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RUNAWAY!

Equine Takes Track Practice on the Campus.

"Whoa! Whoa, Dobbin!" Robert sent an agonized but helpless glance after an emaciated beast of an uncertain shade of white, which was winging its flight across the front campus and dragging behind it a wagon-load of—well, anyhow, Robert had been busily engaged in preparing the campus for a verdant appearance next spring. Undoubtedly Robert would have arrested the beast in its unpremeditated flight, had he not been so utterly dumbfounded. Rendered temporarily incapable of thought or action by the accomplishment of the impossible—Dobbin's racing proclivities having hitherto lain decidedly dormant—Robert became but a surprised and incoherent spectator of the rapidly following events.

The beast—respect for the race of horses in general prohibits the application of a more worthy title to Dobbin—urged on to super-beast efforts by the enthusiastic plaudits of those members of the college body who were instrumental in causing it to bid such a hasty farewell to Robert, was tearing along the campus toward the bishop's statue, gaining momentum and fright, and losing breath and the contents of the wagon, at every stride.

Meanwhile the members of the track team had not remained idle. One of the sprint-squad headed the beast off in front of the bishop's statue, but Dobbin had heard of the Artful Dodger—and the hind wheels of Roberts vehicle missed causing a funeral by inches. Robert's live-stock and equipage careened around the bishop on two legs and one wheel, providentially escaped an ignominious burial among the old shoes and tomato cans in the Pit, and headed indirectly for Seabury Hall—indirectly, because there were seven trees and a sun-dial to dodge. The campus was in an uproar, and the poor beast was making up for twenty years' confinement by having its first exhilarating exercise since Robert became its owner. Fortunately for its general welfare the exercise was not to last long—sixty seconds before it would have pulverized the door-way of middle Seabury, the beast cast a triumphant glance behind—and that one glance cost it the race. Thirty seconds after that glance—precisely thirty seconds before horseflesh would have been matched against sandstone—a daring sprinter climbed up on the wagon over the dashboard to the precarious position behind Dobbin's flying hoofs where the reins were dangling. Dobbin came to a peaceful halt twenty feet in front of the college refectory, where "Mother" was wringing her hands despairingly in dread fear of danger.

The beast surrendered and was led back to Robert at a snail's pace—but Robert's work had been mostly done.

LAWLOR CAPTAIN.

Chosen to Lead Football Team Next Fall.

At a meeting of the 1912 football team held at noon today, Peter Paul Lawlor, '14, of Plymouth, Conn., was elected captain of the team for 1913. Lawlor has played on the 'varsity since he entered college in the fall of 1910, playing a guard and tackle in his freshman year, and left halfback last year and this. He was also captain of his class football team. He is a member of the Sophomore Dining Club, the Junior Prom. Committee and of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

GLEE CLUB PROGRESS.

Organization Promises to Be Best Ever.

There is one Trinity organization which has in the past been of a fairly good calibre, but which this year is being built up in quality with such success that it bids fair to equal any similar organization in the college world. The glee club is undoubtedly the best that has ever been produced at Trinity.

The trainer, Mr. Wyhe, has attempted an ambitious program for the concerts, and the club is responding gallantly to his efforts to introduce an abundance of high class music. The proficiency which the chorus has reached under his direction is shown by the readiness with which it takes up entirely new numbers, singing them at the first trial with a familiarity and expression worthy of a much more experienced body of singers.

In order to meet the difficulties occasioned in the carrying out of the work which has been undertaken, Leader Fort has divided the club into groups for practice, according to the ease with which the different men can come together outside of the regular practice time. In this way, each group practices apart from the rest of the club, overcoming its own faults, and making the united rehearsals much more productive of results.

Since the concert at Suffield, four new songs have been added to the repertoire, besides those which were already familiar, but which were not attempted in the opening program, and others are to be taken up later in the season. This will enable the club to offer great variety in its programs, and will give it a large number of encores from which to choose.

The quartette, at present composed of Leader Fort, '14, Craik, '14, Harding and Spofford, '16, is putting in some hard work and a considerable amount of time, and is rapidly getting a choice number of selections into shape. A Jesters' Quartette is made up of deRonge, '14, Shelley, '15, Spofford, '14, and Walker, '14.

THEFT IN BOARDMAN MUSEUM.

Nuggets of Gold and Platinum Are Found Missing.

One of the finest mineral collections in the country, that in Boardman Hall, has been diminished by the loss of two nuggets of gold, two of platinum, and a specimen known as gold thread. The theft probably occurred on Wednesday. Earl Daley, the janitor of Boardman Hall, discovered the loss on that day, and found that the case which contained the nuggets was unlocked. The museum is open to the students at certain hours during the week, and to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Daley says that he does not remember having seen any but students in the building during the course of the day.

As soon as Professor Barrows was informed of the loss of the nuggets, he reported the fact to Mr. Waterman, the college treasurer. Mr. Waterman immediately placed the case in the hands of Chief Detective Henry L. Hart, and steps will be begun at once to discover the thief.

As far as the actual value of the stolen minerals is concerned, the college has not suffered a severe loss. Probably \$200 would buy the five missing nuggets. But inasmuch as they belong to a collection, whose unity is destroyed by their absence, they may be considered far more valuable. They were a part of the Caswell \$10,000 collection which was presented to Trinity two years ago.

Sophomore Hop Tonight.

The Sophomore Hop will be held tonight in Alumni Hall, starting at eight-thirty. There will be twenty-two regular dances and four extras, with a three-quarters of an hour intermission between the eleventh and twelfth dances. During this time a supper will be served under the management of the committee in Alumni Hall. In several of the fraternity houses suppers will be served for the members of the fraternity and their guests. Dancing will last until two o'clock.

CAMP'S ALL-AMERICAN.

Hudson Mentioned Among First Class Players.

Walter Camp has made his final selection of an All-American football team. While Hudson of Trinity was not accorded a place on the first eleven, he is mentioned by Mr. Camp in a brief list of backfield men who by their excellent work during the past season, have especially deserved recognition.

Mr. Camp's selections were as follows:

End—Felton of Harvard.
Tackle—Englehorn of Dartmouth.
Guard—Pennock of Harvard.
Center—Ketcham of Yale.
Guard—Logan of Princeton.
Tackle—Butler of Wisconsin.
End—Bomeisler of Yale.
Quarter—Crowther of Brown.
Half—Brickley of Harvard.
Half—Thorpe of Carlisle.
Full—Mercer of Pennsylvania.

NOISE OVER SPEECH.

President's Boston Address Provokes Much Comment.

President Luther's address before the Massachusetts teachers a week ago has aroused wide comment in the New England press and particularly the press of Boston. The school teachers themselves, the targets of the speech, are almost unanimous in their condemnation of the ideas contained therein, while editorially they find considerable acceptance. Following its account of the address itself the *Boston Journal* says:

"It may be said that the majority of the teachers and masters of the schools of Greater Boston do not agree with Dr. Luther. Some say so out and out, and others are sarcastic about it.

'Let Dr. Luther set us a good example,' said Superintendent of the Boston schools, Franklin B. Dyer, last night. 'There may be possibly something in what he says. Let him show us how it works out.

'Such an experiment should be begun in a private institution, such as Trinity College. If the students there like the eleven months year, with longer study periods, it could be extended further. Public school students are very young, yet their study periods total twenty-five hours a week. College students, much older, actually have fifteen hours' work.

'The plan should be tried first on mature students like college students. If it is at all applicable it should be started at the top.

"Assuming that there must be an intellectual training apart from the vocational training," said Dr. Luther, "why is it that we progress so slowly in that training? I say it is because we work so little. Think of our long vacations and our short hours. Do we need them? Do the children need them? Is it right that the greatest work that is going on in Boston today, or in the nation, should be carried on five or six hours of the day, five days of the week, thirty-eight weeks of the year?"

Without an exception the headmasters and the principals of the public schools disagree with Dr. Luther so far as regards their departments. Some of them are even harsh in their criticisms. Others declare that the teacher in the elementary grades works not five, but eight and sometimes ten hours a day.

Superintendent of Brookline Schools George I. Aldrich said: "I do not agree with President Luther that teachers spend a ridiculously small portion of time toward the education of the child."

Frank E. Spaulding, superintendent of Newton school: "It is a joke."

Clarence H. Dempsey, superintendent of Malden schools: "The short hours of work and season are due not to the teachers but the parents of the pupil. In the high school many of the teachers work from eight to ten hours a day. If there is any shirking by teachers it is not in the public schools."

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Impartiality.

Trinity's football season ended two weeks ago, though comment on it is, of course, still far from finished. The season was not as good as that of a year ago, but the fact remains that it was a good season. No college of Trinity's size has a right to be deeply disappointed at winning only six out of the nine games played. Criticism, favorable or otherwise, any team expects and deserves, but it is to be hoped that any criticisms, unfavorable especially, shall be utterly impartial and as just as possible to the men criticised. Newspaper writers please take notice.

Interclass Debate.

The extension of the work of the debating association by holding a series of interclass debates during the winter months has been suggested by the president of the association and the idea has already interested a small number of undergraduates. That it would add to debating in college the important element of genuine competition, if properly administered and taken seriously, is at once apparent and, with debating so valuable a practice, this is a strong argument for at least the consideration of the idea. After some practice and the consequent development of ability among the debaters, it should not be difficult either to arrange for a debate with some nearby college or to pick from among the class teams a team worthy of representing the college in such debate.

Oriental Research Fellowship.

The American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem offers a fellowship of \$800 to the Bachelor of Arts from any American or Canadian university who shall pass the best examination on a variety of subjects related to work of the sort carried on in this school. The examination is practically the entire basis for award, though the examiners state they will also note other evidences of ability. The examinations are to be held in any of twenty-seven institutions listed, Trinity being among them.

NOISE OVER SPEECH.

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Fred H. Nickerson, superintendent of Malden schools: "I don't believe the public is being hoodwinked by the public schools, not do I believe that they think the schools are doing everything they can for the pupils. We are progressing as rapidly as possible, and more is being accomplished each year."

Frederick A. Tupper, principal of the Brighton school: "I do not approve of President Luther's remarks."

Augustus D. Small, principal of the South Boston High School: "If President Luther could act as headmaster for a while, he would learn about school hours."

Frederick J. Jackson, junior master of the Dorchester High School: "To say that a teacher works but five hours a day is misleading."

George W. Evans, headmaster of the Charlestown High School: "I do not care to discuss it."

George Hitchcock, principal of the Brookline High School: "I am entirely in sympathy with President Luther's ideas. I think that practically all he said was true."

Fairfield Whitney, superintendent of Everett schools: "The average teacher spends more hours at her vocation than any other employee."

In the same paper is found this editorial contribution, headed "An Up-to-Date Luther." "We like the courage of the Luther of today, who lets drive his keen, sharp protest against the length of the college vacation, the shortness of the college or school working period through the year. This Luther, the head of Trinity, will not wait long to discover how unpopular his word is among the educators. But he has struck deep into the real truth, and those who are getting their education because they want it, those who are working in the educational field with a serious purpose, will never raise objection to the longer term or the shorter vacation."

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I. K. A. Initiates.

The following are the initiates of the I. K. A. Fraternity: Hampton Bonner, '15, New York City; George Gordon Nilsson, '15, Cambridge, Mass; Howard James Holmes, '16, Glastonbury, Conn.; John Hersey Humphrey, 2nd, '16, Roxbury, Conn.; Lloyd Reginald Miller, '16, Catskill, N. Y.; William Lawrence, '16, Washington, Conn.; John Hardenbrook, '16, Hamden, Conn.

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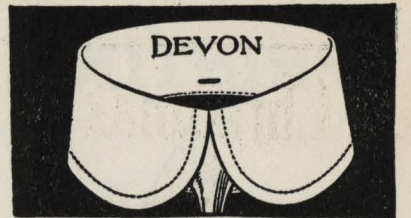
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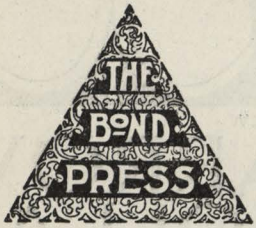
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1914 Class Meeting.

At a meeting of the class of 1914 yesterday noon, J. S. Moses proposed that the class hold smokers at the various fraternity houses during the winter. The class voted that the president appoint a committee to consider the matter.

E. J. Lazarus brought up a plan for a series of interclass debates and the class voted in favor of having 1914 represented by a team. It was also voted that each member of the class be taxed \$5.00 as an Ivy assessment.

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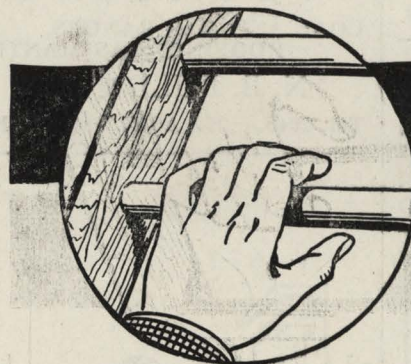
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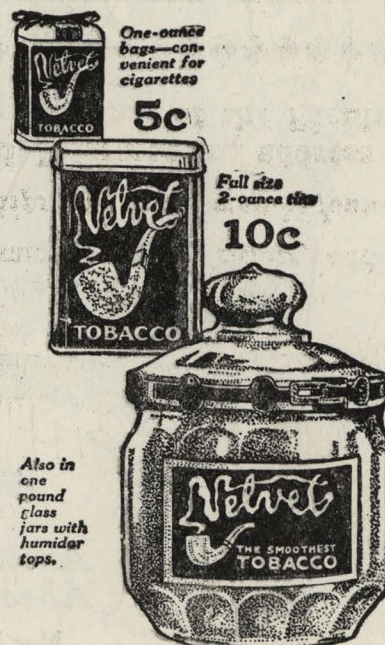
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