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THE OLD MAIDS' BALL.

MIDWINTER CELEBRATION AT HULINGS OF MORE THAN USUAL INTEREST.

The young ladies of Hulings Hall gave their annual old maid's ball on Tuesday evening, February 21. It was with great difficulty that the reporter for the CAMPUS gathered in a few details of this most enjoyable event. One after another of the young ladies were interviewed until finally he ran across one fair maiden who was kind enough to lend a few details for this edition. The writer wishes to thank the young lady, but is compelled to withhold her name for obvious reasons. It might be remarked incidentally that the kind young lady did not let all this interesting material escape her intentionally, so she should not be criticised too severely by the subjects of this sketch.

Never before in the history of this time-worn, time-honored institution has there been such an array of papa's and mamma's old clothes. Mrs. Laffer announced to the young ladies that they should not borrow anything from the young gentlemen in college, but that they might get things anywhere else they chose and in whatever way they chose. However, most of the equipment has been stored away in Hulings ever since the girls had a chance to run around in the old attic at home during the Christmas vacation so there was little borrowing in town. (A prominent city father wishes it stated, however, that his dress suit was in use.)

Once during the evening as the wind was finding its way through the three days beard of the reporter from his stand on the top of Bentley he thought he caught sight of a small boy, but his fear soon left him when he recognized one of the inhabitants in her little brother's clothes. Just about that time a mist arose from the French Creek valley and clouded the view through the opera glasses which the faithful reporter held in his hand. He imagines, however, that if it were necessary he could reveal the name of the disguised maiden. (No literary production is worth its weight in CAMPUS material unless it points a moral or contains a few practical suggestions. This doesn't contain any, so one is put in for luck. Next time, the young ladies should be more careful about those shutters.

It is rumored, merely rumored, that one of the young gentlemen who sits at the left of the chief executive's throne, not knowing the time-honored custom, wandered through the campus that night and was much surprised at a few things he saw.

Now for the information received from the young lady mentioned at the beginning of this effort. At the close of the ball on the fourth floor an elaborate banquet was served in the dining room. The menu, which is too long to print, consisted of ice cream and cake, served in a most elaborate style on Hulings' saucers and with spoons borrowed for the occasion.

Every one voted the affair a success and arrangements were made to secure a repetition of the performance in 1900.

ALLEGHENIANS OF THE WEST.

Chicago Alumni Association Banquet, March 24.

Alumni of Allegheny and former students of the college now living in the West, have received circular letters announcing a banquet to be held in Chicago this month. A portion of the letter reads as follows:

"Some months ago the graduates of, and a number of students who formerly attended Allegheny College, organized an association under the name of the "Allegheny College Alumni Association of Chicago." This was done at the special instance and request of Dr. Crawford, the president of the college, who was present when the Association was formed.

"For the purpose of bringing all Alleghenians in this part of the West, whether graduates or not, into friendly and social relations with each other—the college—and this association, it has been decided to have a banquet at the Sherman House in Chicago, on Friday evening, March 24, 1899, at which it is sincerely hoped and confidently expected that all Alleghenians in this section of the country will be present. Dr. Crawford and Prof. Hamnett, of the faculty, will participate. We hope also to have many prominent Alleghenians present, among them President McKinley, Senator Allison of Iowa, Gov. Lowndes of Maryland, Ex-Postmaster General Gary, and others. In case these distinguished Alleghenians cannot be present, their replies to toasts will be received by letter, and read at the banquet.

"The ladies of Allegheny are expected to take a prominent part, and share the honors and pleasures of the occasion. The attendance at the banquet will not be limited to Alleghenians alone, but everyone is urged to bring to the dinner his or her wife or husband, brother or sister, as the case may be. We are exceedingly desirous of having a large attendance, and an enthusiastic and creditable meeting. We believe that it will do much to promote friendship among those who have a common interest in "Old Allegheny," and advance the welfare and increase the prestige of our *alma mater*. As this will be the first banquet ever given in the West in honor of our ancient college, and as it bids fair to be a landmark in its history, we believe we are justified in asking you to forsake for a brief time the ordinary affairs of life, and devote a few hours in tributes to old Allegheny."

John F. Eberhart is president of the association; Mary Darrow Olson, secretary, and George W. Plummer, C. L. Walton, O. H. Powers form the executive committee. Mr. Plummer's address is 160 Washington street, Chicago.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

Members of the Allegheny Chapter Entertain in the City.

On Monday evening, February 13, the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Colter, on East Chestnut street, was the scene of a most delightful function, the affair being a reception by the members of Gamma Rho Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity. The reception was given to students of the college, alumnæ members, and friends in the city. February 13 marked the eleventh anniversary of the founding of the chapter. Visitors were received by Mr. and Mrs. Colter, Miss Fannie Colter, Mrs. E. C. Morey, Miss Norma Cutter and Miss Ruth Hay. Refreshments were served in the dining room and a lemonade bowl was in charge of the young ladies, and an orchestra furnished music. The spacious rooms were crowded from 8 to 11 o'clock, and the flowers and evening gowns gave no suggestion of the zero weather outside. There are about twenty-five members of the chapter in the college and among the alumnæ in the city.

How many noticed that the door to the gallery was locked during the evening of the faculty reception in the Gym? Wherefore this precaution?

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DEBATING AT YALE.

While anomalous in appearance, the fact is genuine that, at a time when there is more actual debating at Yale than at almost any period heretofore, and when apparent interest is undiminished, there is much concern as to the future of the debating. This is due to the transfer of interest from the Yale Union to the various debating clubs under diversified names which have been formed from time to time, and which, for their perpetuity, depend upon such matters as the social attractiveness of their various "crowds," the earnestness of their leaders or the success of blending the convivial and forensic elements. The reports that these outside organizations are "killing" the Yale Union, while doubtless exaggerated, must have a measure of truth, as the statements are not questioned. The situation is the more singular, following so soon, as it does, on the Yale victories in intercollegiate debates, and those debates preceded by a competition for places of a high order of forensic merit, and bringing out many men. If, however, there is a so-called "crisis in debate" at all, it is probably not so serious as proclaimed. If some of the clubs fall to pieces, as they probably will, there may be a reaction, either in favor of the Yale Union or of a higher type of debating society—possibly a number of them—perhaps somewhat exclusive, but certainly with debating as a prime object. The situation, in fact, looks like one that precedes a readjustment of debating rather than its extinction, and the expressed alarm over the general subject is itself not altogether a bad sign.—New York *Post*, Feb. 4.

The preceding paragraph concerning debating interests at Yale is published here, simply to try to give some idea of the amount of importance placed on debating affairs in the various universities and colleges throughout the country. The feeling is probably not more intense at Yale than it is in many other institutions.

In the minds of a few, locally speaking, it is a fact to be lamented that Allegheny pays so little attention to debate. The literary society debates are nothing more than a farce, the inter-society debates perhaps equally as bad, while the possibility of an inter-collegiate contest of this sort apparently never enters the minds of either faculty or students. True, an inter-collegiate debate was held last year between Allegheny and Bucknell which was won by the former, but that contest required external stimulus and initiative in order to bring it about. The fact that Allegheny came off victorious, makes the present apathy regarding debate the more shameful.

The value of practice in debate is as great in the medium sized college as in the large university, and no less valuable in the small academy than in an institution the size of Allegheny.

A movement has been started by members of the class of '99 looking to the substitution of a commencement orator in the place of the twelve senior orators on the commencement program for next June. A petition was prepared to be presented to the executive committee of the trustees. The document bears the signature of every member of the class of '99. Whether the purpose named in the petition will be gained now remains for the executive committee to decide. In the minds of the majority of the members of the class the value of the system requiring twelve class orators cannot be estimated too low. At best it is nothing more than an antiquated method of torturing the other members of the class and a long suffering public for a period of three or four hours once each year. To be present a few moments on one such occasion is sufficient to convince one that there is about as much interest in those twelve orators as there would be if they were so many returned missionaries haranguing some wholesale liquor dealers' association concerning the woes of their respective fields.

Even if the members of the class should desire to exhibit to public gaze the utter incompleteness of their store of wisdom on commencement day, it ought in that case to be considered as bordering on the criminal to permit such a display. The time will come when it will be considered scarcely pardonable to gratify the youthful whims of a high school graduating class in such a manner, much less a class of Seniors leaving college.

The plan proposed has features of practical value; nothing of the sort can be argued in favor of the old plan. The commencement orator, properly selected, is not a bore to the audience; the reverse is invariably true of the senior twelve. The proposed plan will not waste the time of twelve seniors for weeks before commencement. In short, the proposed plan seems advantageous, however viewed, and it is sincerely hoped that the trustees will see fit to grant the petition.

FACULTY RECEPTION.

College Professors Entertain Students, February 22.

February 22 proved a notable occasion, in more ways than one, for those who interest themselves in the daily goings-on within the confines of the Allegheny College campus.

First of all, it was a day on which the students exhibited signs of freedom from care and the interminable grind which all college students are supposed to be heir to, since in commemoration of the day when the "Immortal George" entered upon his preparation for the position of "Father of His Country," the faculty deemed it wise to declare a holiday.

Several weeks before the culmination of the event denoted in our headlines, Prof. Dutton filed a pre-emption on the time of the students for the evening of February 22. Soon after this, wild rumors were afloat with various intimations that the Glee Club, a heterogenous conglomeration of terror-producing instruments which every one thought well under the sod, would begin rehearsals very soon, and this was taken as an indication of further torture in store for the evening of February 22.

The time approached, and all assembled, the ice cream having been prepared for guests and *guest-thieves* without partiality or discrimination.

Entertainment was afforded during the evening by the Glee Club in songs; Messrs. Weatherby, Culbertson, Smith and Swearer in song; Messrs. McGunnegle, Hopkins, May and Culbertson in mandolin and guitar selections; Miss Moyer and Miss Heiner in vocal solos, and Miss Beecher and Miss McCray in recitations.

The reception committee included Dr. and Mrs. Crawford, Prof. and Mrs. Dutton, Dr. Thomas and Miss Alice H. Spaulding.

Everyone departed with the feeling that such pleasant events should occur more frequently.

Hand ball tournament is the latest in the Gym.

STILL WINNING.

STAR OF BASKET BALL STILL IN THE ASCENDENT AT ALLEGHENY.

The return game of basket ball between the teams of the Erie Y. M. C. A. and the Allegheny College team was played in the coilege gymnasium on the evening of Friday, February 3, with a resulting score that proved even a greater victory for Allegheny than the first game played at Erie a few weeks ago. The score in the game here was 28 to 8, but the victory cannot be read entirely in the score. The playing was fast and furious from the start. Each man did his utmost, but the Erie men failed to get a single basket in the first half and Allegheny had 8. Lampe threw the first two goals and Wolstoncroft followed with two more and then they came thick and fast. Allegheny's team work was excellent and the many fine passes called forth great applause from the 200 spectators. The playing was clean with few exceptions and no fouls were called. Borland, Taylor and Bradley played their best.

The line-up:

Allegheny.		Erie.
Taylor, Borland	Forwards	Waldemason, Bixby
Lampe	Center	Davison (Capt.)
Bradley, Wolstoncroft (Capt.)	Guards	McDowell, Finley

Subs—Wilkinson, Waid; Brogdon, Ludwig.

Goals—Taylor 2, Borland 5, Lampe 5, Wolstoncroft 2, Waldemason, Bixby, Davison 2.

DEFEAT FOR WESTMINTER.

The closing moment of each successive battle finds the basket ball team still triumphant.

The much talked about game with Westminster College was played in the gymnasium Wednesday afternoon, February 22, and the result was another victory for Allegheny, the score being 24 to 13.

The enthusiasm among the 250 or more spectators was even greater than was the case during the game with Erie, and at times, when baskets were thrown, the crowd almost went wild. There was scarcely a fault in the playing of any of the men.

Among the visitors the playing of Kuhn and Sloss was probably the most commendable. But one goal was thrown by Westminster on foul.

This victory gives Allegheny perfect right to compete for the championship of Western Pennsylvania, and if this is decided upon it will necessitate games with Geneva College and W. U. P. The line-up:

Allegheny.		Westminster.
Taylor, Borland	Forward	Kuhn, Gealy
Lampe	Center	Sloss
Bradley, Wolstoncroft	Guard	Kennedy, Hengesom

Subs—Rossiter, Wilkeson, Waid; Holmes, Gamble.

Referee, H. H. Wright; umpires, W. J. Holmes, C. W. Freeman; timekeeper, Smallwood; scorer, Masters.

Goals—Borland 4, Lampe 5, Wolstoncroft 1, Bradley 1, Taylor 1, Kuhn 3, Sloss 2, Gealey 2, (1 on foul.)

THE SEASON'S WORK.

Up to the time of the present writing, nine games of basket ball have been played by Allegheny's team. The work of the men thus far has been of the first order. The results of the contests have far exceeded anything heretofore accomplished in basket ball by representatives of this college. As to the cause of these results, there is no doubt that constant and vigorous practice has played a most important part in placing the team in the position which it now holds. In any department of athletics, in order to have success, there must be harmonious action among the players and among those who are directing the work. This there has been throughout the entire season of basket

ball and the effect is evident in the results attained. The coaching has been efficient, the captain has worked hard, the manager has attended strictly to business, members of the team have exerted every energy, and last but not least, the students have given fair support, so that there can be but little complaint on that score.

In giving this support, however, the students have done nothing more than ought to be expected of them for every department of athletics. Nor have they done more than any body of college students would do. Wherever a winning team is put out there will also be found good support on the part of the students. The same is true of base ball and foot ball as well. Enthusiasm and local pride will do immeasurably more than any amount of posters and advertisements, though the latter are not to be disdained in the successful management of any team.

THE SCORE TO DATE.

Allegheny, 26 ; Franklin, 27.

Allegheny, first team, 30 ; Allegheny, second team, 3.

Allegheny, 28 ; Edinboro, 9.

Allegheny, 50 ; Company C, 5.

Allegheny, 40 ; Franklin, 7.

Allegheny, 25 ; Erie, 6.

Allegheny, 32 ; Grove City, 9.

Allegheny, 28 ; Erie, 8.

Allegheny, 24 ; Westminster, 13.

TOTAL SCORE.

Allegheny, 283 ; opponents, 87.

Miss Sara Crawford spent junior week, the first week in February, at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. She was one of the house party entertained at the Delta Tau Delta Lodge, on Edgemore Lane.

Junior week is an institution of which the students of a small college such as Allegheny know nothing except by report or by being a favored visitor at the festivities of some large university.

The whole week is especially devoted to gayeties of all kinds, in which the students and their friends participate.

Junior week at Cornell this year was unusually successful in many respects. Tuesday evening was devoted to the Masque, a play written and acted by college men, the scenes being laid in and around the university, and dealing with college life.

The principal function of Wednesday was the Sophomore cotillion, which continued even beyond the wee sma' hours of the morning.

On Thursday evening a fine concert was given by the University Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs.

The climax came on Friday evening in the junior promenade, a brilliant close to the week's enjoyment. Before and after the distinctive entertainments of each evening were given numerous fraternity dances, teas, and receptions, among them a delightful tea by Kappa Kappa Gamma, in honor of Miss Crawford and Miss Harper, of Meadville.

The final intercollegiate debate between the Northwestern and Michigan Universities was won by Michigan on the following question, "Resolved, That the United States should maintain permanently a much greater naval power than it has at present."

Among college publications the quarterly journal published by the Alumni Association of Stevens Institute of Technology occupies a prominent place. The current number opens with an article by Commodore George W. Melville, Engineer-in-Chief of the United States Navy, who received the degree of Doctor of Engineering from the institute in 1896. The title is "The War's Teaching in Naval Engineering." This is followed by an article on "Velocity Diagrams ; or, Geographical Solution of Problems," by Prof. C. W. MacCord ; one on "Sewage Disposal," by H. de B. Parsons, '84, and one on "Graphics of Water Wheels Applied to the Niagara Turbines," by William Fox, '86.

MEADVILLE ALUMNI.

FIRST ANNUAL MIDWINTER DINNER FOR FORMER ALLEGHENIANS.

The Meadville alumni of Allegheny are now in line with the more progressive college alumni associations in other parts of the country.

Tuesday evening, February 21, was the date of a most notable as well as an ususually pleasant affair.

The banquet halls of the Commercial Hotel, corner of Water and Chestnut streets, was the scene of action.

The alumni of Allegheny College, to the tune of about half a hundred, residing in the city of Meadville, members of the college faculty, with a few others, were the persons directly interested in the affair.

As is indicated at the top of this page, the occasion of it all was the first annual midwinter dinner of persons who at one time or another gained the foundation of their education within the classic halls of an institution to which hundreds of people everywhere feelingly refer to as "Old Alleghe'."

Covers were laid for 50. The tables were nicely decorated and the service was excellent. The dinner was served in nine courses, and the menu was as follows :

MENU.

Cream of Asparagus
Celery Olives Pickles
Baked White Fish
Saratoga Potatoes
Roast Young Turkey, Stuffed, Cranberry Sauce
Orange Water Ice
Mashed Potatoes Baked Sweet Potatoes
Cream Corn Green Peas
White Bread French Rolls
Oyster Patties Chicken Salad
Cheese Sticks
Mince Pie Apple Pie
Tutti Frutti Ice Cream
Angel Cake Spice Cake
Chocolate Cake
Nuts Cheese Fruit
Coffee

Dr. J. C. Cotton, president of the Meadville Alumni Association, was toastmaster for the occasion. Toasts were responded to as follows :

"The College"—Dr. W. H. Crawford.
"The Faculty"—F. P. Ray.
"The Trustees"—Dr. J. H. Montgomery.
"Co-education"—Mrs. E. A. Hempstead.
"The Alumni Association"—M. Park Davis.
"Allegheny in Businss"—E. P. Cullum.
"Allegheny in Journalism"—Mrs. Sion B. Smith.
"The College Man as a Citizen"—Arthur L. Bates.
"The College's Foundation"—Dr. H. V. Hotchkiss.
"Prophecy"—James P. Colter
"College Loyalty"—Miss Jean Frey.
"Allegheny in the Late War"—Wesley B. Best.
"The Ideal College Woman"—Miss Susan A. Rose.
"The Executive Committee"—B. B. Pickett, Jr.

Hon. William Reynolds, Dr. Jonathan Hamnett, Prof. George W. Haskins, Judge Frank J. Thomas and ex-Judge John J. Henderson were to have responded to toasts, but all were absent.

The Northwestern orchestra discoursed pleasing music throughout the banquet.

The affair was voted a success and it was decided to celebrate in the same manner next year. A committee was appointed with that end in view.

The committee of arrangements consisted of Miss Lucy Pickett, Mrs. S. B. Smith, and Dr. J. C. Cotton, Arthur L. Bates, B. B. Pickett, Jr., and M. Park Davis.

Who said things were going from bad to worse? It's a mistake. Last year's bulletin board now holds up notices to call at the office, in the main hall of Bentley.

Local.

Have you signed the prayer meeting pledge?

Mortland—"I like her anyway, if she is Dutch."

A banquet for our basket ball team will soon be in order.

Miss Helen Russell, of Warren, O., is visiting friends at Hulings.

Mr. Larabee visited his Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers last week.

Byers visited West Middlesex last week. He is slowly recovering.

McGunnegle's latest resolution—"I will whisper no more in class."

The class in Embryology now has the "hencubator" running night and day.

Weatherby had his arm out of place last week; a new experience for him.

When college spirit is once aroused at Allegheny there is no time for chapel talks.

Watch the next issue for "A Clean College Life," by the popular author, A. J. May.

What's the matter with Prof. Pease's "plug?" It's all right, let the good work go on.

A term's credits in any study is offered by Prof. Dutton to the returner of the "lost flag."

In French I—Cheney translate "il ne savait plus ou il etait" "He didn't know where he was at."

Query—Must there be another rule added to our already superfluous code, or must we tolerate the fascinating cake-walk?

It has leaked out that a crusade is being organized against the "steadies" at the Hall. Join the ranks, boys, and see the fun.

Strange reports are in circulation concerning a recent "hen party" at the home of one of our town girls. Girls, you must remember that this is a Methodist institution.

Miss Alice Parshall visited friends at Hulings last week.

Stolzenbach went home last week to see his brother get married.

Miss Elizabeth McCracken, of Oil City, visited friends at Hulings last week.

What's the weather to-morrow? Ask Smallwood's weather map in Bentley Hall.

Hill and Gleason are wearing the $\Sigma A E$ pin as the result of a fierce struggle with the goat.

Prof. Smith believes in looking on the bright side of life. He is thankful that the ice cream thieves were satisfied with one gallon.

Dr. R. Bruce Gamble has returned to the city and has resumed practice. His office is on the second floor of the Phœnix Block.

Anderson (full of hope)—"Aren't you going up my way?" Freshman sister (terribly indignant)—"No, thank you, I have better company."

Miss Alice H. Spaulding took part in the play, "A Scrap of Paper," given in the Unitarian chapel Monday and Tuesday evenings, February 13 and 14.

Dr. Montgomery announced that there would be no meeting of the Science club on the night of the old maid's ball. Was this to guard the young men from temptation?

Prof. Smallwood (in Geology)—"I know enough about Palontology to know that the Brachiopods lived in this period and that their predecessors lived before them."

Supplementary to the account of the "Old Maids' Ball," it is quite necessary to state that the nefarious work of the reporter was in no way aided or abetted by any fair occupant of Hulings.

Hon. Louis Miller, of Akron, O., died in the post graduate hospital, at New York, February 17, as the result of an operation. Mr. Miller was president of the Chautauqua Assembly, and, with Bishop Vincent, founded it.

After the singing of the song "George Washington" at the late faculty reception, the following revision was wisely suggested by one of our well known visitors, "Who is Andy Culbertson?" "The father of them all."

Many of the students attended the lectures by Miss Jane Addams in the Unitarian church, on "English and American Social Settlements," "Social Obligations of Citizenship," and "The Social Theories of Count Tolstoi," February 25, 26, and 27.

The pupils of the public schools of Cambridge Springs, Venangoboro and Saegertown, together with their teachers, made their annual excursion to the county seat, Saturday, February 18. They came in a special car attached to train 7, which was two hours late. After dinner at the Kepler Hotel, the party visited Allegheny College, the electric light and incandescent light stations, the Traction Company's power house, and other places of interest. The afternoon was pleasantly and profitably spent, and the return trip was made on train 10.

The 18th annual contest of the Ohio Inter-Collegiate Oratorical association, held at Denison University recently, had the following contestants: Chester D. Griesmer, of Wooster University, "A Plea for American Statesmen;" Dreer A. Soote, of Wittenberg College, Springfield, "Shall Justice Be Done;" John A. Chamberlain, of Denison University, "The Central Control of Cities;" Vernon Stauffer, of Hiram College, "Ultimate Humanity;" Perry F. King, of Mt. Union College, Alliance, "A Broader National Policy;" William H. Wolfe, of Marietta College, "Superiority of the Anglo-Saxon;" Edson M. Robinson, of Buchtel College, Akron, "The Dawn of the New Era."

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines," by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, H. L. Barber, Gen. Mngr., 356 Dearborn Street, Chicago.

The following program was rendered by students of the Pennsylvania College of Music, at a recital, which took place in the High School building Thursday afternoon, March 2:

PROGRAM:

Adagio from Sonata, op. 27, No. 2....Beethoven
Mabel Thrall.

Etude in D.....Schuett
Florence Bates.

The Two Skylarks.....Leschetizky
Amy Bailey.

Song—Beauty's Eyes.....Tosti
Charlotte Heiner.

Nocturne in A major.....Leschetizky
Winifred Parshall.

Sonati, op. 2, No. 1 (first movement)..Beethoven
Mabelle McCurdy.

Song—Love in Spring.....Arditi
Charlotte Heiner.

Carnival Pranks at Vienna (first movement)..
.....Schumann
Ruth Davies.

AMONG THE COLLEGES.

Items of Interest Concerning Various Institutions.

With the completion of pending improvements, Yale will have spent over $100,000 on its athletic field, including the original cost of the land.

Yale's track squad now numbers over 200, and is steadily increasing. A team will be sent to Philadelphia in April to take part in the relay races.

Prof. F. H. Giddings, of Columbia University, has in preparation a volume on "Democracy and Empire." Prof. Giddings is the author of the excellent elementary text on Sociology used in that department of Allegheny College.

An anonymous donor has agreed to endow the Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina, Kansas, with $100,000. The money is to be given in 1900, provided that the university is free from debt and has raised $25,000 to add to the endowment.

The Iowa College Oratorical Association held its annual contest February 23. Representatives from fourteen Iowa colleges were present. The winning orator will represent Iowa in the interstate contest to be held at Lincoln, Neb., May 4, in which ten Mississippi valley states will be represented.

Thiel College, at Greenville, Pa., will be the scene of an oratorical contest on May 11 next between the members of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The details were arranged at a meeting at the Monongahela House, Pittsburg, recently. The delegates representing the various colleges were : West Virginia University, H. M. White ; Thiel College, O. E. Pearch ; Waynesburg College, A. T. Miller, W. R. Hawkins ; Western University of Pennsylvania, W. S. McDowell, G. D. Wallace ; Bethany College, W. L. Fisher ; Geneva College, W. C. Wallace ; Allegheny College, E. G. Rohrbaugh ; Westminster College, W. J. Stewart.

The increase in the number of dormitories at Harvard, and especially of those of the more expensive type, has resulted in changing the whole problem of rooming the students of the university. Five years ago there was a thriving business done by people who rented rooms to students and charged good prices for the same. The coming in of the new dormitories has, however, almost killed this trade, except in those rooms that were situated near the college yard, which still are rentable, though at reduced prices. The new buildings have also affected the rooms let by the college. Four or five years ago there were few if any rooms to be had from the college except by going into the allotment and taking chances of success along with any number of others. The allotments still continue, but after the allotment for the last two years there have always been enough rooms for all and a good many left over. During the last five years Craigie Hall, Westmoreley, Randolph, Prescott and Dunster Hall as well as Dana Chambers, have been put up by private individuals, and Perkins and Conant Hall have been opened by the college.

The Harvard Football Association received $15,275.10 as its share of the net proceeds of of the Harvard-Yale foot ball game last fall.

Formerly almost every professor of Princeton University was a minister ; now instructors are chosen by reason of special fitness, through study and experience, for their respective departments.

One of the most interesting events of the season in university circles was the debate which took place on the evening of February 26, at Philadelphia, the winner of the contest being the University of Pennsylvania. The Philadelphia *Ledger* has the following :

" Cornell's representatives were Walter Martin, of Buffalo ; James Bennett Nolan, of Reading, Pa., and Clinton Thompson Horton, of Silver Creek, N. Y., with Frank Howard Hausner, of Farmington, N. Y., as alternate. They were opposed in the debate by Edward Sherwood Meade, of Youngstown, O. ; Joseph Russell Smith, of Lincoln, Va., and Charles Elbridge Morgan, of Philadelphia, with John James Sullivan, of Philadelphia, as alternate, representing the University of Pennsylvania.

Of the five debates already held Cornell had won the last three honors, the first two going to Pennsylvania. The subject for debate was, " Resolved, That the interests of the United States are opposed to the acquisition of territory of the Eastern Hemisphere other than is necessary for naval stations." This question was submitted by the Pennsylvania debate committee. Cornell chose the negative side, which imposed upon the Pennsylvania debaters the task of proving that expansion is not to the interests of this country.

The commercial argument was the one which received most attention by both contending parties.

At the close of the debate a banquet was given at the University Club in honor of the two teams."

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The senior class of the College of the City of New York are wearing the collegiate cap and gown during the second term. Last year the graduating class wore the caps and gowns merely at the commencement exercises.

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As in other years, the members of the teams which represent Yale in victorious intercollegiate debates will each receive a trophy. This is a gold watch charm in the shape of an old Greek coin. The obverse side of the coin bears in relief the head of Demosthenes, while on the reverse is engraved the name and class of the debater, together with the debate and date thereof in which he took part.

It has been finally decided that the annual debate between Harvard and Princeton shall take place in Princeton on the evening of April 5. The question will be, "*Resolved*, That a formal alliance between the United States and Great Britain for the protection and advancement of their common interests is advisable." At Princeton several preliminary debates will be held between the representatives of the two literary societies to select Princeton's representatives for the contest against Harvard.

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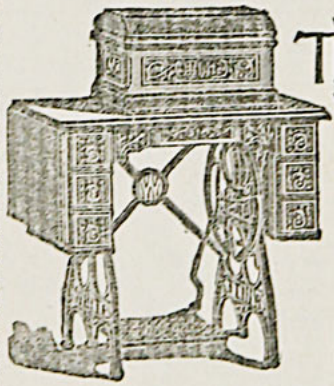

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