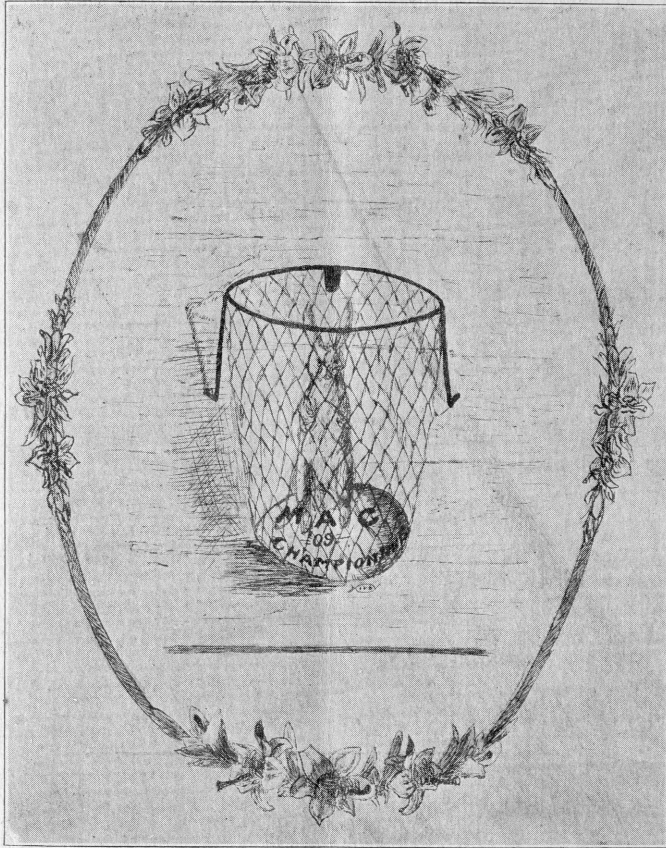


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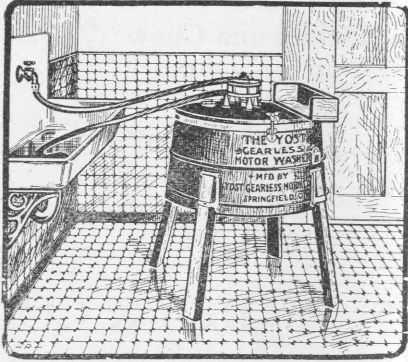
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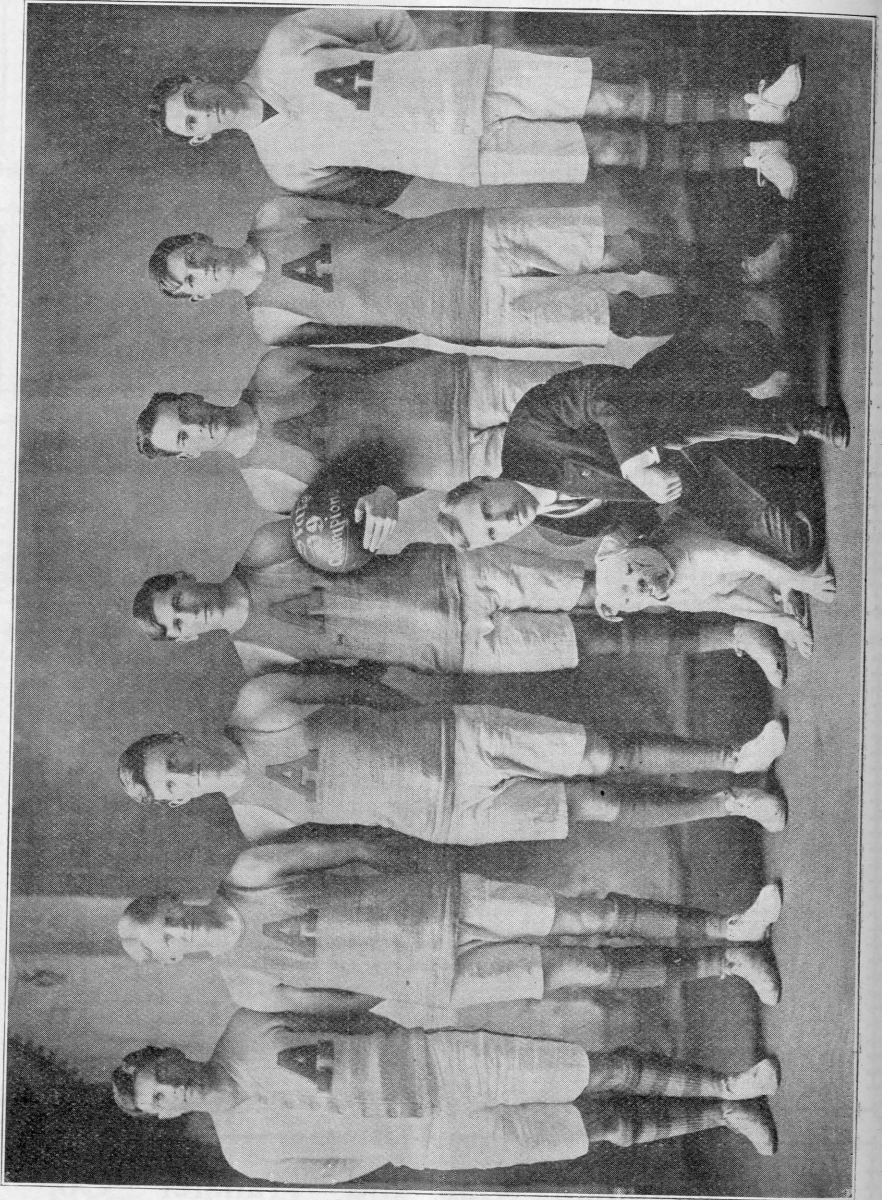
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The Water Right

It was the month of September. The crops were all in, and the little valley, running southward between two ranges of mountains, was dotted here and there with haystacks. The afternoon sun gave a golden gleam to the stubble-fields. The hay fields were yet green, most of them being used for pastures for the horses and cattle which were being brought in at this time of year from their range in the foothills.

Two farmers, Scott and Smith were riding through their fields looking over the cattle. Scott looked toward the northeast, where could be seen a wagon with the team standing tied to the wheels. A short distance from the wagon was a man who appeared to be shovelling in a ditch.

"Wilson is doing a good job cleaning that ditch, ain't he?" Scott remarked to Smith. "Well, he knows that he ain't going to fool anybody that way," he continued, with a grim set to his usually pleasant face. "He won't prove his point by cleaning his ditch because he won't get any water through it next summer if it is clean."

Smith refrained from answering because he knew that Scott and Wilson were hardly on friendly terms.

This unfriendliness had come about in the following way:

There were five farmers who used water from Bivins creek, each having an equal water right. These farmers

were Scott, Smith, Hansen, Daley and Anderson. Their farms were small, but through long years of cultivation and improvement they were very productive, and their owners were considered fairly well-to-do. These farms, with a sixth, belonging to Wilson, lay at the west slope of the valley, below the mouth of Bivins creek.

The sixth farmer, Wilson, also had a ditch from Bivins, but not having a water right he used water from the creek only during the spring and early summer months when the water was high. During the hot summer months he had to depend on Spring creek, a little stream which ran nearly parallel to Bivins; but this creek was nearly dry when water was most needed.

For this season Wilson had for some time desired to buy a right in Bivins from the other five farmers. The six were all good neighbors, borrowing each others tools and machinery whenever needed; they owned together an imported Percheron stallion, and a large potato planting and digging machine; they "traded work" with each other, and in almost any way one was willing to accommodate another to any reasonable extent.

But the subject of water was a somewhat different matter. All over the valley, as it became more thickly settled, farmers were having trouble about their water rights. A farmer having a good water right was

considered lucky by others and had a pleasant sense of security himself. So that buying a water right was not easy; but Wilson finally induced four of the farmers each to agree to sell a share of his right, on condition that the other four would also sell an equal share.

Only one, Scott, refused to sell under any conditions. Try as he would Wilson could not budge him from his decision. Even when some of the others approached him on this subject he would not admit that he could possibly afford to sell a share of his water right in Bivins.

But one Saturday that fall the six farmers happened to be together, as was often the case, in the little country village lying up the valley about four miles south of Bivins creek. Here they did their trading, and during the seasons when they were not too busy they usually stayed in town long enough to play a game or two of cards at the saloon with other farmers from around that part of the valley.

The water right was naturally one of the subjects of conversation, and Wilson asked Scott if he still thought he could not settle the water question. But Scott was as obstinate on this subject as before.

"See here, Wilson, I'd like to oblige you, but I know there isn't enough water in Bivins to justify my selling any of it. Why, them peas of mine got too dry this year, and there was more water than usual too."

"Well, I don't believe you would note the difference that one sixth less in the water would make, anyway," said Daley, who seemed to be more favorable to dividing than any of them.

"Oh, I don't know about that," said Scott, "them peas—"

"There was plenty of water this

year; I don't see why your peas got too dry," broke in Smith.

"I think the reason was," Hansen offered "that you couldn't get an extra man, when you wanted him, to help irrigate them."

"Well, I'll tell you, Scott," said Wilson, "if I can prove by this time next year that there is enough water in Bivins for all of us, will you agree to sell?"

Scott thought for a moment. He could think of no way in which this could be proven; and seeing that the others thought that this was at least a fair enough proposition, he said, "sure, Wilson. If I really thought there was enough water, I would sell part right now."

"All right, that's a go, then," said Wilson, and the subject was dropped.

This was the reason, therefore, that Scott was so much interested in Wilson's ditch cleaning. He could not see why he was taking so much pains with the ditch, as he could not expect any more the next year than usual.

This ditch that Wilson so carefully cleaned was only a few hundred yards long, and was but a continuation of his Spring creek ditch. It had a large fall and was taken out above all the other ditches on the creek.

Scott and Wilson were, however, apparently as friendly as ever, except on the subject of the water right, which they mutually avoided after the above agreement was made.

Meanwhile the winter passed, and the crops were put in as usual. The winter had been mild, and the fall of snow in the mountains was light. There was plenty of water, however, during the early part of the irrigating season, but as the summer came on it became lower.

To Scott's surprise, Wilson turned the water from Bivins out of his ditch much earlier than he had done before.

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and he was satisfied to find that the ditch was not again used that summer. He made occasional trips to the head of the ditch to assure himself of this fact. One day in August he spoke to Smith about it.

"I notice Wilson hasn't used his ditch this summer," he said. "You see I was right in not selling. You have probably found that you have not had any too much water this summer. I know that I have needed all mine."

"Yes, this has been an unusually dry year," Smith replied, "and I certainly have not had a great deal more water than I needed."

"By the way," he continued, "Wilson's grain must be getting pretty dry. He put in as much ground as ever this year."

"Yes, you know he even broke up that corner patch of pasture. His grain must be getting dry, but nobody is to blame for that."

Nevertheless Wilson's grain was not suffering for want of water, and the reason might have been accounted for by following his ditch up to Spring creek. The water in this little stream was now scarcely sufficient to cover the pebbles in its bed, but its phenomenal increase where it flowed into the ditch would have attracted the attention of even a careless observer.

But the water right was apparently forgotten. The crops were harvested, and again the haystacks dotted the valley, and the granaries and root-houses overflowed. The farmers were seen more frequently in the village after the busy fall season, and once again the six farmers "treated" around, at the little saloon, and engaged in general conversation. Scott was feeling very amiable that day,

having just sold his wheat to one of the local merchants, and he good-humoredly said to Wilson, "remember the agreement we made last fall? I'm sorry you can't fulfill your part of it."

"Well, yes," Wilson said slowly, scratching his head, "the dry season made it pretty hard. Your crop was as good as usual this year wasn't it?"

"Oh yes, but I didn't have any water to spare," and he laughed at his joke.

"Did you have enougs?" Wilson asked. Scott looked at him sharply, but Wilson had apparently asked the question in a casual way.

"Yes—but as I said, there was none to spare."

The other farmers laughed good naturedly.

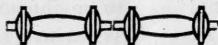
Wilson laughed with them and said, "You fellows remember our agreement, too, don't you? If I could prove there was enough water in Bivins for all of us Scott agreed to sell a sixth share in his right. Well, Scott says that he had enough water, although this has been an unusually dry season." Then turning to Scott he said, "You didn't know that I have used as much water out of Bivins this summer as you have? But I have. If you will examine my ditch from Bivins to Spring creek you will find a twelve inch pipe line laid a few inches below the surface. I hauled it from that old hydraulic mine up the creek, and put it in last fall a section at a time."

There was a pause.

"Well, I'll be ————" Scott said slowly.

The others laughed. "By George, Wilson, I guess you've proved your point."

And he had.



A Year's Investment

In these closing days of a college year there are in the many institutions of higher learning all over the land hundreds of students bringing their work to a successful issue. There are seniors realizing that their course is nearly over, juniors feeling that their turn will come next and under classmen marching steadily to the same goal. We need not consider those who fall by the wayside. The suggestion here offered cannot benefit them.

What is to be the next step? It is true—some say unfortunately true—that an education now-a-days is not a thing sufficient in itself. It must be shaped to enable the young man or woman to invest more profitably his time, money or talent. The members of the many graduating classes are considering what to do next. That different ones will do different things is obvious. That some will succeed better than others is but a repetition of history. That all would like to see ahead an investment with sure returns is a safe assumption.

The investment that rivals all others in filling the above requirement is a year's post graduate study. This statement is based on these facts: that of the hundreds that do take such a course (and these are the best judges) practically none ever regret it, and nearly all class it among their wisest decisions; and that of those who do not take such work many can be found who see reason to wish that they had. Of how many kinds of investment can these assertions be made? Where is there a line of business that has had so few failures? The reasons for taking this additional year's work are easily seen. The length of the regular college course

has long been four years. Meanwhile a great wealth of information has been opened up. The sum of human knowledge has been vastly increased. And yet the length of the college course is still four years. How can we get within the same four years all that our father did plus the new learning that the succeeding years have brought forth. It is quite impossible. True a little can be dropped from the older studies, but only a little, excepting at a sacrifice. We do, alas! drop some of them and make the sacrifice, but only because we must have the time for what seems to us even more important. The difficulty has been partially obviated by putting some of the work that once was taught in the college, into the high school and preparatory grades, but even so the college course is too short for adequate preparation for the professions.

It is quite beyond dispute that the student who has acquired all that the bachelor's degree stands for has an overwhelming advantage over those of the same age and natural ability who have not attended college. This holds true both in securing positions and in competently filling them. But it is just as true that he who has fulfilled the requirements for the Master's degree, has in a single year placed himself quite in advance of the regular college graduate. In rare cases the most desirable position comes of its own accord—it seizes the applicant instead of waiting for the applicant to seize it. As a rule however the competition is keen. There are several applicants and only one is to be chosen. Which one will that be? What are the factors that govern the choice? They are many; and one that

is not fully enough appreciated by students is the personality. There are few good places open to the contentious man, to the weakling, or to the man of doubtful morality, and habits, and these are usually thrown out at the start whatever may be their other qualifications. Training and experience (with natural ability of course) would perhaps come next, and here the man with an advanced degree, with two institutions behind him, and with the inner experience usually obtained in the major department in post graduate work has a tremendous advantage. Very, very often it is exactly this that gives him the position and sends the rest hunting for other openings.

Of no less importance is the filling of the position after it has been secured. Here also the extra year counts for much. It is true that many of our most successful professional men did not take any post graduate work. It might be said also in reply that some of them never attended college at all. What is more to the point here is the fact that many of moderate success find that their greatest obstacle is a lack of this advanced training and that educational advantages might have made the great even greater. It is not to be denied that while the four years of college work does much for a man it does not in most cases completely fit him for his life work. He must get the rest either by more schooling, combined with the particular kind of experience coming along with it or by practical business experience in the gaining of which he may be branded as a failure before he has had a fair chance to prove his worth.

This kind of investment is not open to everyone but it is open to many who do not take advantage of it. Some are prevented by lack of means and they would likewise be unable to

start in most lines of business. To these it should be said that another year at school is not always so difficult as it seems. There are fellowships to be had in many of our larger institutions, and among the candidates for these there is not always such good material to pick from as could be desired. Some of the graduates from this college would stand an excellent chance. Likewise the post-graduate student can very often get a small assistantship—enough to keep him from starving. It is quite the policy of many universities to use this means to build up their graduate departments. Incidentally they are thereby able to handle many large classes with few high salaried professors. In many other lines of employment the graduate student is given the preference over the undergraduate, and rightly so. The regrettable feature is that many who are financially able do not improve this opportunity, thinking they have spent time enough in school, and they should now begin to lay up something. This is often shortsightedness as the increased returns in later years more than offset the additional expenditure. Furthermore the college graduate should be broad enough to realize that financial gain is not the only thing to be acquired.

A word here as to the time and place for carrying on this advanced work. The year following graduation is usually the most convenient time. There are real advantages in going into practical experience for a year or two first to get one's bearings and find one's greatest needs—and perhaps to lay up the necessary money, but it takes a strong will to break away then and again take up studies at college, and very few who intend to do so actually carry it out. As to the particular institution for the advanced work all will depend upon circumstances. Other things being equal

it is better to go to a different institution from that in which the undergraduate work was done. There one encounters new men, new methods and new ideas. Often, however, if one lives in or near his college town the advantages of the home life, particularly where the cost of living is a consideration, more than off set the benefits to be gained by going away. In either case it is a good and sure investment and those who have tried it almost never regret it.

In conclusion let us see what is expended and what is gained in return. The man or woman who makes this investment gives up one of the most valuable years of his life and gets in return one of the most happy and enjoyable years that he spends on earth.

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A is for Annin, our sunny haired Jim,

B is for Brown, who was surely in
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C is for college whose honor was won,

D—'s what "they" said when the game
was done.

E is for everybody glad that we beat,

F is for field (we were there with both
feet,)

G is for Glenn, of him we're all proud,

H is for "Hollering," 'twas sure good
and loud.

I is the interest the town people took,

J is our joy, of thought, word and look.

K is for kicking, we did none of that,

L is for love, is it blind as a bat

M is for "Mack" we think he's all right

N is for nobody, nothing and night.

O is the sigh of the beaten team,

P is for Pool who was there with the
steam.

Q is for queer that we made such a
score.

S is for Sleeman, who played with
such vim.

T is for Tuck, we'd not win without
him.

U is for us, we yelled at the game,

V is for Victory, it was surely not
tame.

W is the wrestling the boys like so
well,

About X, Y, and Z no tale can we tell.

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The greater number of the quarters voted upon the occasion of Prof. Clark's visit, toward the payment for some sort of decoration for the assembly hall have been paid in and it will soon be up to the committee to make a selection. The present junior class declares its intention of calso-mining the walls and ceiling of the aforesaid room before many moons and if each class leaves its mark in turn a few years will see the weekly gathering place of the student body blossoming as a rose. If the custom is once inaugurated it will no doubt be followed from year to year, as such customs usually are, and much good

will no doubt come of it. It might be well to say a word of warning as to gravestones, etc. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

A WOMAN AND HER HAT

A bill before the New York Legislature to protect the birds of that State is earnestly supported by the Audubon Society, the farmers, Mr. Giffor Pinchot, the State Grange, most of the daily press many clergymen and other individuals and associations of light and influence. Already destruction of the birds and the consequent spread of insect pests have in-

flicted immense damage upon agriculture. Even now a devastating moth pest, which the birds alone can combat, is impending.

And who, standing opposed to all these humane, conservative friends of the bill, threatens to exterminate the pretty and useful feathered creatures? Why, just Mabel with her new spring hat. We are heartily in favor of the bill. But we are heartily in favor of Mabel, also; and for her poor, foolish, badgered sake we want to see this hat question settled.

The hat, of whatever year and season, no sooner makes its appearance than it is greeted with a universal chorus of derision. It is not beautiful, but positively ugly, say all male critics. It is not useful, but only an incumbrance and nuisance. Its cost is utterly absurd. It stands, or tilts at an acute angle, as a conspicuous monument to woman's vanity, extravagance and tasteless subservience

to mere fashion. The blood of innocent creatures is upon her head, or hands, as the case may be. And when, braving these manifold terrors, woman has painfully procured her monument and entered a public place with it, she is sternly commanded to take it off on pain of being thrown out. Some specialists declare that the nervous system of American women is going to wreck. Considering the awful trouble they have with their hats we don't wonder at it. Their headgear has the same effect upon a whole masculine world that a silk tile has upon the inhabitants of Red Dog Gulch. Everybody feels in duty bound to take a shot at it.

We favor a National Woman's Conservative Commission to decide what sort of lid a girl can wear without reproach. Personally we recommend something neat and inexpensive, on the pancake or porous-plaster order. —Saturday Evening Post.

March Calendar

March 4—B. B. game in Bozeman, M. S. C. vs. Anaconda Athletics. Score 29-16, favor M. S. C.

March 5—Mr Houston played violin solo in assembly. John Houston McIntosh exhorted the students. Students' music recital in evening.

March 6—Debate—M. S. C. vs. Montana Wesleyan. Decided in favor of M. S. C.

March 12—Assembly very tame. Dunbars in Civic League course.

March 13—B. B. game Billings vs. M. S. C. Score 34-16 favor M. S. C.

March 16—Band concert at opera house.

March 19—Mendelssohn Centenary recital in assembly. Declamation contest in evening.

March 26—Prof. Clark addressed students in assembly.

March 30—Graduating recital of Frances Maynard in assembly hall.

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AGRICULTURAL CLUB

At the first regular meeting of the Agricultural Club during the past month Prof. Swingle delivered an address in which he showed some of the joys and beauties of farm life and gave some of the requisites of a successful farmer. This address was excellent and it would have been well worth even an engineer's valuable time to have heard it.

James Bell gave a talk on the relative bacterial content of milk got by hand milking and with a milking machine. James Calk read a very exhaustive essay on "Choosing a Wife."

On April 1, Ross Bancroft gave a short reading which was followed by a well written paper on "Dry Land Farming," by George Morgan. John Taylor gave a paper on some "Current Events in Agriculture," which was followed by the critics report.

THE ELECTRIC CLUB.

The meeting of the Electric Club on March 26th was addressed by Mr. Seigfried of the Missouri River Power Co. of Helena, Mont. Mr. Seigfried is chief of the operating department for the above company and gave a very interesting and instructive address on "Methods of Operating and Protecting Electric Circuits." At the close of the address Mr. Seigfried was

elected as an honorary member of the club and presented with a pin upon which was the emblem of the Electric Club. Mr. Seigfried was the guest of Prof. A. J. Thaler during his stay in Bozeman.

It is expected that Mr. Rosenblatt, managing engineer of the Butte district for the Westinghouse Co. will address the next meeting which convenes sometime in May.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. held its devotional meetings at the usual time, one o'clock each Tuesday, in Prof. Brewer's room, number 24.

The two addresses of Prof. Brewer on the "Influences of Revivals" were of particular interest. We were also favored with an address by Rev. Dr. Ware. President Bancroft read a letter of interest, concerning John R. Mott's visit to Oxford.

The officers of the Y. M. C. A. are much encouraged by the present conditions of the association. More interest is being shown at the meetings and the work is attended to with more system than before. All the boys are welcome to attend all meetings. Come, and get into line with the work.

STUDENTS' MUSICAL CLUB.

The third meeting of the Musical

Club took place Monday, March 15, in the assembly hall. A Mendelssohn program that was given the following Friday at assembly, was then given and a short sketch of the life of Mendelssohn was read by Vera Buell. Prof. Oliver also spoke of the life and works of this popular composer and the meeting adjourned.

Monday, March 29, at 4:30 p. m., the music club met and studied the life of Robert Schumann. Vida Work read a short history of Chinese, Japanese and Indian music and Fred Beley, read a sketch of Schumann's life. After several Schumann numbers played by the pupils, Prof. Oliver played two Schumann numbers, which were greatly appreciated. This is the last meeting of the club this year. Now that it is well organized it is expected that it will resume operations next year with the greatest enthusiasm.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. has held all of its regular meetings during the last month. The leaders were Mrs. Prof. Couper, Miss Buell, Blanch Conard, Marguerite Shellenberger and Florence Gatton.

We especially appreciate having the town ladies come out to speak to us, for we realize that at this time it is hard to get away. Yet we get so much out of these meetings and wish we could have more like them.

We have had one candy sale and one sale of the little books of poetry this month.

The committees for the May morning breakfast have already been appointed and work on the posters commenced.

This is one of the best months which we have had this year and we hope the interest and enthusiasm will continue until the end of the year, as we have such a short time left.

Exchange.

THE MORTIFIED DRUGGIST

From Bulletin of Pharmacy, by G. F. T. Howe.

(With apology to the sophomore girls)

Oh, woman, when you sought us first,
We were your friend indeed.
We overcome your bashful fears,
Supplied each toilet need.

Your teeth were not the envy then
Of all the other girls.
We sold the paste that changed them
to
A row of gleaming pearls.

We took the wrinkles from your face;
Renewed the color of your hair.
The Rose that blooms upon your lips—
We helped you put it there.

Your snowy hands, your sparkling
eyes,
Your corn-free, easy tread,
Are largely due to what you learned
From little things we said.

And so it is, with pain we note
Your look grows ever prouder.
We know you stormed his heart, of
course,
But we supplied the powder!

The teacher was telling the class in fourth-grade geography about the great seals of the different states, using the pictures in the dictionary as the basis of the lesson. Pointing to the seal of Virginia, she asked:

"Now, who can tell me from this picture what should be the meaning of these Latin words, 'Sic semper tyrannis,'"

Bobby's hand went up.

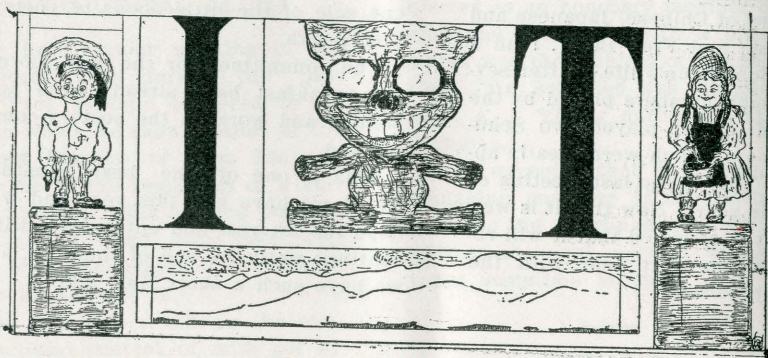
"All right, Bobby; you may tell us."

"Take your foot off my neck," was Bobby's reply.

—✿—
If you know some feller's failin's just forget em, for you know
The same feller's got some good points, them's the ones you want to show.

"Cast your loaves out on the waters," they'll come back, (a sayin' true,)
Mebbe they will come back "battered" when some feller boosts for you.

—Ex.



To Fair Louise—Los Angeles

Dear Louise, the spring-sweet breeze,
Blowing the frail leaves of young
trees,

May never stir unless it sigh
Of your light voice and changeful eye;

The floods the breeze

To meet far seas,

My dear Louise.

Dear Louise, when you shall please
There waits for you on yonder leas,—
Where leans the moon from out the
sky,

And stars look down to wish you
nigh—

Long love for you—when you
shall please,

My dear Louise!

Yours "Whit."

Chas Draper and Geo. Cooke are congratulating themselves on receiving, at the eleventh hour, their pillow and pennant respectively.

We wonder why they had to wait so long.

—
Ted—"Say, Guy, do you think this would be a good menu for a breakfast?"

—
The manager of the Freshman play has handed in his resignation because he can't manage some of the players.

—
Faye (at Soph. supper.) "Miss Harkins aren't you hungry, or are you polite?"

Miss Harkins (insulted) "Why, I'm both."

WANTED—A few play-things to amuse myself with in geometry class.
Signed—Earl Talmage.

Edna Haggerman and Wm. T. LeFevre have a case.

We wonder if Ruth has a permit to use her book in Geom. exams.

Wm. T. LeFevre: "Oh, dear! What do you think, we have got up at our house?"

FOR RENT—A corner in the main hall. Signed,
Laurence Piper,
Hazel Tannatt,
Harvey Martin,
Eliza Rich.

If the manager of the "IT" department will kindly put hits in as they are written, it will be an accommodation to the writers.

If some of the writers of "ITS" will kindly write them so they can be read it will be an accommodation to the "manager."

Livingston girls—"Don't you just love M. A. C. band boys in bundles. I can hardly wait for next fall to come.

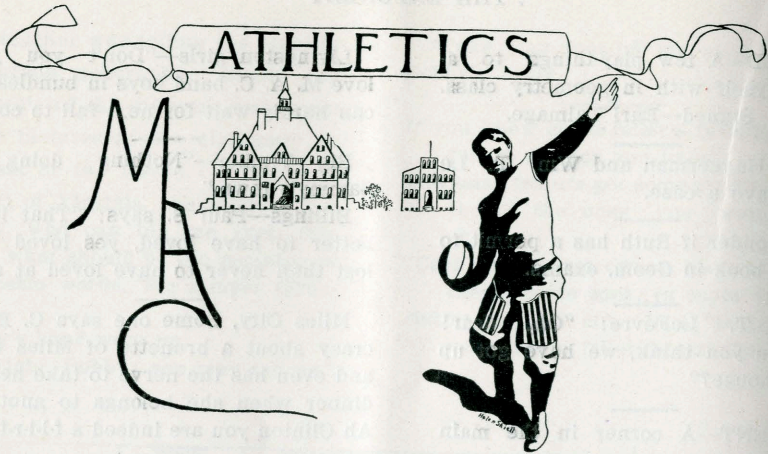
Big Timber—"Nothing doing in Sammy's town."

Billings—Paul S. says: "That it is better to have loved, yes loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

Miles City, Some one says C. B. is crazy about a brunette of Miles City and even has the nerve to take her to dinner when she belongs to another. Ah Clinton you are indeed a f-l-i-r-t.

The late upheaval over the emblem question by our worthy "M" enthusiasts is hardy in keeping with their cartoon in the last issue. It seems that they have forgotten the idea of their artist and are not willing to have "A the end". We feel sorry for those who are weeping over spilled milk and offer a word of condolence:
Lives of "beefers" all remind us,
If they'd tried some other way
They might've had M the emblem
Instead of the block A.
ad Society





The basket ball season is over and we are the state champions. It is true Anaconda has disputed our claims but we believe they have no reasonable grounds for claiming the championship. They had a good fast team and one that was well coached but a general balancing up of accounts will show that they were on the losing side. However, when the Anacondians asked for a game on neutral grounds they had a right to expect our team to meet them and as the members of the local team were in favor of such a game we wonder why it was not played.

Base ball and track training have been started and there is plenty of husky and enthusiastic material turning out. We doubt that any other state institution can put out a better grade of material and in such quantities as is turning out every afternoon on the diamond and cinder path at the college here. We ought to have a banner year in athletics for 1909.

We will not meet the state university in base ball this year but have arranged for a track meet with them which will probably be held in Missoula.

We also expect to meet the Butte

high school on the cinder path and the Butte school of mines on the diamond. Baseball games with Livingston and Townsend are also being scheduled.

The following contributions are by Coach McIntosh:

Owing to the continued wet weather and heavy ground Coach McIntosh abandoned his idea of cross country running as a conditioner for the track and baseball candidates. Instead a cinder path was stretched around the field used for athletics in front of the campus and the candidates for the baseball and track teams were called out for the first run Monday, March 29. Forty men responded and there were nearer fifty the next day. The coach has kept the men at it since in order they might be in shape when the track and diamond is dry enough for the fine points of training.

In all 25 men—the biggest squad that ever turned out for baseball in the spring here—have reported to coach and captain in the drill hall. These have been put through stiff practices each afternoon such as batting and fielding grounders in the gym. Of the material out three are trying

for pitcher; four for catcher; eight for infield positions and several for the outfield. It looks like we're to have a mighty nifty team this year.

The baseball team, at a recent meeting, elected Bert Hinds, of the senior class, captain of the team. Bert was honored with a like position several years ago and made a good one. He plays at short, is a cool, heady player, works hard all the time and inspires his men with the right spirit. The ball team made a good selection.

Glen Sloan will captain the basketball team for next year, having been elected at a recent meeting of the squad. Sloan should make an excellent leader for the 1909-10 basketball team, which is certain of winning another championship. He has played at forward for several years here and for two seasons has been manager. There is no more consistent player in the state.

While in Helena in attendance on the meeting of the athletic advisory board Coach McIntosh arranged with the university's representative for a dual track meet between the 'Varsity and Aggies this spring. The date has not been arranged but it will take place in May. It was virtually agreed the meet should be held in Missoula. The Butte high track team will be brought here for a dual meet the latter part of this month and the inter-class field day will be held also giving the track squad three good meets to look forward to.

With the best prospects the school ever had for track and baseball honors and with chances for the fastest football team in the northwest next fall, the prospects for a banner year in athletics could hardly be improved. Let's everybody cut out knocking and BOOST for the good of the cause.

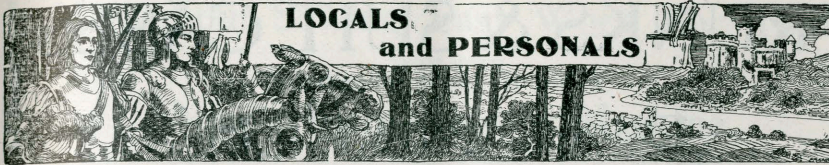
Prof. Clark's talk in chapel last month ought to instil lots of the right kind of ginger and spirit. Our athletic director is daily receiving letters from prospective athletic students who have heard of our winning teams and next fall will see an influx of sturdy football material such as the school never boasted before. We should all pull together for the success of M. A. C. and there is no better way of doing this than for each man with one ray of athletic ability to get out and try for the teams.

The advisory board of the Montana Intercollegiate Athletic association met in Helena, Saturday, March 27, and Coach John H. McIntosh, who succeeded Prof. Tallman as chairman of the M. A. C. faculty athletic committee, was present as representing this institution. It was decided to hold next year's meeting at Missoula. Prof. Hartsell, of the school of Mines, was elected president for the ensuing year. The office of secretary-treasurer of the association went to Prof. Bruner, of Wesleyan university. A few minor changes were made in the constitution and by-laws of the association. It was decided that members of college baseball teams can play against professionals but not with them. Prof. Hartsell, of the school of Mines, admitted that the Mines faculty had been fooled last year in Hartsuck and one other football player. He said they were nothing more than tramp athletes who had no place in school. This is of interest to the Aggies as we feel we would have swamped the Miners in football but for Hartsuck. Prof. Hartsell declared the Mines would in future question each student carefully on entering as to his athletic record and if there were suspicious circumstances connected with the students registration he would not be allowed to compete in athletics.

This questioning system, however, was not incorporated in the by-laws. Coach McIntosh offered as an amendment to the by-laws, that any student who is forced through legitimate reasons to leave school in the middle of a semester may be eligible to compete the following semester or the following year, provided such student has passed in 12 credits the preceding semester and also provided he is up in his work at the time of leaving. In such cases the president must certify as to the student's standing. This was a-

dopted unanimously by the advisory board. Under the old rule a hardship was sometimes worked. For instance Captain Tom Norton, of the football team, was forced to leave a few weeks ago on business. He was up in his classes all right, but would have been barred from competition in football next fall but for the amendment. The intercollegiate athletic association of the state is doing much towards keeping athletics clean in the different institutions.





THE FRESHMAN PLAY

On Friday evening, April 30, the freshman class will present a dramatized version of Charles Dickens' charming story "The Cricket on the Hearth."

Any play, good, bad or indifferent, requires much time and effort for amateur presentation and we congratulate the class upon having chosen something of real literary distinction instead of the usual light comedy.

The scene of the play is in a country district of England early in the nineteenth century.

There are a number of good characters and situations, the faithful old toymaker Caleb and his beautiful blind daughter Bertha, the ubiquitous Tillie Slowboy; the snarling pessimist Tackelton; the deaf old gentleman who proves to be the handsome hero in disguise and the little enthusiast Dot, with her splendid true old husband John, all these characters are well wrought out. The cricket and the vision over the fire place give the skillful electricians, Hanson and Fisher, opportunity to use their knowledge effectively.

Two especially good farces have been prepared by students in public speaking and will be presented to the public at the assembly hall Monday evening, May 10, the evening before Arbor day. The farces are "Evening Dress" and "Obstinacy."

Gilbert Griffith who was seriously ill last month has recovered sufficiently to take up his work at college again.

For repairing take it to Leslie E. Gage, the jeweler.

Newton Keene, a former member of the '10 class was a visitor at M. A. C. last week.

Harry Baker of the '07 class spent Sunday in Bozeman with his parents. He is now working in Butte.

George Hogan who has been sick with the lagrippe for the past two weeks is able to be around again.

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Clifford Landon, an ex-student of the prep department visited the college April 6.

Prof. Brewer, who has had the la-grippe for the last week is able to meet his classes again.

Miss Blanch MacMahone a member of the 3rd prep. class, has left school. She is going to her home in Big Elk, Montana.

Governor Norris issued his Arbor Day proclamation fixing the date on May 11. Don't forget your "Clark's" spirit at that time.

The first of the graduating recitals of the music department was given last Tuesday evening in the assembly hall by Miss Francis Maynard. Miss Maynard was assisted by Prof. Hey, violinist and Carl Widener, baritone. There was a large and appreciative audience in attendance.

The track and baseball squads have swung into line and the last week of March saw these squads training regularly. Between forty and fifty men get out every night for track, while there are eighteen or twenty in the base ball squad. Track material is showing up very good and although it is too early yet to make any predictions we ought, with the material in sight to put out a winning track team. Baseball material is also good.

Prof. Cooley was in the western part of the state last week. He reports that prospects are fine for the fruit growers for the coming season.

A reader of the Exponent and patron of the Antiseptic Barber Shop does not like the way it was handed to the shop in the last issue. He says he has been shaving in the shop for about a week, mostly in the front chair and he (the barber) always cut him, while he never charged him anything for cutting the gash; he always charged 50c for stopping the blood. This the patron thought was all right.

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The Short Course Agricultural students have completed their work and most of them have gone home. The prospect for a large class in this department for next year is promising.

Monday morning, Feb. 29, Prof. Swingle was seen to be wearing a smile of large dimensions, in fact it not only covered his face but spread out over his head and ran down the back of his neck. Investigation developed the fact that Sunday morning Mrs. Swingle had presented him with a seven pound daughter. Mother and daughter are reported as doing well, while papa skips about his work humming contentedly to himself.

Miss Brewer, who has been elected a delegate to St. Paul to the Y. W. C. A. convention, expects to leave April 20th. She will be gone just a week from her work. Her classes will be provided for during her absence.

The preliminary oratorical contest will be held April 16th, in the assembly room. The winner receives a prize of twenty dollars and the one taking second place accompanies our delegate to the state contest at Dillon as an alternate.

The Housekeepers' Club met at the college on Thursday, April 25, where they were entertained by Miss Harkins. Miss Lucile Brewer gave a demonstration on eggs, some of the students assisting. There were about 50 in attendance.

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The M. A. C. Regimental Band under the leadership of Louis Howard started on its annual advertising tour on Friday, April 2. That evening they played in Livingston. The following places are to be taken in on their trip: Billings, Forsyth, Miles City, Helena and Dillon. We feel that it will more than make good in the purpose for which it is intended—that of advertising our college.

Mrs. George B. Couper entertained the young ladies of the four college classes at her home on Friday afternoon, April 2. A delightful, impromptu program of music and songs was rendered by the girls. Delicious refreshments were served by Miss Grace Linfield and Miss Martha Kinney after which the girls all sang college songs before going home.

One of the best dinners of the year was given by the Short Course boys in Agriculture who have been taking cooking. The four course dinner was prepared and served by the boys alone. The guests were Mrs. Marshall, Miss Cantwell, Miss Walter, Miss Harkins, Miss L. Brewer, President and Mrs. Hamilton, W. E. Harmon, state superintendent and Prof. Clark, the lecturer from Chicago. Prof. Clark never dines before lecturing but this was the first invitation from a boy's cooking class he had ever received and it is needless to say that he offered any of them the position of cook at his summer camp.

Miss Mary Davidson has gone west for her health. She expects to spend two days in Belgrade.



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Prof. Buckman, who has been assistant agronomist has left for his home in Iowa. He has handed in his resignation as he expects to take his Doctor's degree at Cornell next year.

President Fancher of the Montana College at Deer Lodge, who gave the splendid Easter address at the Presbyterian church visited our college Monday morning.

The electrical show will be held on May 14th, at the electrical building. This date was to be visitors' day but as the show was such a splendid success last year it has been decided to give this date over for the electrical show this year.

Alumni, students, friends of M. A. C. Have you seen the little book of college songs and sentiments, "Echoes from M. A. C.?" You want a copy to keep as a souvenir of those good old days you spent on college hill. You want one to give your best friend. Get one now. Only fifty cents a copy. Phillips cash book store.

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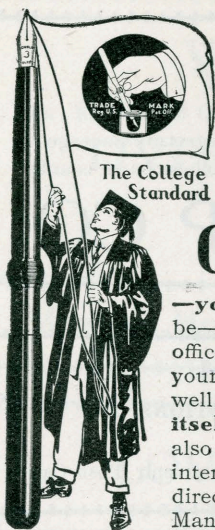
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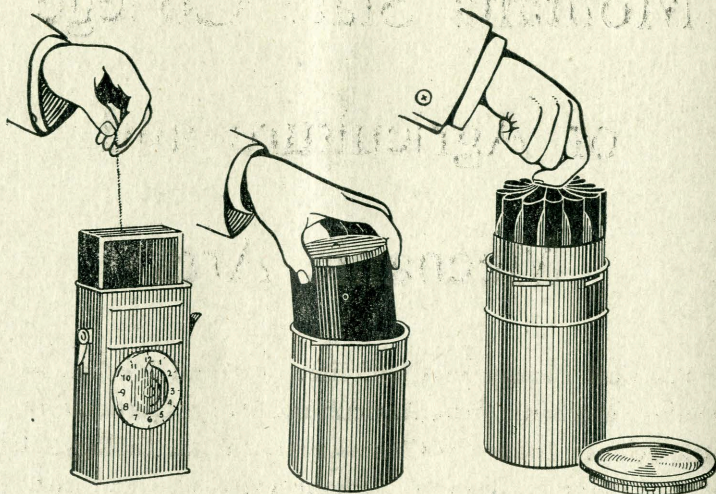
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