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ENTERED AT THE POSTOFFICE, MEADVILLE, PA., AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER

The eloquent and patriotic lecture delivered by Dr. Crawford, last Friday night, served a two-fold purpose. In the first place, through his generosity in offering the lecture to the management of the course of lectures he has opened up to them a path whereby they are enabled to see their way through, financially, without the encumbrance of a large deficit which stared them in the face a few days before.

Again, it has been fully demonstrated right at our very doors that in our president we have found not only all, but more than we expected when he took up the reins of government. His eloquent flights of oratory, his commanding position on the platform, and the deep sympathy he had for his subject, made him an object of pride by all who have had the pleasure of close contact with him. The Young Men's Christian Association will now be able to say that their venture was a success, but only this gift of the best lecture in the course made it possible. We think the management has made a grave mistake in the class of speakers which have appeared before the people of Meadville this winter. It is folly to pay a noted man such a sum as the first lecturer received, for the reason that a man of lesser importance, but with the same amount of ability, can be secured for much less money and his performance will be as entertaining and receipts just as large. The fact that less interest is shown in lectures by the citizens at the present time than in the past has probably something to do with the failure of the course to meet expectations.

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The spark of athletic enthusiasm, which we were afraid had died out, has again been fanned into a flame by a few of the faithful ones. We have preached on the subject of athletics so much that it is with some diffidence we again entreat the students to regain their lost senses and come to the true condition of affairs. The proposition laid before the students last Saturday is not elaborate or intricate, even the most simple minded could comprehend the meaning and object of the plan. It is not only a simple one, but it is

entirely feasible and the students who doubted that it could be carried out are just the ones who object to everything which has the air of true college spirit about it. These "doubting Thomases" refuse to aid in athletics; they will not subscribe for the college paper; the annual is, in their eyes, a nightmare. Sometimes we think they will object when the faculty offers them a diploma (if they ever get that far along). If there were but a few such people, athletics would take a great stride forward. Unfortunately they are more than a handful and after they make their promises and then resort to their backsliding propensities, there are left the faithful few who can always be found ready to aid and defend athletics. Athletic spirit has taken on a boom here at Allegheny. It lasted from 9:50 to 10:10 o'clock Saturday morning. How long will this continue so? No one can tell. Those who are interested in the work will receive the praise and if they can build up the athletic association, and we sincerely hope they will, the honor and glory will be theirs.

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After this issue of the CAMPUS, but six more numbers will be published to complete volume ten. Thus far, the support given by the students has been very little, so little in fact that we are ashamed to state the number of subscribers among those who are now in college. Thanks to a number of alumni of the institution who show more loyalty than the majority of students who are now actively engaged in the activities of college life, together with the generosity of a goodly number of advertisers we are able to bring before you a college paper which, although hampered by a lack of funds, compares favorably with any of its kind.

For the six remaining numbers, the business manager will make a reduction on the usual subscription price, giving all an opportunity to mend their ways and lend a helping hand to the CAMPUS, which, by the way, is the instrument by which our college is kept before the eyes of the whole college world. The publication of this paper is a sort of struggle between man and fate, and the latter generally comes out on top, while the business manager is the under dog. Make an effort to see him and with your mite, be it little or much, cast a ray of hope across his path and further the interests and success of the paper.

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We are in receipt of a letter from a student of a neighboring college inquiring into the advisability of re-organizing the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association and to bring the proposed scheme before the students of our college.

A few years ago we were in an association of this character, which was formed by practically the same colleges that the letter proposes shall be in the new one. In the spring of ninety-one, if our memory serves us correctly, we sent, as our representative, Mr. W. W. Youngson, to Beaver Falls, Pa., where the contest was held that year. With his eloquent oratory and splendid delivery he easily took the first prize, the sum of fifty dollars. When he presented himself to the treasurer to receive his well earned reward it was refused, and all efforts to obtain the money proved unfruitful. This underhanded piece of work so disgusted Allegheny's members of the Association that in the following year they withdrew from the organization, and since then have had nothing to do with it. Our withdrawal resulted in its final disintegration.

These are the facts of the case, now for a circumspect of the whole matter.

The Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association of Western Pennsylvania is indebted to Allegheny College, through her representative, Mr. Youngson, in the sum of fifty dollars. He has literally been cheated out of the prize which his superior ability so easily won from his competitors. To the other colleges who were in this association we would say that under no consideration could Allegheny again enter into any such compact until we have seen fair play.

It is simply a matter of justice and no fear of defeat would prevent our returning. It is well known that Allegheny has an excellent reputation as a school for orators. We have sent a representative to Chautauqua and coped with such colleges as Rochester University, Syracuse University, Adelbert College, Ohio Wesleyan University and Washington and Jefferson College and have returned with the wreath of victory. Moreover, the prize offered was paid to the winner. We have sent our representative to Beaver Falls and have coped with Western University of Pennsylvania, Washington and Jefferson College, Grove City College, Westminister and others, and have again returned with the laurels. But here we did not receive the prize which we supposed was being contested for after winning it.

In conclusion we have but a few words. If Allegheny College can go into New York and stand on an equal basis with representative colleges of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, as she did in the year 1888, and cope successfully with them, what is there to induce us to go to some small village and match our skill with colleges, some of which are inferior to our own, and where they refuse to pay the sum offered as first prize. We think we voice the sentiment of both students and faculty when we say that a great injustice has been done and that it should be remedied at once. Our president and the students are too conservative to overlook this injustice. If you wish to have Allegheny re-enter the association, send fifty dollars to the man it belongs to. Then, and then only, will we consider the proposition.

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Now that the excitement incident to the sale of seats and auction of boxes for the lecture delivered last week is over, perhaps we find some time to apply to another worthy project. The Kaldron board elected last spring has been holding regular meetings for the past few weeks and are speedily arranging our college annual for publication. They have arrived at a point where the hearty co-operation and support of every student is demanded in order to make it a success. The managing editors have authorized us to state that they are now prepared to receive contributions of a literary nature and all other matter which is found in a complete and thoroughly modern college publication. The editors are striving to outshine all previous efforts and can accomplish this end if they are assisted by each and every individual. If you have either poetry or prose, humorous or pathetic, do not delay but hand it in as soon as possible. Everything and anything will not be published, but each selection will be carefully weighed and given a place as its merit demands. If the Kaldron is a success from a literary point of view, it surely will not fail to succeed as a financial enterprise.

Phi Kappa Psi enjoyed a banquet at Trowbridge's immediately after the lecture last Friday evening.

Literary.

As Others See It.

The following conversation took place recently between an old and new student: "Will you join a literary society?" "No, I think not. They tell me that the literary societies here are but a farce."

The old student, like Job, placed his hand over his mouth and kept silence. To refute the statement would be as foolish as to doubt the laws of gravitation. The more he communed with his heart the more he became convinced that the new student had spoken advisedly. The question naturally arose in his mind, as it does in ours, "Why has the salt lost its saltness?"

It does seem passing strange that with a body of students sufficient to sustain six literary societies that our three are so feebly patronized. The causes of these unsatisfactory results cannot be imputed to any particular class. About twenty-five per cent. of our students have their names enrolled as members of literary societies. Of these, perhaps twenty per cent. are regular attendants and active workers. The other five per cent. divide their Friday evenings between midnight dissipations and literary work. While the seventy-five per cent. of the whole student body, like the good priest on his road to Jericho, "pass by on the other side." However, members only are responsible, and if they could but convince themselves that they have entered into serious obligations, obligations that demand sacrifice and regular application, the first part of the complex problem would be solved. Thus much for the student responsibility. Now, besides this, an occasional visit of the faculty or some member of it would inspire the laborers with renewed zeal, and at least give them the assurance that the faculty approves of this department of work.

But, unfortunately, these favorable conditions do not exist. The attitude of the college seems to be, "Look out for everything else, and Providence will take care of your literary societies." Oh, sublime thought! Oh, foolish fancy!

It is in striking contrast to note that at the same time that the U. S. Senate, organization secular, so prematurely adjourned out of respect for Good Friday that the Y. M. C. A., organization spiritual, of Allegheny College, was consumating one of the most discourteous acts that ever flaunted in the immaculate robes of sweet charity. "This last straw broke the camel's back."

The law recognizes that an uninterrupted possession of certain things for a given time establishes the right of ownership. Hence some brilliant mind supercharged with legal instinct attempts to bring over and apply civil axioms to the complicated problems of social and moral life, saying to the literary societies, "My dear brothers and sisters, we have so often usurped your Friday evenings without any expostulation on your part, therefore you have ceased to have any representative interest in the matter." Of course this argument is unanswerable; but look at another phase: The time-honored custom of the college has set apart Wednesday evenings for prayer meetings, and Friday evenings for literary societies. Now, suppose that at any regular meeting some brainy but designing literary man should conceive that our societies should meet Wednesday evenings, and make such a proposition, wouldn't every member present rise as with one accord and justly denounce such an uncalled for outrage? Alas! who rose up in that star chamber assembly and plead for our rights? We have sat as in the humiliation of despair, silently nursing our wrongs, while those in responsible positions have, times without number, through the seductive influences of private entertainments, forced us to adjourn; but when public entertainments usurp our rights and the school receives frequent admonitions of their duty to attend, despite the regular work, it is high time for a protest. But a friend who feels under more binding obligations to his organization spiritual than to his organization secular says, "The committee did the best they could. They had to take whatever night they could get." The real facts are so adverse to this statement that one needs must think, "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark." If the committee will please bear in mind that we are attacking principle, and not persons, we will attempt to illuminate the subject still more. Mr. Committeemen, for the sake of vindicating yourselves, if any other person ventures to insinuate that you selected the only evening in the week that you could get, please say to him, "Go thou and consult the manager of the Academy of Music, and he shall read from his memorandum book the vacant nights for the week in question, which were Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings." Finally, let us concede that the committee bore us no malice, and that the unfortunate affair grew out of negligence. I should be the first to make these concessions were it not that they seem to establish a proposition that I am very loath to admit, viz: That, business and religion are incompatible.

The charity you teach we can poorly imitate; but we are helpless in your hands, and stand in fear and trembling, waiting for the appointed time when we may again be victimized for the edification of the school.

Obediently thine,

PHILO-JUNIUS.

School Life in Germany.

The public buildings and the public institutions of Germany are not always open to the public. It is often difficult to obtain an entrance into them, and often requires so much delay and form that we prefer to miss such places entirely rather than go through with the necessary ceremonies.

Ever since we first saw the German children with their quaint book bags strapped over their shoulders, trudging to and from school, we have been desirous of visiting the public schools, but whenever the subject of a visit was broached, we were always met with, "No, impossible." Finally, an American lady, who has been in Germany long enough to become well acquainted with the people and their customs, offered to accompany us to one of the girls' schools, where we could be no more than refused admission. Our first encounter was with a janitor, who eyed us suspiciously, and in answer to our inquiries said we could be admitted only on condition that we were teachers, personally interested in the work; and even then we must have the permission of Herr Director. After some delay, the permission was granted, and a teacher was sent with us to the various rooms. Each recitation lasts for one hour, and the pupils do not always remain in the same room, but have a different room for each class. There are two teachers, a lady and a gentleman, in each room. The professor usually does the teaching. The lady is present at the change of classes to preserve order, corrects written exercises, and does the teaching when the professor is absent. During recitations, however, she busies herself with her crochet or sewing, and on each teacher's desk will be found a work-basket, piled high with work. We were first ushered into the French room. The professor greeted us politely, and every child, without any sign from the teacher, arose and remained standing until we were seated. The professor never sits down while hearing a recitation, but walks up and down the room, darting questions here and there, thus demanding the attention of all. These children, so quiet and retiring at home, are all animation at school. They are wild to tell all they know, and in their anxiety that the professor shall see their raised hand, they almost spring from the bench.

The instant we made a motion to leave the room, the little folks again arose, and stood until we had walked the length of the room and had passed through the door. In each class that we visited we were treated with the same deference. It is said that nowhere do children work so in school as in Germany; and the recitations show the result of earnest study. It is surprising to hear prompt answers to problems involving calculations of metres, litres, kilos and grammes. The school

hours are from 8 to 12 in the morning in the summer, 7 to 11 in the winter, and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon all the year. There is but one half holiday a week, and that is Saturday afternoon. Religion is taught daily in the schools, and when the pupils have finished the course they know the Bible from beginning to end. Latin and Greek are not taught in the girls' school; but the boys begin these studies at the age of 8 or 10. A young lad in our pension laughed heartily at the idea of a lady teaching Latin, or a girl studying Greek. Then, too, a woman's mind is not considered equal for the higher mathematics. She is taught enough to enable her to keep her household accounts correctly, but anything beyond that is thought unnecessary. The extra time given by the boys to mathematics, the girls devote to needlework. We were too late to visit the sewing room; but the teacher of that department gave us some idea as to how the work was carried on. Besides the great quantity of fine lace, and knitting of coarse gray yarn, that is done, plain sewing is thoroughly taught, and the hand work is beautiful.

Education is compulsory in Germany, and even the poorest peasant can read and write. There is no opportunity to play truant, as big officers are always on the watch for little delinquents and march them off to school without any ceremony. In the better grade of schools singing and dancing lessons are given several times a week. No wonder that the Germans have such fine musical tastes; for they hear and become familiar with the best of music from childhood. In this city, every day, rain or shine, a band of musicians, belonging to the royal battalion, marches from the barracks just at noon, when the schools are dismissed, to the public square, and there gives three pieces of music from the best composers.

The local chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Kappa Psi were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sion B. Smith last Tuesday evening. The gathering was in honor of Miss Goff, of Allegheny, who became a Kappa Alpha while at college a few years ago.

Local.

Robinson spent last Sunday at home.

You must join the Athletic Association.

Hayden has been initiated by Delta Tau Delta.

Clarence Farrer was at home over Sunday, the 11th.

Pachedjieff number one preached at Reisinger last Sunday.

Miss Fannie B. Stevenson spent Sunday with relatives in Cochranton.

Dr. —— to Chamberlain—"The softer a thing is the more it concerns you."

Chapin and Merchant spent Sunday with their parents at their respective homes.

A matter of curiosity to the elocution class: "Whose hand does Virtue hold?"

Phillips sold more than sixty lecture tickets, the largest number sold by any one person.

It is surprising how many "Barcuses" are in college. The number has increased during the past two weeks.

Last Saturday afternoon Wright worked hard in the laboratory, but he found nothing but Zinck, Zinck, Zinck.

Putting books and papers on the strings of the chapel piano is quite a joke(?), one about as aged as the piano itself. Ye cobweb brained quacks, give us something new.

The first performance of the new and unique comedy, "Secrets of a Night Revealed," occurred at the Hall Monday night, Feb. 5th, and is pronounced a success by all those who heard it. It is to be regretted that the lateness of the hour of its presentation deprived many of the pleasure of hearing it. The play consists of three acts: Act I, 10:59, "Just Saved." Act II, "Symptomatic Derangement." Act III, "Oh, What did I say?"

Jewell, to Crane.—"What is a pentagon?"
Crane.—"It is a quadralateral with five sides."

The alumnus spoken of in the last issue of the Campus as W. C. Buhn, should have been W. C. Berlin.

Joke number thirty-six on Merrill Wright. But the *Kaldron* editors would not allow us to publish it. This joke will be the great feature of the next *Kaldron*.

Some little interest was manifested at the auction sale of boxes for Dr. Crawford's lecture, yet they were not sold for as high a price as expected. Staples and Farrar secured the two upper boxes; Irwin and Fritz the other two.

Grant, to White, while studying their Greek lesson:—"I like the idea of Elision and Syncope. I wish we had such things in English. If we could only drop an *e* between two consonants, it would make my name Grantson."

The political warfare between Professors Montgomery and Dutton goes merrily on. Dutton tickets are found all over Science Hall, while Prof. Dutton's room is every day strewn with tickets bearing the name of his opponent. The agony will be over next Tuesday.

On the evening of February 2d Ossoli Literary Society gave a farce in place of the usual exercises. It was entitled "The Company's Husbands," and the parts were very well taken by the Misses Bascom, Bissell, Borland, Davis, and Mount. The other societies adjourned and crowded into Ossoli hall.

The lecture last Friday evening was a great success. The crowd was large and the lecture was fine. Everyone expected great things from Dr. Crawford, and they were not disappointed. The lecture is said to be the best ever given in Meadville. The Y. M. C. A. is now happy over the fact that the lecture course will be completed free from debt, and for this they must thank Dr. Crawford, for without his kind assistance the course would not nearly have paid for itself.

The A. C. C. B's. on the evening of the second, made use of the fine sleighing and had a sleighing party. The person who tried to report it for the morning papers did not succeed very well, and surely received no thanks for his trouble. One who was present could have written a more correct report.

Alumni.

R. T. Hatch, ex-'95, is now in Cleveland, O.

F. A. Cattern is studying law in San Francisco.

John W. Bell, M.D., '88, is now practicing in St. Joseph, Mo.

J. W. Campbell, '93, has a position with the *Times* at Johnsonburg, Pa.

A. C. Lindsey, '89, made his brother Earl a short call one day last week.

N. M. Johnson, '83, is superintendent of the electric light plant at Greenville, Pa.

Miss Goff, M.D., '86, of Allegheny City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sion B. Smith, North Main street.

Among the marriage licenses issued at the office of the Clerk of the Courts last Saturday was one to W. H. Gibson and a young lady, both of Blooming Valley. Mr. Gibson was a member of the class of '93, and is the thirdd of that body who has become a victim to Cupid's darts. We extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. Gibson and his "better half."

The faculty of Cornell have done away with final examinations. The standing of the student will be determined by his daily work and by occasional "tests." After all we would prefer the one final exam. to the numerous tests.

The *Athenæum* thinks the CAMPUS devotes too much of its space to locals.

The College World.

Exchanges.

A PSALM OF COLLEGE LIFE.

Tell me not, deluded students,
Ponies are an empty dream;
If they're used with proper prudence,
Of their presence Profs ne'er dream.

Cribs are real to their possessors?
And they help us reach the goal;
How to beat the stern professors
Bothers every student's soul.

Not enjoyment, only sorrow
'Tends the honest student's way;
Slyly we our lessons borrow,
Then play football all the day.

Greek is long, and time is flying,
Maids are strolling down the walk;
Quickly then, our clubs applying,
We go out and have a talk.

In the college field of learning,
In the class room's busy strife
While the rest success are earning,
We ride ponies big as life.

Trust no author for your lessons,
For the pony's much the best;
Crib—crib your language lessons
And stop flunking like the rest.

Former students don't deceive us,
For the ponies used of yore,
Though departed, still they leave us
Footprints on the sands of lore.

Footprints which we view with gladness,
Sailing o'er the college main,
Though forlorn and filled with sadness,
Quickly we take heart again.

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The *Hampden-Sidney Magazine* contained the following in regard to the anecdote of Napoleon, as given by the writer of the article, "The Great Battlefield," which appeared in the CAMPUS some time ago:

The writer is considerably mixed up as to the facts of the case. The incident he relates happened at the battle of "Marengo" shortly after Napoleon's return from Egypt. The Austrians attacked him on the morning of June 14th, 1800, and had defeated him and were in pursuit. The Austrian general had gone to his tent to send despatches of his victory to the Austrian Emperor when General Desaix appeared on the field. Napoleon rode up to him and said, "General, the battle is lost." "Yes," replied Desaix, "This battle is lost, but (pulling out his watch) it is only four o'clock and time to win another." A writer, when his article is to go before the public, should be a little more careful as to the correctness of his historical statements.

The editorials of the paper are very good.

Perhaps it was observed that the articles which appeared in the exchange column of the last CAMPUS were somewhat out of date. This was no fault of the editors, as the articles handed in by him for that department were destroyed through some mistake, and the ones which appeared were substituted for them without his knowledge.

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According to the *Coup d'Etat*, Knox College was recently the recipient of a valuable gift. It was a photographic reproduction of the famous "Flatey Book" (see H. H. Boyesen in the February *Cosmopolitan*), which had been on exhibition at the World's Fair during the summer. The original of this book is the most perfect of all Icelandic manuscripts, and was written between 1380 and 1400. Besides the account of Ericson's discovery of America, it contains a general history of the Scandinavian countries down to the end of the 14th century. Of the 905 columns in the original, only those which pertain to the discovery of America by the Northmen are reproduced in the Knox book.

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Mr. Lovell was born in East Braintree, Mass., July 25, 1820, became an apprentice to A. Fairbanks, a Boston gunsmith, in 1836, and in 1840, at the age of 20, was a partner in the concern, which is now a corporation with a capital of $125,000, and does a business of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. Of course as a boy at that age just out of a scantily paid apprenticeship, he had no cash capital, but he had what was better, a knowledge of the trade, quick wit, thorough honesty, undaunted courage, and unrelenting persistence, which were all his own. Mr. Fairbanks died in a little more than a year, and his heirs desired to discontinue the business. Luckily Mr. Lovell found a new partner, and the firm of Grover & Lovell was established and continued until 1844, when Mr. Lovell bought out his partner, and assumed control of the business, which he carried on alone until his sons became old enough, when the firm style was John P. Lovell & Sons, and so continued until 1887, when the corporation was established.

It isn't to give the scores of interesting details which are on record concerning this house and its members that this article is written. It is rather to call attention to call attention to the remarkable personnel of the father and boys who constitute the corporation. A record like that of the senior member and president is more valuable than millions, and to have the esteem and confidence and love of a wide circle of business and social acquaintances is a legacy to leave to a family of boys, better than large wealth. But when we consider that the business which has been built up so carefully and persistently is now at the height of its prosperity, we may reckon that in material wealth and the opportunities to increase it, the elder Lovell has brought to his children a very handsome endowment. The two together are

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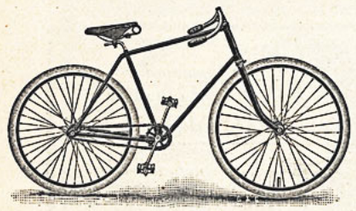
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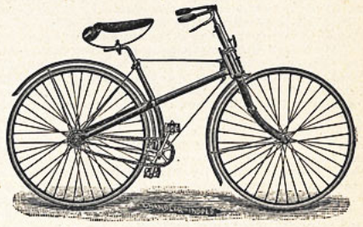


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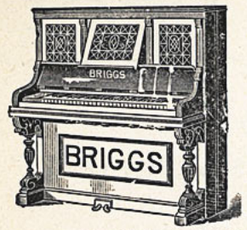
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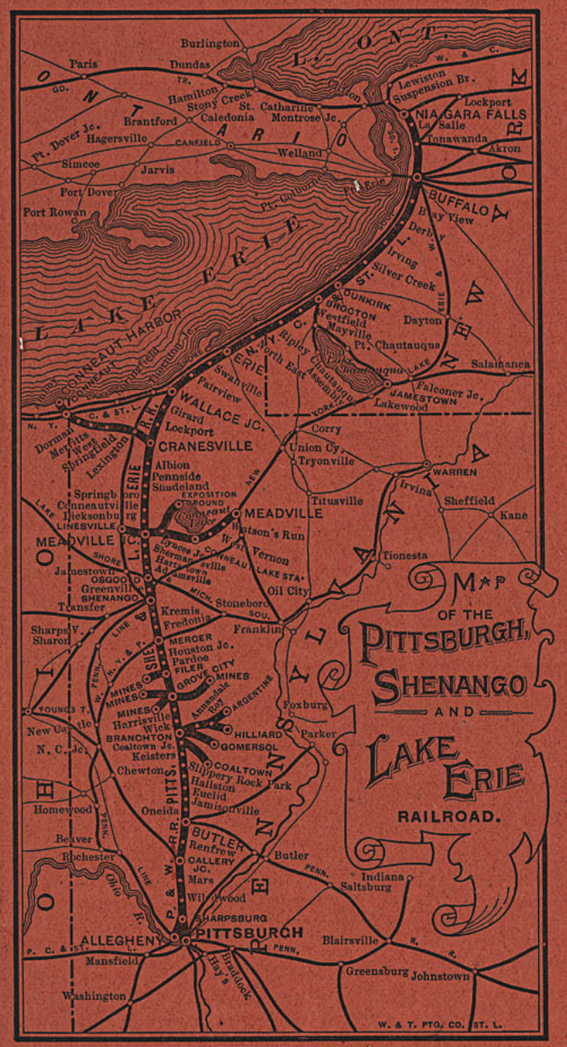
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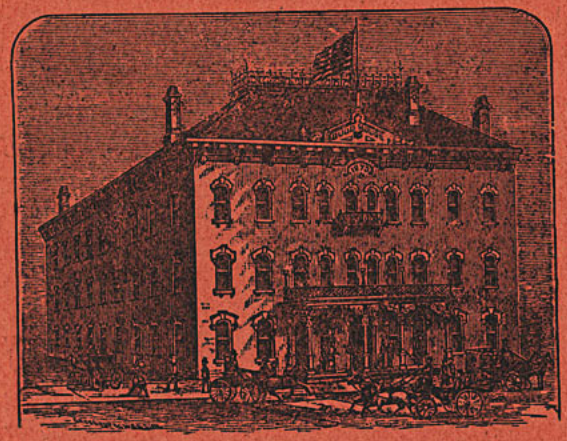
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