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SEVENTH ANNUAL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BANQUET.

The Most Glorious Celebration Ever Held.

The Great Democratic Event of the College Year Was a Splendid Success.—Class and College Spirit Ran Riot for Four Solid Hours.

Amidst the discordant din of Freshman cheers, the crack! crack! of Junior toy pistols, the harmonious murmur of Sophomore songsters, and the all-pervading presence of Senior dignity and calm—to say nothing of frequent manifestations of alumni enthusiasm and faculty exuberance—the seventh annual Washington's Birthday Banquet made itself gloriously historic among all affairs of its kind held hitherto.

The great democratic event of the undergraduate year might be compared to a huge cornucopia of class and college spirit, filled gradually throughout the fall and winter months with the effervescent gases and explosives of class rushes and debates, athletic victories and achievements, till on the fateful "twenty-second" the whole mixture rushes spontaneously to the brim and bubbles gloriously over. Such is the only feasible explanation of last Thursday evening's demonstration, when as President Crawford puts it, "the lid was off" and the enthusiasm of students, faculty and alumni ran riot for four solid hours of irrepressible revelry.

Decorations.

The decorative scheme was, on the whole, the most attractive in the history of Washington Birthday Banquets at Allegheny. From the center of the highest crossbeam were suspended to the railing of the running track the customary red, white and blue streamers which constitute such a magnificent canopy to the spacious banquet-room. Below, around all four sides of the room ran a unique wainscoting of blue and gold bunting some six feet in height; while from the floor of the running track at intervals of a few feet from each other hung an array of Allegheny pennants that showed off to good advantage. These constituted the decorations of the general committee.

Each individual class committee however, was hard at work on its own tables all Thursday afternoon, and the results were indeed gratifying For the first time since the origin of the custom of holding a banquet on the twenty-second of February, the Preps. —on account of their numbers and the limited floor-space—were denied the privilege of feasting with their elder brothers and sisters. This fact made it possible to give each of the four college classes a corner to itself, which, perhaps, added materially to the general effect of the class decorations.

The Seniors, occupying the southeastern corner of the Gym., easily carried off the palm in the artistic effect of their tables and side-walls. With the huge red and white '06 banner forming an effective background, the tables were arranged so as to form a hollow square under a beautiful shower of red and white crepe paper. The tables were artistically decorated with vases of red carnations and twisted strips of red and white crepe. Thirty-six red pennants, with the '06 numerals, adorned the side-walls—one for each member of the class. The Junior tables were artistically overhung with streamers in the class colors, bearing small paste-board hatchets. Broad strips of yellow crepe paper were stretched down the center of the tables, and from the running track was suspended the handsome class banner. The Sophomore corner was attractively festooned in the class colors, green and white, and the tables were decorated with a profusion of white carnations. The Freshmen, occupying the southwestern corner of the gym, introduced clever novelties in the way of napkin-constructed tents placed at intervals along the tables, and miniature souvenir pennants mounted on hatpins and impaled before each plate.

The effect of the whole, when the Seniors had thrown their twisting confetti over the flying streamers of the canopy above, was a veritable fairy-land of color and bewitching beauty.

The Dinner Itself.

For at least a quarter of an hour before six-thirty, the time announced for the dinner, the running track was crowded with a fair assemblage of banqueters viewing the scene below from this excellent point of vantage. The sprinkling of caps and gowns occasioned no little comment, this being the first public appearance of these emblems of rank and dignity on the handsome anatomies of "naughty-six."

Promptly at six-thirty the line of march was formed, the faculty and alumni leading the way, and the classes following in reverse order of seniority, the Seniors bringing up the rear with due solemnity. After the general confusion which accompanies the seating of so large a number had subsided the divine blessing was invoked by the Rev. C. Thurston Chase, pastor of the Congregational church of this city. All remained standing while "Thy Name, Dear Alleghe," was sung with good effect.

The Juniors, who up to this time had failed to put in an appearance, now sprang their decidedly clever stunt, amidst the applause of the entire house. Headed by a real "colonial" fife and drum corps; romantically attired in Revolutionary costume; with cocked hats, powdered hair, and dangerous-looking flint-lock muskets—the entire Junior class paraded down the central aisle, divided, met again at the other end of the room, fired a volley, and were seated, while the building rang with applauding cheers.

Thereupon the Seniors, according to long-established custom, set the ball rolling with a rollicking class song, ending with a shower of confetti that transformed the appearance of the room and put the Seniors, too, to the good with the enthusiastic concourse. Songs and yells by the three other classes followed in regular order, while enthusiasm and good-natured rivalry reigned supreme. There was hardly a moment's pause during the entire evening. At one time for as much as five minutes, all four classes were on their feet at the same time, evidently vying with one another as to who could make the biggest noise and stick to it the longest. The alumni chimed in with a yell now and then just to show that they hadn't forgotten the tricks of their student days; while the faculy fairly outdid themselves with their specially prepared songs and yells.

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A FEW STATISTICS OF INTEREST.

Original membership of Oratorical Association	8
Number enrolled during past week	26
Present total membership	34
Number of college students unenrolled	241
Total number of College and Preparatory students unenrolled	392

The admission fee is 25 cents.

The treasurer is Mr. F. L. La Bounty.

DR. KNUDSON TO LEAVE ALLEGHENY

GOES TO BOSTON UNIVERSITY

To Take the Chair of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis in the Theological School of Boston University—

Public announcement was made on Saturday morning that Dr. Albert C. Knudson, professor of English Bible in this college, has been elected to fill the chair of Hebrew and Old Testament exegesis in Boston University School of Theology. This is the chair recently occupied by Professor Mitchell. There is still one more step to be taken before the matter can be considered settled, and that is for the bishops to confirm the election. The first opportunity for such confirmation by the bishops will be at their semi-annual meeting, which will be held at Evanston, Ill., the last week in April.

In case Dr. Knudson should go to Boston, as he probably will, Allegheny College will sustain a real loss. Dr. Knudson is a man of marked abilities. His reputation as scholar, teacher and preacher is well known in this region. It is no slight recognition of Allegheny College and the work it is doing, that the atuhorities of Boston should have selected from its professors a man to fill the much talked of chair in the School of Theology in Boston. The action will call the attention of the whole church to the vacant professorship in Allegheny College, and also to the college itself. It ought to be gratifying to all friends of the institution that the college will not suffer by the attention which will thus be attracted to it.

At this writing we have no information whatever as to who will succeed Dr. Knudson,, but knowing as we do what care is taken by the members of the board of control and the board of trustees in selecting men for professorships, we have every reason to believe that they will see to it that a good and worthy man is called to fill the chair which will be vacated in June. It will be remembered that this chair is the one which was endowed four years ago by the friends of Bishop Thoburn, and named in his honor, "The James M. Thoburn Professorship of English Bible and Philosophy of Religion."

Much surprise is expressed among the students here and on all sides are heard expressions of regret at the loss, for Dr. Knudson is one of the most, if not the most, popular professor in the college. He has been a fair minded, zealous worker not only for the college but for every student in attendance. His classes are more than liberally elected by upper classmen not only because of their remarkable faith in his ability as an instructor, but because of their admiration of him as a man whose heart overflows with the spirit of human kindness and consideration.

Following is a short account of his career prior to his coming to Allegheny: Dr. Knudson was born in Grandmeadow, Minn., in 1873. His father was a member of the Norwegian-Danish conference, having been in the active ministry, as pastor and presiding elder, for 34 years. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1893. Boston University gave him the degree of B. T. B. in 1896. The next year was devoted to post-graduate work in philosophy and theology in the same institution. He was then elected Jacob Sleeper Fellow for the year 1897-'98, and did his work at the Universities of Jena and Berlin. Boston University gave him the degree of Ph. D. in 1900. From 1898 to 1900 he was professor of church history in Denver University, doing some biblical work at the same time. From 1900 to 1902 he held the chair of biblical literature and history at Baker University, and since 1902 he has been professor of the English Bible and philosophy of religion in Allegheny College. Joining the Colorado conference in 1898, he was transferred later to the Kansas conference, an dis now a member of the East Ohio conference.

FRESHMEN WIN THE INTER-CLASS DEBATE

ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

'09 Freshmen Take the Affirmative of the Street Railway Municipal Ownership Question and Defeat Their Sophomore Rivals — Cravner and Gehr Debate for '09, Greer and Weldon for '08.

The Freshman-Sophomore debate at the College Chapel Friday evening resulted in a victory for the Freshmen, holding the affirmative. Supported by their respective classes the men of both teams put up excellent work. The question under debate was the much discussed problem of municipal ownership of street railroads. It was handled by all the men in an interesting way. Both classes were out in large numbers and cheered lustily for their men. After the decision was rendered the joy of the Freshmen was unconfined. Frantically shaking hands with each other they rushed down the aisle and carried their representatives, Cravner and Gehr, out of the building.

The Sophomores were represented by Messrs. Weldon and Greer. Their work showed good systematic effort. The decision was not a unanimous one for the Freshmen.

Mr. Andrew Robertson presided. The judges were Dr. Clarence F. Ross, Dr. S. R. Cook and Prof. Fred S Breed. The question as stated read: Resolved, That municipal ownership and operation of street railways is preferable to ownership and operation by private corporation. The arguments of the men in brief were as follows:

Mr. Cravner, the first speaker in the affirmative, introduced the debate, and spoke in part as follows: It is the business of my colleague and myself to defend the affirmative of this question. I will discuss the question from the standpoint of the traveling public, while my colleague will discuss the question from the standpoint of the municipality itself. Municipal ownership and operation of street railways is preferable, because it would improve the efficiency of the service. There would be this improvement because the management would be in the hands of those financially interested in the excellence of the service; that is, in the hands of the people. Private monopoly does not aim at service, but at dividend. If the people own and operate the railway, and if interest in its management is excellence of service, the people

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Manager Stuntz and his men manage to keep busy of late. They left town Saturday morning in the best of spirits for a four days' trip in New York state, playing games on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights respectively with St. Lawrence, Potsdam, and the strong Colgate team which defeated Allegheny last year on the Colgate floor. The team returns to Meadville Thursday morning.

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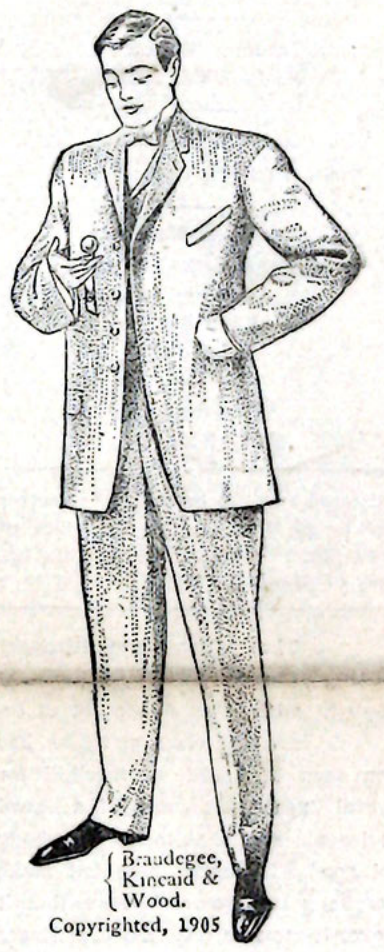

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Class Spirit.

The Washington Birthday Dinner just past brought with it as fine a lot of organized class spirit as has been seen or heard on the hill for several years. It was of a good wholesome sort that made everybody feel good. It cannot help but make everybody say, "more." Now that it is over it seems a pity that the classes should drop back to their old state of lethargy.

Now that class spirit is a reality here, as it is something that has life enough to make itself felt, it is very proper for us to consider how this spirit may be cultivated and used. We would suggest that the class meetings be continued for a time and some of the many good songs be sung, not for practice now, but for the sheer pleasure of singing. A glance over the song lists of the four classes shows much good material that will otherwise be relegated to dusty corners. It is quite a possibility that Adelbert College of W. R. U. will send a Freshman debating team against a Freshman team selected from our class of '09. Under such circumstances what would give the Ohio visitors a better impression of the little Pennsylvania college than a rousing rehearsal of the twenty-eight songs that make up the Freshman list.

Or again, when Oberlin comes here on March the ninth, who can estimate the effect on our team of four classes turned loose with as much enthusiasm as was recently displayed. With Sophomore matched against Freshman and Senior against Junior to out-yell the other for Old Allegheny—well at least Oberlin could go away saying that the rooting was something like what they have at home. We believe that class spirit, exercised in this way, would be productive of far better results than the nocturnal mud-rolling, iodine-smearing bouts that are frequently indulged in under the shade of our great campus trees.

Can we not get together on this while we are in the mood? Cannot this spirit be cultivated and used to good advantage? We hope that each class president will go about it, to nourish the rare flower that he worked so hard to bring into being in honor of our great national hero.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BANQUET.

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An amusing feature of the evening was the faculty stunt, originated, it is said, by the scholarly and sedate Dr. Mu...nger. At any rate, the learned Doctor seemed to have someth'ng of profound importance on his mind, for during a lull in the proceedings, he gravely arose and began to harangue the company in German. Some of his sentiments, however, seemed to irritate his colleague, Dr. Elliott, who immediately jumped to his feet and damned Herr Mulfinger in the most violent and ungentlemanly "cuss-words" of the Greek language. This angered the conscientious Professor Ross, who expressed himself in the by no means ambiguous terms of the Fourth Catalinian Oration. Doctor Lockwood now sprang to the relief of the outnumbered registrar and began to reel off Paradise Lost at some length. But by th's time the room was in a perfect uproar of laughter and applause, and there was l'ttle for the four gentlemen to do but become reconciled to the inevitable.

During all this time a very excellent menu was served by the ladies of the State Street Methodist Episcopal church.

The Menu.

Roast Beef — Mashed Potatoes
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Coffee
Cheese Wafers — Pickles
Mints — Orange Cake
White Cake — Chocolate Cake
Ice Cream

At the close of the dinner itself, Dr. Frank C. Lockwood read telegrams of congratulation from Allegheny alumni in all parts of the globe, after which he introduced the toast-master of the evening, the Reverend Dr. Camden M. Cobern, of Ch'cago.

The Toast-List.

Dr. Cobern, who is, by the way, a graduate of this college, class of '76, prefaced the remarks of the evening in a most delightful manner. He alluded briefly to the spirit of the day, and brought out in a most forcible way the difference between the college of today and that of a century and a quarter since. Dr. Cobern's words were gracious, humorous, and to the point, and were warmly applauded.

Prof. L. R. Brown responded to the first toast of the evening, entitled "The Shadow of George Washington." In his customary facetious style, the speaker proceeded to draw the highly erroneous conclusion that his name as it appeared on the toast-l'st was in apposition to his subject; expressing his belief that shadows, or ghosts, "like Freshmen, should be seen, not heard" Continuing in serious vein, Prof. Brown spoke effectively on the character of Washington; po'nting out h's invincible spirit in the face of terrible opposition and discouragement, his humanity at a time when war was essent'ally inhuman and barbarous, and his moral strength in resisting the temptations of ambition by which Caesar and Napoleon met their fate. He was true to the end, refusing a crown offered him by an emancipated people. "I toast," said Prof Brown, "George Wash'ngton, child of destiny because devotee of duty."

The next toast, "High Life at Allegheny," was responded to by Mr. W. S. Taft, '06. Dividing "h'gh life at Allegheny" into three phases, social, intellectual and religious, Mr. Taft got off a number of clever rubs on faculty and students; ending in a more serious manner by eulog'zing the four years spent at co'lege as the best years of a lifetime, and pledg'ng the faculty as the greatest factor in that four broadening and developing years of a student's life. The Glee Club Quartette, consisting of Messrs. Ferry, Swanson, Clark and Lick. sang the "College Medley," and gallantly responded to an encore with that old favorite, "The Tack."

Miss Grace Henderson, '92, responded in a charming manner to the toast, "Symbols of Patriot'sm."

Mr. W. L. Sturdevant, '08, responded to the toast, "The Divine Comedy." He very humorously descr'bed an imaginary trip through paradise, purgatory, and the infernal regions, according to the most prescribed method of Dante. A number of good local hits gave zest to the occasion, and secured for the speaker a hearty round of applause. At the close of Mr. Sturdevant's toast, the entire company rose to their feet and sang "Hail, Allegheny."

The next toast, "Eve's Apple," was responded to by Miss Alice Hunt'ngdon Spaulding. In a most witty and entertaining manner Miss Spaulding discussed coeducational college life from the woman's standpoint, grouping her "arguments" under two heads, first, what woman in general has to offer man in general, and second, what woman in Allegheny has to offer man in Allegheny. There are two classes of men, the "found out" and the "unfound out." Man admires woman for her submissiveness and for her truth-telling. Woman is original; while man is notably unorig'nal, especially in making love and prayer. Man is easily spoiled. The only man who wasn't spoiled by being lionized was Daniel. As for the woman in Allegheny, she must create a world of her own, neither imitating nor antagonizing her sterner brother, the man in Allegheny. Miss Spaulding recited some clever doggerel, illustrating her various points. She was enthusiastically applauded at the close of her speech.

Mr. La Bounty, responding to "When I Was a Professor," posed as a gray-haired sage of the year 1931, come back to tell of the days when in 1906 he was a member of the august body who held weekly faculty-meetings at "Old Allegheny." In a decidedly clever way he rubbed the "hard" mid year examinations, the Quill Club, and other "knockables," referring in conclusion to the final settlement of the foot ball question by reducing college athletics to a series of boxing matches between the various "Prexies" over the land. With John L. Sullivan's election to the chair of ethics at Harvard came the downfall of Allegheny.

President Crawford responded to the last number on the toast-list, "Allegheny," in a felicitous manner, relating a number of good stories, and "rubbing," in his turn, the "cow-boy costume which seems to be gaining prevalence on the college campus.

At the close of the toast-list all rose to their feet and sang the national hymn.

It was found in the physical examinations at Yale that 38.8 per cent. of the Freshman class wears glasses, 6 per cent. have never been vaccinated, 18 per cent. cannot swim and 44.3 per cent. use tobacco.

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BEFORE THE STUDENT-BODY.

Dr. David D. Thompson, Editor of Northwestern Christian Advocate, Addresses Student-Body on Labor Reform.

The second lecture of the course on modern forward movements and reforms was given on Wednesday morning, February 21st, at the regular chapel hour by Dr. David D. Thompson. Dr. Thompson, as editor of the Western Christian Advocate, is a recognized authority on labor matters. His lecture on The Labor Question was in the nature of a history of the labor union, from the earliest time.

Dr. Thompson showed clearly that the labor union was not a feature of twentieth century life, but that it had been common to almost all ages, starting with the very earliest peoples. He traced its beginning and development. He theated to some extent the growth of man through the four stages of anarchy, slavery, serfdom and competitive labor system. In all this he emphasized the influence of religion in all industrial conditions from the beginning.

From the early beginning the growth of the labor union was followed through the different nations. The conditions of the various countries were compared, and a statement of the present problem was made. In an hour's lecture it was possible to give but an idea of the largeness of the subject without going into the details of present conditions.

In closing Dr. Thompson made a plea to all young men who expected to enter law as a profession to make a deep and careful study of the labor question. It opens a great field of service to the coming lawyer. It is bringing a work that is worthy of the finest equipment and requiring the best of men.

NEW CONSTITUTION FOR ALLEGHENY LIT. SOCIETY.

Earnest Attempt to Further Literary Society Interests.

An earnest attempt is being made by a few of the students to awaken the literary societies at Allegheny from their obstinate lethargy. Hence Allegheny Literary Society, finding the old constitution out of date and entirely inadequate for the two-term system, appointed a committee to draw up a new constitution and by-laws. The committee presented the result of its work on Monday evening and after discussion and revision, the new constitution was adopted. The society now hopes to meet the new conditions at Allegheny, and is counting on booming literary work in the future.

W. J. Hewitt and H. J. Wood, both of the class of 1905, held a Pennsylvania banquet at Garrett Biblical Institute on February 22. They invited all Pennsylvania students to banquet with them, but the spirit of it all was to remember "Allegheny."

STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

Allegheny will be represented this week at Nashville, Tenn., in the Student Volunteer Convention by Misses Phoeba Finley and Clara Wheeling, Messrs. W. R. Main and R. B. Callahan. Six hundred colleges will participate, but the city is not large enough to accommodate those who planned to be present, so that the delegates had to be uniformly reduced. The generous services of the musical organizations of the college and the handsome patronage of the general student body in the recent entertainment have made it easily possible to send the quota allotted to Allegheny. In addition, Dr. Smith, who has been leader of the Mission Study Class the past five years, has gone as the appointed representative of the faculty to the gathering.

Exchange Department

Students of Leland Stanford University are trying to raise funds by subscription for the construction of a running track.

The Dramatic Club of the University of California will give the "Manaeuvres of Jane," an English comedy, next month. The two societies of the university were very successful in their work last year.

The Newport News Alumni Association passed resolutions lately to ask the state for an appropriation of $55,000 for the University of Virginia.

Over 100 men have reported for base ball practice at Harvard.

Michigan, Cornell and Wisconsin have organized a Cosmopolitan Club. A Japanese student was elected as its first president.

Sororities have been prohibited at Drake.

E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe have offered to give $1,000 as the beginning of a fund for the establishment of a chair of dramatic art at George Washington University.

About 1,263 men eat at Memorial Hall of Harvard daily. The membership has an increase of 150 over last year.

At Amherst the Freshman class has been separated into 16 basket ball teams. Each member of the class is required to play as it is a part of the regular gymnasium work.

At Princeton the trustees have adopted a new system of chapel attendance. Formerly each student was assigned a seat in chapel. Now each student receives a blank slip on entering which he signs and leaves at the door as he goes out.

Purdue will soon have a new civil engineering building which will cost about $40,000.

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January 19.—Allegheny 21, Westminster 13.
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THE WEEK.

Tuesday, 7:00 p. m.—Scientific Club. College Library.

Wednesday, 6:45 p. m.—Mid-week prayer service, College Chapel.

Saturday, 3:00 to 5:00 p. m.—Museum in Ruter Hall open to the public.

Sunday, 6:00 p. m.—Y. W. C. A.

Monday, 6:45 p. m.—Y. M. C. A.

Monday, 7:30 p. m.—Literary Societies.

Miss Watson visited at Corry over Sunday.

E. M. Crowell, '09, spent Sunday at his home in Corry.

Dr. Beebe was a visitor at our chapel service Tuesday.

W. E. Thomas, '08, was ill for a couple of days last week.

J. E. Morrison, '05, was a guest at the Phi Delt House Friday.

Miss Mills, '09, went to Waterford, Pa., Saturday for the week-end.

C. R. Wells and F. L. Mickle were visitors at the Brown Club last week.

Miss Nerry was the guest of Miss Ottoway, '06, for a few days last week.

Miss Nellie Wilson, '06, was visited by her sister at the Hall last Friday night.

"Coon" Perry, '09, broke the world's record for running last Thursday morning.

Miss Lena Bly, '09, went to Greenville Saturday as the guest of Miss Jessie Fitch, '09.

Rev. Thomas W. McKinney, '95, of Philadelphia, led our chapel services last Tuesday morning.

W. B. Purnelle attended a reception last Wednesday night in the Presbyterian church of Mill Village.

Fred Cooley, '08, was visited by his father, W. S. Cooley, of Kingsville, Ohio, on Sunday, February 18th.

Lippitt, '08, and Houser, '09, left Thursday night for New York city to attend a Delta Tau Delta conference.

C. B. McNies left for Kittanning last week to attend an inspection of Company K, 16th Regiment, of which he is a corporal.

A crowd of unruly Preps. stacked the rooms of about fifteen Freshmen last Thursday evening while the banquet was going on.

The Rev. Mr. Thompson W. McKinney, pastor of the Reheboth Methodist Episcopal church of Philadelphia, led the chapel service Tuesday.

President Crawford preached at both the morning and evening services of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Cleveland Sunday.

The Prep. athletic election, which was held last Friday afternoon, resulted as follows: Base ball manager, Ford; assistant, Piper; track manager, Croasman; assistant, Wilds.

SCIENTIFIC CLUB TONIGHT.

The Scientific Club will meet tonight, February 27, in the Library. Mr. Millward will read a paper on "The Methods of Identification of the Body of John Paul Jones." The other feature of the evening will be a roll call to which each member present will respond with some item of scientific interest. The last meeting was unusually good and the one tonight ought to keep up with that pace.

FRESHMEN WIN THE INTER-CLASS DEBATE.

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will have it. Such efficiency has been secured where municipal ownership has been attempted.

Mr. Cravner's work was especially fine. It was the speech of the evening. His rebuttal showed his good quality as a speaker.

Again, disastrous accidents would be lessened. Disasters are mostly due to lack of safety provisions and appliances. If municipalities owned railways, safety appliances would be used. Municipal ownership has lessened accidents in cities where such ownership has been tried. Modern appliances have been universally introduced.

Municipal ownership would reduce fares. Fares charged by corporations are exorbitant Mr. Cravener then demonstrated how the fares could be reduced, and that such a reduction is justifiable.

Mr. Weldon, the first speaker on the negative, argued that municipal ownership and operation is socialism. He defined socialism as any system of social organization. Trade unionism is one form of socialism, municipal ownership is another. Socialists claim municipal ownership as one of their dearest plans.

He then showed that municipal ownership tends toward extreme individualism, which is anarchy. This is the great danger in the city today, as well as the snatching up of power. Mr. Weldon then argued that municipal ownership is a legal monopoly.

Mr. Gehr, on the affirmative, said that, speaking from the standpoint of the municipality, municipal ownership and operation of street railways is preferable to ownership and operation by a corporation for three reasons: (1) Municipal ownership and operation insures more wholesome municipal life (a) by eliminating strikes; (b) by awakening the interest of citizens in municipal government; (c) by relieving tenement districts.

Strikes are the outgrowth of an antagonism existing between private corporations Private corporations put capital above labor. Municipal ownership puts labor above capital. Private ownership sacrifices right of employees. Municipal ownership gives shorter hours and higher wages, thus furnishing no cause for strike.

(2) Municipal ownership diminishes political eliminating the source of corruption, viz., private corporations. Municipal corruption dates back to the control by private corporations of natural monopolies. Franchises must be procured, renewed and enlarged. Managers realize that aldermen who can be bribed must be elected. Thus they nominate men to suit their purpose.

(3) Municipal ownership is a financial benefit to the municipality. It is well known that private street railway companies receive enormous incomes. Why should this money go into the hands of a firm, rather than into the city treasury. England's municipal lines bring in annually more than a million and a half of dollars.

Mr. Greer, the second speaker on the negative, said:

(1) The question of the municipal ownership and operation of street railways is theoretical and visionary. There is nothing tangible about it. It is Utopian in character. What better proof of this can be asked than present conditions in Chicago The common council has turned down Mayor Dunne and reversed the municipal ownership policy on which he was elected.

(2) It is impracticable because of present political conditions. The fact of its success in Glasgow does not prove, by any manner of means, that it will be a success in American cities. In Glasgow only rate and rent payers vote in the municipal elections. Here our system of unlimited suffrage is an absolute check on the successful municipal ownership and operation of street railways. Our political system would make a frequent change of officers necessary. This would make the successful municipal ownership and operation of street railways almost an impossibility. Mr. Dalrymple, speaking on this point, says: "Political conditions in America would necessarily make the experiment a failure."

It is impracticable because of our civil service conditions. A reformation of American civil service conditions logically precedes any successful attempt at municipal ownership. We must have a civil service which is both actual and absolute.

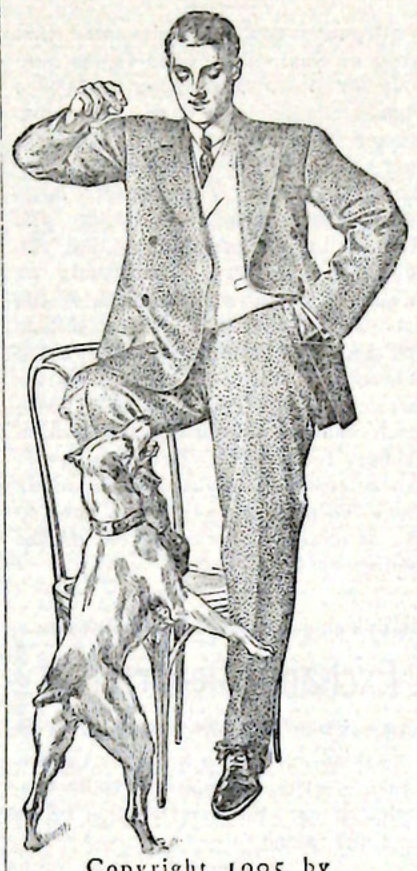
(3) Private ownership gives better service and cheaper fares than does municipal ownership—and pays as good wages.

Here the speaker gave facts and figures from several authorities in proof of his assertions.

The University of California has opened Bancroft Library to American students. Those who make a specialty of American history will find much valuable information there.

A late edition of the Minnesota Daily was handed over to the Y. M. C. A. while the regular staff was taking a vacation.

There are many Reasons



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