the first graduates of the institution gave vent to their newly acquired wisdom in the memorable commencement of 1821. Not to be outclassed by larger institutions, the four graduates waded through the conventional order of commencement exercises of the time, a certain barbarity of custom which might suggest the University days of Erasmus rather than an institution of the 19th century, and a custom which colleges still cling to though in a somewhat milder form. The

Programme for This First Commencement

is copied in full:

Salutatory oration in Latin, by R. W. Alden; English oration on Astronomy, by David Derickson; Greek oration on Geography, by A. M. White; English oration on the Importance to the United States of an Extensive Navy, by R. W. Alden; Syriac oration by T. J. F. Alden; English oration on the Progress of Liberty, by A. M. White; German oration on Washington, the Glory of His Country, by D. Derickson; Valedictory oration, by T. J. F. Alden.

In 1823 (or perhaps 1825) Pres. Alden addressed the "Germans of Pennsylvania and other parts of the United States" in order to receive donations for the founding and endowing a "professorship in German literature and science," to the highly elegant German address is appended a translation in equally polished English. It reads in part:

"That this seminary is destined to hold an important rank among her sister institutions, may be inferred from the smiles of Heaven already experienced. It is not eight years since its foundation was laid by a number of active, persevering, patriotic and magnanimous citizens of this state, who, from their exertions, under God, begin now to see the wilderness bud and blossom as the rose. * * * * * It may be proper to add, that Allegheny College is placed, by its excellent charter, in a region far from all sister rival institutions, accommodated with good turnpike roads, rapidly increasing in improvements and inhabitants, remarkably salubrious, and when, from the fertility of the soil and the industrious habits of its agriculturists, the necessities of life must ever be cheap, and the expense of education less than at most other collegiate institutions in America."

The two papers which follow are both

Suggestive and Amusing:

"Know all men by these presents, that I, ———, from my desire to afford some aid to Allegheny College, hereby covenant and agree with the trustees of said College, that after my decease, my administrators shall pay from my estate to the trustees of said College for the benefit of the institution, the sum of ten dollars. Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one. Done in Mr. Alden's study at the College edifice."

"Shenango, August 5, 1825. Received of Timothy Alden thirteen dollars and thirty-three cents, in full for a cow delivered to him in the former part of this season; that is, by his obligation to pay the trustees of Allegheny College that sum, on my fifty dollar subscription to the College." These early documents throw much light on the vicissitudes of old Allegheny.

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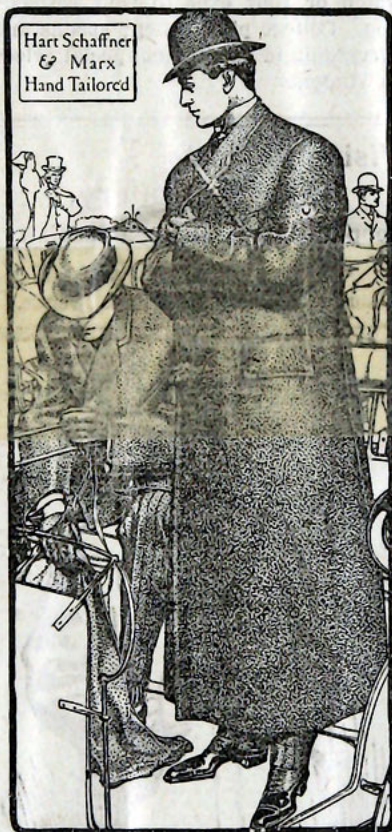
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