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FRESHMEN LOSE CAMPUS FLAG RUSH.

But Float Banner Down Town.

After many hours of fighting and hostility which resulted in the placing of the 1912 banner upon the Wise, Smith building in the heart of the city and the defeat of the freshmen's attempt to place one of their banners in some tree on the campus, the members of the under classes are resting from a hard-fought and hard-won struggle.

Hostilities began Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock when the first year men disappeared from the college grounds and made themselves scarce in populated places. There was very little active work, however, until about 11 o'clock, when the freshmen, having met in the Lyceum on Lawrence street, unknown to the watchful sophomores, sallied forth armed with paste, brush and poster. They were divided into squads of four or five men apiece, under one man as a leader, and to each squad was assigned some particular portion of the city as their territory, which they were to adorn with the posters as thickly and as well as possible.

The sophomores in the meanwhile had met in Aetna Hall and scouring parties had been sent out to all parts of the city. The automobiles of Skinner '11 and Porteus '11 were also brought into use and with Ramsdell, the class president, Sherman, Burdick and Skinner in the latter's machine and Carroll, A. L. Gildersleeve, Maxon and Porteus in Porteus's the efficiency of their search was very great.

Before the freshman squads had proceeded very far, they were discovered by the sophomores in one of the autos and owing to its speed, they were soon put to flight and many of the posters were torn down. Owing to this same speed, however, many freshmen had narrow escapes from being captured, as several were passed over with a too hasty glance by the speeding sophs and were free to do further damage.

The first capture was made when the men of 1911 were hastening down Asylum street and came upon Reddick, who fell an easy prey to them. Soon after this the automobilists discovered a squad of freshmen who had been putting up posters in the vicinity, hiding in Longley's restaurant at Needham's corner. The door was immediately blockaded while Skinner sped to headquarters for reinforcements. As these arrived the freshmen under the lead of Humphrey, and including Ingleson, Tyrrell, Hauert and Andrews made a break for the door and for several moments there was some stiff and plucky fighting. But at this juncture Policeman Dower came upon the scene of the encounter and with the aid of his night stick soon put the combatants to flight, but the freshmen went without Hauert and Ingleson who remained in the hands of the sophs. Breed

THE WHITLOCK PRIZE CONTEST.

Held To-night in Alumni Hall.

The annual prize speaking contest for the Whitlock prizes will take place this evening in Alumni Hall. The speakers will be Richardson L. Wright, '10, W. Gilbert Livingston, '09, and Harold N. Chandler, '09.

Livingston is the first speaker, and his subject is "International Arbitration." He will be followed by Wright, whose subject is "The New Gaelic Renaissance, and Mr. William Butler Yeats." Chandler is the last speaker, and he also will speak on "International Arbitration."

These are the men who won the alumni English prizes. Mr. Wright also won second prize in the contest two years ago.

The judges will be R. C. Buell, '98, of Hartford; J. H. K. Davis, '99, Hartford, and J. W. Lord, '98, of East Hartford.

was later added to the growing list of captives and, later still, Carpenter, Humphrey, Short and Whipple, after a plucky fight against overwhelming odds.

By this time nearly all the freshmen had completed their work with the posters and, escaping the vigilance of the sophomores, had returned to their rendezvous to get a few hours' sleep, and when a little later some 1911 men passed, no suspicion was roused in their minds that inside the unlighted building were some twenty-five freshmen, reposing as peacefully as conditions, in the shape of hard benches and a total absence of pillows, would allow.

At five o'clock, however, they arose, and with Bates leading, marched in a body to the Wise-Smith building which at that time held, besides many articles of merchandise, etc., several freshmen, including Rankin, the class president, Craik, Kendall, McClure, Smith and Foote, and most important of all a huge banner, bearing upon it the legend 19112, the T in red and the numerals in blue. Shortly after four this was hung over the side of the building and was soon discovered by several 1911 men who were sauntering about the streets. These climbed upon an adjoining roof and attempted to haul it down by throwing up to it grappling irons attached to ropes. But the men on the roof were watchful and before any damage could be done the banner was drawn up and attached to the flag pole at the front of the building and continued to wave until eleven o'clock when the freshmen on guard hauled it down.

The prisoners in Aetna Hall had meanwhile been left under the guard of Conroy, Jaquith and Taylor while the rest were occupied in their vain attempt at hauling down the banner. Ingleson, having loosened his bonds, made a dive for one of his captors and before the row was over several prison-

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TO ABOLISH PUSH RUSH.

1910 Considering Subject.

For several years past the question of substituting some less dangerous amusement for the annual push-rush between the two under classes has been annually discussed but no action taken.

The class of 1910, however, has made an early start towards this reform and at a recent class meeting a committee composed of C. H. Bassford, F. D. Carpenter, C. B. Judge and F. S. Kedney was appointed to look into the matter and submit some suggestions for a substitute.

The subject of a class smoker was discussed and it was voted to hold one in the near future.

President Smith appointed the following committee to take charge of the affair: H. W. I. Cook, L. A. Merritt, Jr., J. F. Townsend and L. A. Stansfield.

THE 1910 IVY.

The final proofs of the first half and the proofs of the second half of the 1910 Ivy have been received and show that the book will be all that was promised for it.

The cover is to be grey with maroon lettering, on the same style as the 1909 Ivy.

Although the editors have succeeded in eliminating much of the time-worn reading matter, they have substituted new features and the book will be about the same size as usual.

Taking warning from the experiences of former boards the edition is limited to two hundred copies. The board has taken hold in earnest and if anyone desires a copy the order should be placed at once in order to ensure getting one.

YALE'S SYSTEM OF HONORS.

The faculty of the academic department, some months ago, adopted in effect a new honors system, which already has been, to some extent, put in operation, and is likely to be further extended. Under the system an exceptionally high student, who desires to concentrate his work more than the rules allow, may, by a vote of the faculty, and if recommended by a department, drop the ordinary major and minor requirement studies, substitute a special arrangement of courses, and drop a considerable part of his classroom attendance. The rule of the faculty applies at the beginning of junior and senior year, and to the present junior and senior classes. It is not unlikely that the system may hereafter be extended lower down in the curriculum and include an upper group of high scholars who will thus obtain considerable privileges.

INTERCOLLEGIATE PRIZE CONTEST.

Announcement by Committee.

A committee of which Professor J. Lawrence Laughlin of the University of Chicago is chairman, offer four prizes for theses upon economic and business subjects. Two of the prizes are offered to undergraduates in American colleges and universities. The first prize is of three hundred dollars and the second of two hundred dollars. Seven subjects are suggested for these theses, as follows:

1. The Effect of Labor Unions on International Trade.
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3. A Comparison Between the Theory and the Actual Practice of Protectionism in the United States.
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Competitors are not restricted to these subjects, however. Further particulars may be obtained on application to President Luther at his office.

THE "TABLET" ONCE MORE.

Editor of the "Tripod":

The "undergraduate" who wrote the communication published in the "Tripod" of March 12, in asking what he calls "some pertinent questions" has proceeded after the fashion of a coroner's inquest. It seems to be his purpose to find out what the "Tablet" died of, instead of granting that "what's done is done," and proceeding to devise some substitute that would gratify the ambitions of the literary to appear periodically in print, while causing no offense or expense to those who would see them in the South before they would read their dear stuff. "Undergraduate" compares the "Tablet" with the football team, but how far can the comparison hold? Let football be discontinued, and see if its demise will be received with the equanimity with which the "Tablet's" hic jacet was read. The fact is that of Trinity's two hundred students there are not twenty who would cut the pages of the "Tablet" if it should be issued tomorrow gratis.

But lest I lay myself open to the charge with which I have impeached "undergraduate" I will hasten to a bit of "constructive" criticism. The facts upon which I shall base my suggestions is that at a conservative estimate, the "Tripod" could print a column more copy-real copy-than it does.

Here's the suggestion: let this superfluous column be devoted each week to some literary production, limiting

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"NOW THEN—TRINITY!"

EDITORIAL.

Now that the underclass rushes are
all over for this year it seems necessary
that some form of modification of these
"scraps" be considered before another
year. This is especially true of the
so-called push rush which takes place
in the fall. As every Trinity man
knows accidents have taken place each
year as a result of this affair; it seems
that it would be better to abolish this
form of underclass combat from the
customs of the college. The junior class
have considered this matter and a com-
mittee has been appointed to find a
substitute in the way of a cane rush,
football rush, or wrestling match be-
tween picked men from each underclass.
Such affairs as this have been tried and
have proven a success at many of the
eastern colleges and universities. It
has been found by experience that this
sort of fray is less brutal and hence
less liable to cause serious injury than
the push rush. Many of the graduates,
undergraduates, the trustees and the
faculty desire it to be abolished and
a suitable substitute may certainly be
found.

In regard to the St. Patrick's day
affair, a slight modification, especially
in the abolishing of the banner down
town, would help matters along in the
right way. It would without doubt be
an excellent plan, if a set of rules con-
cerning this fight could be published
several weeks before the affair takes
place. This would abolish all misunder-
standing of the rules that have been
made in years before, and hence there
could be no modifying of the rules at
the last moment before the fight.

FRESHMEN LOOSE CAMPUS FLAG RUSH.

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ers had escaped. It had been decided
a little before in a stormy and dis-
senting session that the captives should
be held and kept out of the scrap. It
was decided later, however, that they
should be freed.

At about 8 o'clock the freshman
body started out for the college. Here
there was a long wait, inasmuch as
the prisoners, released only a short
time before, had not yet arrived upon
the scene. These came after a wait of
half an hour, endured with impatience
by both sides, and then all was ready
for the shorter but fiercer part of
the program. At a given signal the
class moved in a compact body to
the south end of the college and thence
burst upon the sophomores who await-
ed them with a rope outstretched, in
which they gathered many of the in-
vaders, although several escaped around
the ends and immediately engaged in
combat with their opponents. Then
the scrap began in earnest and hard
and bitterly was it fought. There exist-
ed an unusual state of affairs in that
the sophs greatly outnumbered the
first year men. The smaller class fought
bravely and tellingly nevertheless and
the sophomores had their hands full
every minute of the time. After about
five minutes of fierce struggle one of the
two banners was found on the person
of Ahearn and the chances of the
freshmen were diminished by half. The
other remained unfound and caused
the sophs great anxiety before the
end. Ten minutes passed and no fresh-
man had been successful in mounting
a tree and the struggle continued fierce-
ly and noisily. Then Bates, a plucky
freshman, was seen to run outside the
crowd and ascend a nearby tree. He
was immediately discovered and before
a classmate could follow
and aid him, Green, Gildersleeve
and Ramsdell were at his heels. He
climbed to the upper branches of
the tree and there did his best to
keep off the following sophomores. 1911
was frantic, while the freshmen shout-
ed and yelled encouragement to their
plucky little classmate above their
heads, and many attempted to climb
the tree after him but they were pre-
vented from doing this by the big
sophs at the base. This state of af-
fairs lasted for several minutes while
Bates struggled fiercely with his an-
tagonists and the branches swayed and
bent, threatening at any moment to
precipitate the combatants to the
ground. The excitement was intense
and the freshmen were hoping and
praying that their gritty defender
would be able to stick it out the re-
quired length of time. But the strength
of a man has its limit and Bates was
finally overpowered and the banner,
after a lengthy search, was found hid-
den in the inmost recesses of his cloth-
ing. The finder held it up to the view
of those below and then descended,
leaving the worn-out and exhausted
Bates in the tree, whence he was lower-
ed by several fellows who ascended to
him. He was immediately hurried
to his room and, the sophomores hav-
ing been declared the victors, the two
classes got together and yelled for
themselves and each other and then
dispersed. Porteus, '11 had his shoulder
injured, while O. Gildersleeve, '12, was
hurt about the head.

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"A ponderous, swiftly-moving locomotive followed by a heavy train is subjected to slight danger by a crossing foot passenger or a span of horses and vehicle. But, when the passing vehicle is a ponderous steel structure, it threatens not only the safety of its own occupants, but also those on the colliding train. And when to the perfect control of such a machine is added the factor of high speed the temptation to dash over a track at terrific speed makes the automobile, unless carefully controlled, a new and grave element of crossing danger. . . . The law, both from the standpoint of his own safety and the menace his machine is to others, should in meeting the conditions rigidly hold the automobile driver to such reasonable care and precautions as go to his own safety and that of the traveling public."

'77. The Rev. Francis George, '77, has been appointed an associate grand chaplain of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

'89. The Rev. Edward T. Sullivan, '89, is one of the preachers at the noon-day Lenten services in Trinity church, Boston.

'90. The historical sermon on the sixtieth anniversary of Colony church, Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Rev. John Williams, '90, rector, has been published for the benefit of the Rectory Mortgage Fund.

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it (if the "Tripod" thinks to do otherwise would be outside its policy), to subjects connected with the college, either directly or indirectly. Let there be essays, a la Spectator, of gentle remonstrance and humorous criticism; let there be description and legend and lore of old Trinity, and accounts of how other colleges are different from us, or how they resemble us. Thus we may give the literary aspirants work to do of a useful nature, thus we may deliver the "Tripod" from "Intercollegiate Notes," thus we may lay flowers on the "Tablet's" grave and shed no tear.

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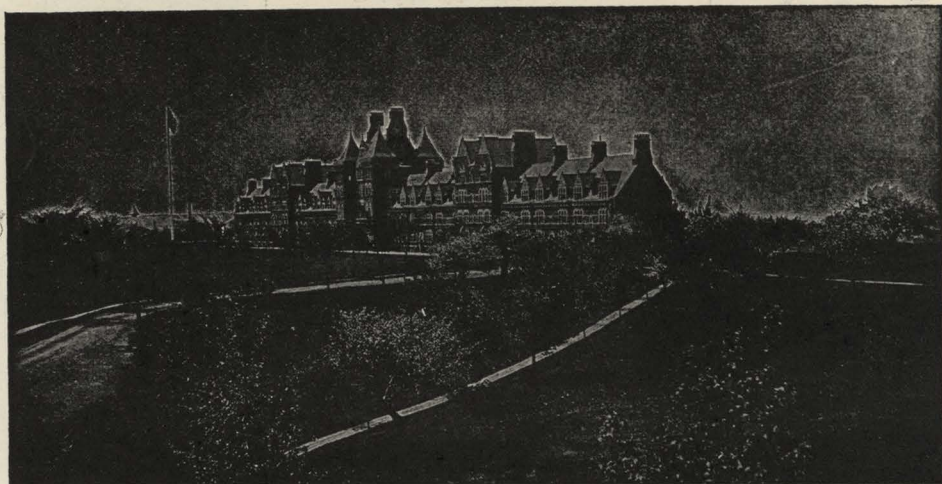
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