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Along with the bright skies and warm breezes of advancing spring, comes the commencement of outdoor athletic sports. In vain we have silently argued with the indifferent majority and ardently encouraged the few who are wise enough to see that a well developed mind must be backed and supported by a healthy and ever vigorous body. We have looked patiently and unceasingly for facts to point out the mistakes which many have made in the past and others will make in the future. The reader of the newspaper, magazine, or other periodical, cannot fail to observe that much stress is being laid upon the subject of

physical training in our colleges. Occasionally we find colleges where too much attention is paid to athletics, but the vast number of schools are sadly lacking in this kind of enthusiasm. Oft have we raised our voice in behalf of the thousands of thoughtless students throughout the broad land who toil and labor over their books, never stopping until the goal of their ambition is reached, when they are cast out into the world equipped with a brilliant mind and a wrecked constitution, the deformities of the latter slowly but surely undermining the powers of the former. For the last time we again beseech you, hear our plea, listen and reap the benefit. The following article, which has recently come before us is to the point and might appeal to your senses, which have so long been deaf to our entreaties:

"No little attention has been attracted in the East to the melancholy records which show that a very large proportion of the honor men of the classes graduated from Yale in the last ten years are already dead. The mortality among these hard students, most of them uncommonly gifted, has been altogether abnormal. No such death rate has decimated the graduates in general.

"The cause of this excessive and alarming mortality among the most industrious and successful students in a great university is believed, at least in Yale, to be the aversion or indifference to exercise, common among men who are devoted, in a remarkable degree, to their books. The sedentary habits of the 'grind' students are charged with the undermining of their constitutions and with bringing on fevers and other grave maladies.

"In all probability this explanation is only a half truth. It often happens that young men at college are led to dig deep and unrelentingly in

their studies because they are physically weak or incapacitated for the enjoyment of athletic sports. That is to say, it is quite probable that some of the Yale honor men who have gone to untimely graves were close students and over-constant in book work because they were by nature less robust and less inclined to physical exercise than the average of their classmates. If this is true, as we believe, then it is unfair to charge all the physical ills of salutatorians and valedictorians to their devotion to their books.

"On the other hand, the facts regarding the excessive mortality among honor men do point very clearly to the need of more general physical training among college students. In a university like Yale a comparatively small number of undergraduates carry athletics to excess. More neglect gymnasium and field work altogether, or only engage in it in a half-hearted and almost aimless way, and thus endanger their health and future usefulness.

"The need of American colleges in the matter of physical training is wider interest in moderate exercise and more general participation in athletic sports. To popularize and preserve the golden mean between excess and neglect should be the constant aim of all persons in authority."

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Further information concerning the affairs of the defunct oratorical association, of which Allegheny was once a member, has convinced us beyond a reasonable doubt that there are no advantages to be gained by again entering. Since the last article concerning this subject appeared in these columns, no small amount of very damaging evidence against Geneva College has been received. We were correct in saying that Allegheny's representative, the winner of the contest held in the spring of ninety-one, did not receive the money offered as first prize. From a very prominent and trustworthy student at Washington and Jefferson College we learn that their representative, who was awarded second place, never received his money. Our informant adds further that

his college withdrew from the association and on account of the treatment received have decided not to re-enter.

Allegheny and Washington and Jefferson are the only genuine literary colleges in the proposed association, and without them it can result in nothing else than failure.

Against the students now in attendance at Geneva College we hold no ill will, but the sins of the past generations have been handed down and they now find themselves thus afflicted.

Under no other consideration than the remittal of the prize money yet unpaid, after a lapse of three years, could we think of offering our aid in reorganizing the association. Washington and Jefferson, we think, is of the same opinion, and would do all possible toward bringing about the desired end. But we both say, "Justice before all things."

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Dame Rumor, with her ever ready tongue, has been whispering here and there about proposed additions to our faculty and rearrangement of the several different courses of study. Whether these reports are true or not we have not yet ascertained, nevertheless it is pleasing to think that such moves would be substantial evidences of the growth of the college. According to reports, the chairs of Greek and Latin, which have been held by one professor for the past few years, necessarily making his duties very arduous, are to be separated, the present instructor to teach Greek only, while a new professor is to be engaged to take the chair of Latin.

Arrangements are about completed for the introduction of another course, entirely different from any one of the four we now have, at the head of which will be a man well known to many of the students and whose ability in

that particular branch is undisputed. If all this takes place, great good will result. It will lessen the trials of the already overburdened professors and will offer more time and advantage on the part of our zealous president to better and more easily discharge the duties of his office. In the latter case, lies the success of the college. If the business end of the institution is held up (and he is eminently fitted for that purpose), prosperity is sure to follow every step toward the advancement of the college. An intelligent faculty, headed by an energetic president, can and will accomplish wonders. Dame Rumor, like many other maidens, is prone to prevarication. We hope this is an exception to the rule.

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The joyful news that the battalion will go into camp sometime during the next term, will be hailed with delight by all who are so fortunate as to belong to that organization. It has been definitely settled that Conneaut Lake will be the place of encampment. An effort is being made to have the battalion of Grove City College go into camp at the same time and place, if all signs do not fail the project will be carried out. It is said that a prize has been offered for the best drilled company, the drill to take place at the Lake.

The battalion has improved wonderfully during the past few months, and now numbers nearly ninety. Every man, from the highest officer down to the lowest private, is taking a deep interest in the work. Movements are executed as though it were a pleasure to do so, a striking contrast to last year, when all was done in a listless, mechanical way. Discipline is excellent, and subordinates have greater respect for their superiors than heretofore. Our efficient instructor can well feel

proud of the success which has thus far crowned his efforts, and if the battalion continues to increase in proportion to the length of his stay here, it will not be long ere it reaches its old time size. There is one thing that we might touch upon at this point, and that is the indifference of some members in procuring uniforms. In some rare cases one can be excused for inability to procure the regulation suit, but there are a number who can and should have it. An effort should be made to have every man uniformed before the encampment. Personal appearance counts much in a competitive drill. This, together with the degree of skill already attained, cannot fail to bring success to us.

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Mt. Union has challenged us to debate. We have considered their proposition. The faculties and students of both institutions have approved of such a contest. We have accepted. We have elected our representatives. We have sent them notice that we are ready to meet the enemy and hope they are ours.

All this has been done in the twinkling of an eye. Should we have been so hasty? Just why Mt. Union proclaimed to the world, through the telegraphic columns of the newspapers, that she had challenged Allegheny and been accepted, several days before we were notified, we do not know. At all events there seems to be something mysterious about it and in our humble opinion Allegheny has acted rashly and without forethought. Some inquiry should have been made concerning the report sent out by Mt. Union. We have gone too far to retrace our steps, but should bear in mind in the future that Allegheny did much the same thing before and found out, afterwards, to her sorrow, that "all is not gold that glitters." If Mt. Union makes certain

promises, be sure she will carry out her part of the agreement. If Allegheny's offer is accepted, do not disgrace her.

Literary.

College Athletics.

As this, the last quarter of the nineteenth century is fast drawing to a close, let us dwell for a few moments on the changes that have taken place in American colleges, and what advantages, if any, the student has derived from the development of athletic sports and their predominance in our institutions of learning. The term athletics has been applied to several branches of training, namely, the athleticism of the soul, the athleticism of the mind, and the athleticism of the body; or, in other words, the development of the spiritual, the mental and the physical natures of man, between which there is a common bond of sympathy, and the improvement of the one to the deterioration of the other should be especially avoided.

In former days when the views of the people were hampered with bigotry, the college student, in order to be a typical representative of the student body, had to be a young man of a weak and dyspeptic constitution, of little vitality, and not in the least supplied with a superabundance of physical endurance. What the result would have been on heredity, had this condition been left unchanged, can hardly be imagined.

But fortunately, this time has passed, and with the decadence of old ideas, the new have taken their place, thus filling a long-felt want in insuring a happier existence by keeping the physical on a par with the mental and spiritual.

To-day a gymnasium, supplied with all the latest and newest apparatus, is as essential to the welfare of the college as a good library, and in fact it may be said that the college of the present, in order to be abreast of the times, must not only have a well-equipped gymnasium but also a good

system of track athletics and field sports, to infuse in the young man a greater desire for an excellent physique, endurance, and those qualities which cultivate a presence of mind in extreme emergencies.

The training of an athlete is by no means a trifling affair, and the patience and perseverance necessary to gain a robust figure and rare bodily endowments, cannot help but draw forth admiration and praise; the regular life, the observance of temperance in drink and food, the abstaining from alcoholic drinks and tobacco, the systematic exercise and the subordination to discipline, cannot help but have a far reaching and favorable influence upon the American youth.

Much has been said regarding the evil effects of athletics on the class standing, and the moral and mental development. If we are to judge from the trashy articles appearing in some of the newspapers, written by cheap and ignorant correspondents, we would come to the conclusion that the predominance of athletics in our colleges has so lowered the scholastic ideal as to make him merely a semi-professional savage; of course it must be admitted that there are some features of a foot ball game which are not in the least elevating, in the eyes of modern civilization—for instance, the collision of players running at full speed, the intentional slugging and the furious shock of a wedge colliding with the opponents; but it is hoped by next fall the foot ball rules will be so revised that the number and violence of collisions will be greatly diminished. A rough sport foot ball will always be, but to those who have a large amount of physical energy, this roughness can do no harm, and gives an outlet to a certain amount of animal spirits.

Recently there have appeared in our leading magazines, articles from the pens of the chief educators of the land, and if we may judge from the investigations they have made, we will find that the influence of athletics is not in the least lowering the standard of the scholar. From these reports it appears that the effect on the college student is, that it arouses the mind, awakens enthusiasm and develops such qualities as every

young man can well afford to cultivate. This is especially true of foot ball, which, though very exciting, teaches promptness and decision, and gives the power of keeping one's temper under trying circumstances; to stand a great amount of hammering and yet keep a clear head, one must have a sufficient quantity of self-will and manly courage. As far as the class standing of the athlete is concerned, it will be found that in the leading colleges of this land he compares very favorably with the average student. The professor of physical culture at one of our great universities makes the statement that the members of the intercollegiate teams have a standing 1.2 per cent better than the average of the institution; from other colleges we learn that the men devoted to athletics are generally men of prominence and to a certain extent looked up to, and furthermore have better discipline and health, and do better studying.

The Young Men's Christian Association has had much to do with the development of athletics, and its numerous gymnasiums, scattered from coast to coast, are worthy monuments; they bear testimony to the fact that the athlete can be a Christian and combine prayer meetings, song services and athletics, and thus develop all three sides of his nature into that elevated existence which would raise humanity to a nearer level with that high ideal

"Who sees with equal eye, as God of all,
A hero perish, or a sparrow fall;
Atoms and systems into ruin hurled,
And now a bubble burst, and now a world."

F., '94.

A Year's Changes.

To even the most casual observer, it is very evident that the year from March, 1893, to March, 1894, has been a period of great political and industrial changes. To the student of economics it appears to be the beginning of an entirely new epoch in the history of our country, if not of the whole civilized world. During this year, and

part of the year preceding, a vague, ill-defined feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction with the existing state of affairs has spread itself throughout the United States. This feeling first manifested itself politically in the form of a general distrust of the parties and officers in power and a universal desire for a radical change of government, municipal, state, and national. New political parties sprang up like mushrooms in the night, each presenting new ideas, but none, apparently, touching upon the real cause of the trouble. Wild and absurd financial and industrial schemes were brought forward and found plenty of zealous advocates. The result of all this was a political upheaval that almost amounted to a revolution.

Another phase of this feeling of internal unrest was shown in the great industrial disturbances of the past year and a half and which are apparently but little improved to-day. The formation by capitalists of great trusts and corporations has been followed by the organization of strong and well disciplined labor unions. These capitalistic and labor organizations are constantly at swords' points and each side watches the other's movements with a jealous eye, ready to interpret the slightest word or sign into an act of hostility. In consequence of this there has been a constant series of strikes, starting in many cases from the most trivial cause and resulting in great loss of property and sometimes leading to bloodshed, with very little gain to either party. These strikes are probably responsible for the political and financial disturbances that have followed, but they have been found in most cases to be a most expensive and unsatisfactory method of redressing industrial grievances. The natural outcome of these political and industrial changes has been a feeling of distrust and uncertainty in financial circles which culminated in the financial panic of 1893. This panic was one of the most disastrous and far reaching in its effects, and at first sight one of the most inexplicable disturbances of its kind in the history of the nation.

Great financiers, becoming alarmed, called in their loans, forcing many men, who were doing business on borrowed capital, to the wall. Un-

easy depositors began to make runs on the banks and these institutions, in many cases, were unable to meet the sudden drain and went under, dragging many of their depositors with them. Fortunately the winter of 1893-4 has been very mild or the suffering and hardship consequent upon the industrial stagnation might have been much worse. As it was, the condition of the working classes has been in many cases almost desperate, and this in the face of the fact that crops were good and food supplies plentiful and cheap. The political side of this question is as yet far from settled. The indefinite *something* which shall revolutionize modern political and industrial systems, has not been attained and is apparently as far off as ever. Many, becoming faint-hearted at the results of disastrous experiments, are anxious to return to the old state of affairs, but the majority are eager to press on to a higher and better plane of existence than the world has ever known. Just what this new order of things will be no man can tell, but of this we can rest assured that it will eventually be for the best. These revolutions, the result of a progressive civilization, have occurred from the time of the flood to the present, sometimes peaceably, sometimes accompanied by bloodshed, but always resulting in man's advancement and freedom.

The situation in the industrial world is certainly much better in many ways than it was a year ago. Although wages are not so high and work not so plentiful as in former years, yet the employer and employe are much nearer an understanding with each other than ever before. Experience comes dear to both, but lessons learned in this way are longest remembered. The workman has found that his employer is not altogether a grinding, money-making machine, but a man very much like himself, and the employer has found that his workmen are not all riotous, surly ruffians, but are fairly intelligent men, and when well treated can be depended upon to stand by him to the end. But the laborer still fears the danger of an aristocracy of wealth. He well knows the condition of his brethren in foreign lands under aristocratic governments, and he

dreads the very thought of being reduced to their level. Again, he has always had an idea that he had a divine right to earn a living and that somehow a way would always be provided, but a few months of hard experience have convinced him that this right is fast becoming a privilege which he is likely to forfeit at any time, and he is beginning to ask himself how this is to be remedied.

But the question comes to us all as Americans: "What will be the effect of this change on our government?" The true test of a government is its ability to endure prosperity and to adjust itself to the advance of civilization. It was only when Rome was supposed to be at peace with herself and her neighbors that the republic fell into the hands of the Cæsars. The French republic twice fell into the hands of the Bonapartes when the country was at peace, and our own confederacy carried us safely through the trying times of the Revolution, but was found to be totally useless in time of peace. The history of our country under the republic has been made up of a constant series of external and internal disturbances combined with spasmodic shiftings of the population, brought about by the opening and development of new lands and new industries, which have left but little time for the development of social and community life; and it has only been within a very few years that the general government has been called upon to deal, to any great extent, with the social and industrial needs of the individual. If our republic can solve these questions and can meet and adjust itself to the demands of a new and enlightened age, its permanence is assured. If not, it must go the way of its predecessors in the cause of popular government, and give way to something higher and better.

In view of the changes going on about us, it is of vital importance to us as college students to watch carefully the events which are making the current history of to-day. Too often the college man, in neglecting the current events of the day for what he believes to be greater and more important subjects, drifts into the idea that the whole system of politics is a fraud and entirely beneath his notice. Never did any man make a

greater mistake than this. The politician of to-day is the college man of yesterday, and he usually tries to do what seems to him to be for the best interests of his country. In the course of time he must drop out and the college man of to-day must take his place and his success or failure will depend quite as much upon the manner in which he keeps himself posted on current topics as upon a knowledge of Greek or mathematics.

A. P. H., '97.

Local.

Vacation next week.

Send your jokes to the Kaldron.

Sugar and horseradish are Staples' favorites.

We don't hear much about T. N. E. this spring.

Next June the Battalion is going to camp, without fail.

McElroy spent a few days visiting relatives in Franklin and Oil City, recently.

The Pan-Hellenic will be held some evening during the second week of next term.

Every student must be examined. This pleases some, but the majority are in favor of the 45 per cent. rule.

Jones had a very interesting dream one night not long ago. Full particulars will be given in the next number of the CAMPUS.

On Wednesday evening, the 14th, Phi Delta Theta celebrated Alumni Day, with a banquet at the Budd House. All the active members and several alumni were present.

E. D. Reed entertained twenty of his fraternity brethren at his home, on the evening of the 5th inst. The chief feature of the evening was an elegant supper. Games and music were indulged in until a late hour.

Dr. Crawford lectured at Cochranon last Friday evening.

The Grand Arch Council of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity convenes in New York, March 28th to 31st. It promises to be the best convention ever held.

The personnel of the culinary department of Hulings Hall has again changed. It is said that the commissary has changed the brand of piecrusts and meals are correspondingly improved.

Do not blame the editor for the non-appearance of our last issue on the day which it was dated. They were ready for distribution on the morning of March 3d, but our b. m., who is generally up at 9:30, failed to materialize.

Last Saturday evening Miss Urick and Messrs. Swearer, Steele and R. C. Douds gave reports of the Detroit Missionary Convention. This convention was a large and important one. About fifteen hundred delegates were present.

The size of the Kaldron is limited. It will be somewhat smaller than Webster's International. Therefore don't send the literary committee any articles containing two or three thousand words. They want something short, spicy and original.

From an individual other than "Barcus" we learn that the A. C. C. B's. spent a pleasant evening at the home of W. S. Douds, near Cochranon, a few weeks ago. They left on the evening train and returned the next morning. All pronounced their fellow student and his parents as royal entertainers.

A student answering to the name of "Moldy" had a thrilling experience one evening a few weeks ago. Business called him to Stringtown and on his return he was stopped by a footpad (?). Rather than risk his life and money he jumped over a ten-foot embankment, landing in mud knee deep. Fortunately he retained his equilibrium and suffered no injury other than a bad scare and a pair of beautifully daubed shoes.

Prof. Walton enjoyed (?) a vacation one day last week, entertaining an old acquaintance, in the person of an ulcerated tooth.

Prather has been elected manager of the ball team, and most of the other positions have been filled. The ball nine promises to be a stronger one than last year's. With Fox and Pratt for pitchers, and last year's catcher, Allegheny should be able to cope with any college team in this part of the country. It is now proposed to enlarge the ball grounds. This should be done at once. By means of a little hard work the necessary money can be raised and the grounds put in proper condition. The Athletic Association should begin to hustle.

On Thursday morning of last week the students unanimously accepted Mt. Union's challenge to a debate. According to the terms of the challenge each college will be represented by two debaters. If the debate is held in Meadville, Allegheny will pay the expenses of Mt. Union debaters and two other representatives from that college. If it takes place in Alliance, Mt. Union will provide for the expenses of four persons from Allegheny. Messrs. Prather and Cowell have been elected to represent this college on the debate. The time of meeting has not yet been fixed. On March 3d, three days before the letter from Mt. Union reached Meadville, the *Pittsburgh Dispatch* contained an account of the challenge, and stated that it had the approval of the faculties of both colleges and would likely be accepted. It is hoped that this was done by some sharp reporter and not by any student of Mt. Union College.

The Kaldron.

All matter for the '94 Kaldron must be handed in to the Board by the first Saturday of the Spring term.

Write on one side, only, of your paper.

By order of the Board.

Allegheny Song.

[As many of the students wish to preserve a copy of our college song, we insert it in the CAMPUS.—ED.]

Come join our glorious song,
And let the chorus roll,
Of college days and ways, my boys,
At Allegheny, Oh!

CHORUS—Oh! Allegheny, oh!
All hail, our college home!
Uproarious notes shall swell our throats,
Alleghen'! Alleghen'! Rah! Boom!

Vex not your hearts with care,
Nor strain a point too fine,
Life's richest joys bless college boys,
We are the heirs of time.

CHORUS—Oh! Allegheny, oh!

Then sine co-sine farewell,
We're off on tangent now,
We take our fun in present tense,
Our life in jolly mood.

CHORUS—Oh! Allegheny, oh!

O! these are golden days,
And shining hours are these,
We'll close our books, we'll tune our lays,
And we'll give points to bees.

CHORUS—Oh! Allegheny, oh!

John Alden was our dad,
Arma virum canam,
Priscilla Muggins, his best girl,
Was our great, great grand dame,

CHORUS—Oh! Allegheny, oh!

We want the earth, you know,
We are the royal band,
We have the head, we have the blood,
We have the Puritan sand.

CHORUS—Oh! Allegheny, oh!

Then hail the classic halls,
Then hail both task and joy,
Where e'er we be, we'll cherish thee,
Oh! Allegheny, oh!

CHORUS—Oh! Allegheny, Oh!

Phi Gamma Delta Entertains.

On Friday evening, March 2d, the boys of Phi Gamma Delta entertained about forty of their lady friends, at their house on North Park Ave. The rooms had been tastefully decorated and the event was much enjoyed by all.

Bush's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion and Trowbridge was on hand in his best form.

A week later the young ladies who had attended the reception agreeably surprised the boys of the fraternity who happened to be at home, by making a party call; and they were chaperoned by Mrs. Dr. Montgomery. After spending a pleasant half-hour they took their departure.

Alumni.

C. H. Luse, '94, was in town last week.

N. W. Johnson, '85, is in town at present.

Ralph B. Reitz, '89, is studying dentistry in Philadelphia.

W. C. Deming, '90, spent a few hours in the city, Monday, March 12th.

R. B. Gamble, '93, came down from Buffalo, last week, to attend the inspection of Company B., N. G. P.

The editor earnestly desires the assistance of the alumni in making this column of some value to all interested in Allegheny College. All contributions concerning yourself or any alumnus will be gladly received.

By the ruling of the Post Office Department, college journals will be forced to pay eight or sixteen times as much postage as other newspapers; this they cannot afford. It is an injustice, and is a reproach to a system that allows sensational story-papers, sporting magazines, and the cheap novel, privileges denied educational journals.—*Ex.*

The College World.

Exchanges.

BLUFFS.

The bluffs are steep and wild and high,
That line St. Gotthard's Pass,
But think of those awful, awful bluffs
That the Sophomores make in class.—*Ex.*

The lives of great men oft remind us
Honest men won't stand a chance,
The more we work there grows behind us
Bigger patches on our pants!

On our pants once new and glossy,
Now are stripes of different hue;
All because our subscribers linger,
And won't pay us what is due.

Then let us all be up and doing—
Send your mite, however small,
Or when the snow of winter strikes us,
We shall have no pants at all.—*Ex.*

N. B.—The business manager asked us to insert the above.

As a college teacher my experience with boys who have formed the cigarette habit is somewhat limited. It, however, confirms me in the opinion that such boys are like wormy apples; they drop long before harvest. Very few of them ever advance far enough to enter college. Very few of those who enter last beyond the first year. They rarely make failures in after life because they do not have any after life. The boy who begins cigarette-smoking before he is fifteen never enters the life of the world. When the other boys are taking hold of the world's work he is concerned with the sexton and undertaker. There is one grim argument to be made for the smoking of cigarettes by boys; it helps on the survival of the fittest. The manly boy does not take to such things. He has life in him, plays foot ball, steals watermelons, goes swimming on Sundays, hunts ducks—does anything but deaden himself with narcotics.—*Dr. Jordan in I. U. Student.*

It is rumored that Gov. Pattison will become President of Lehigh University when his term of office as Governor expires.

There are eight colleges and universities which publish daily papers. They are, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Cornell, University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin and Stanford University.

All athletic sports have been forbidden to the students of Kentucky university on account of alleged gambling connected with them. In regard to this an exchange says: Betting is immoral, but how can the man who bets be worse than the man who is no better.—*Ex.*

The use of by-words is one of the most inexcusable and silly habits. The soul who persistently insists in their use, with no thought of self-criticism, or of self-improvement, unconsciously reveals a brain partially addled. Self-discipline will never allow expletives to drown the intellect, or spoil one's speech.—*Ex.*

The following from the Otterbein *Aegis* can be applied to the state of affairs here at Allegheny, equally as well as to that at Otterbein: "The order during chapel exercises is not what it should be. Some of the students both in the higher and lower classes seem to lack the ideas of reverence and propriety. To them the prayer-hour, judging by their actions, has no sacredness, and those near them have no rights or privileges which are worthy of their consideration and respect. Before the exercises begin there is frequently such a buzz of conversation and so much confusion that the professor in charge is compelled to call for order. During prayers it is nothing unusual for students to engage in conversation or study a text-book. It does seem strange that young men and women reared in Christian homes should be guilty of such thoughtlessness. If the student-body were composed of children these things might be overlooked; but for men and women to conduct themselves in this manner, is action worthy of the severest censure.

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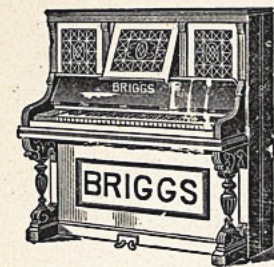
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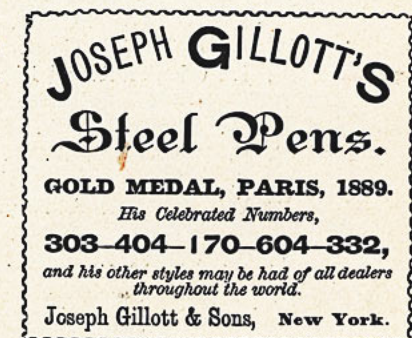
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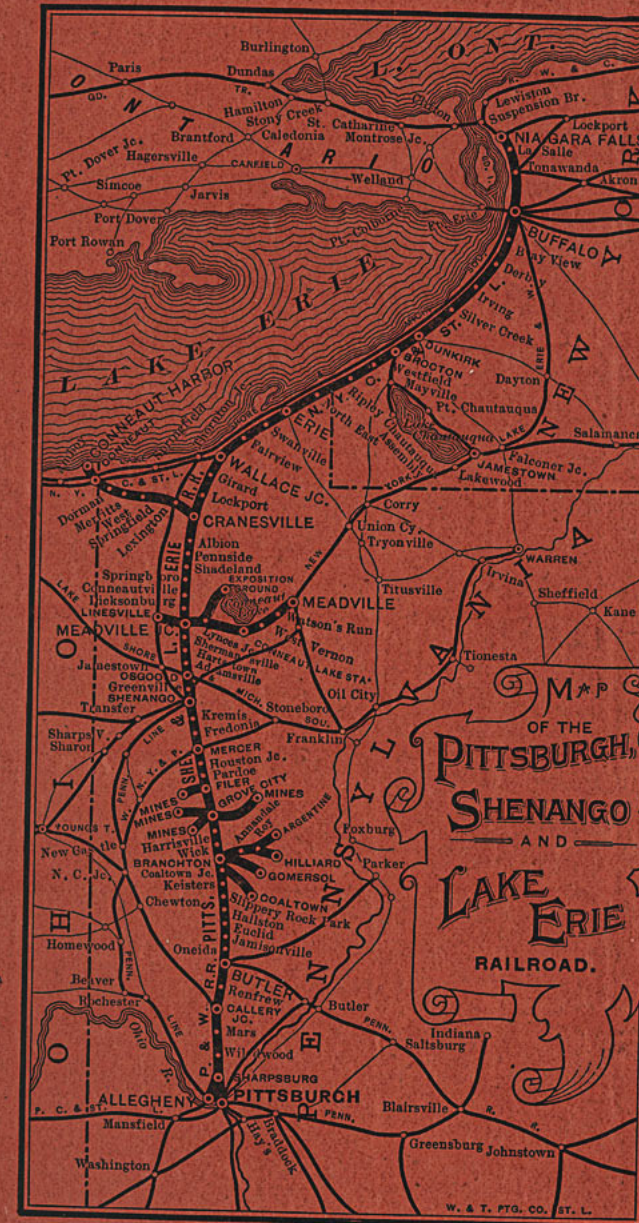
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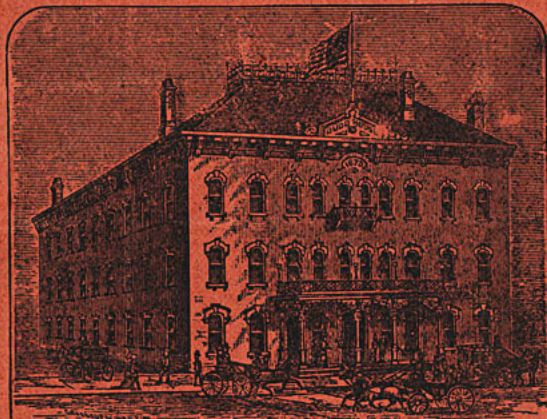
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