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Nature As Seen In A Marsh

EASTMAN, '11.

I RECALL starting out one pleasant summer afternoon on one of my favorite rambles. I had determined to make a visit to a marsh, which I had not seen for several weeks; so I went across the fields toward the little creek where my canoe was kept. Not far from this creek was a small lake bounded on three sides by woods and swampy stretches, in which I hoped to see something interesting. As I approached, I heard the odd notes made by an American bittern, sometimes called the stake driver. I thought I would try and see the bird, so I began to pick my way over the intervening ground which was covered with shrubs, skunk cabbage, ferns and sedgegrass, with here and there a jack-in-the-pulpit or a tall swamp violet. As I was carefully proceeding over the swampy ground, a wood-cock suddenly sprang up from almost under my feet, and with a loud whirr-r of wings, flew off into the swamp. In several places I could see the borings made by its long bill in search of food. As I advanced towards the water's edge, the bittern sprang up from behind a clump of marsh grass and flew off across the lake. I was disappointed at not being able to observe its movements, but I felt well repaid for my visit by the beautiful panorama spread out before me. The water was perfectly smooth, and as clear as a mirror; in it were reflected the trees and grass all along the tangled margin of the lake. Out from the shore there were several large clumps of splatterdocks, whose pretty yellow flowers could be seen peeping from between the broad, flat leaves. Suddenly from among these splatterdocks a large carp sprang up and returned to the water with a resounding splash. Near the shore a black log protruded from the water with its exact image reflected in the glassy surface below. On this log were three wood turtles basking in the sun, the bright, yellow spots on their backs plainly visible. All was peace and quiet save for the monotonous calling of a frog; the whole atmosphere was pervaded with the sweet fragrance of some late magnolias.

After gazing awhile at this enchanting scene, I went on. I found my canoe and paddles as I had last left them, and was soon on my way up the creek. I went through the first opening that I found in the bank, and started up one of the inlets that ran way up into the adjoining marsh. The marsh was looking its best. On both sides of me were the tall reeds on whose fluffy tassels the reed birds would later be found feeding, and here and there a clump of cat-tails added a darker green to the prevailing color. The common pink mallow was growing on some slightly elevated ground; in a little swamp-like place several large clumps of the beautiful blue flag were growing, and the whole atmosphere was permeated with the odor of the calamus root.

I allowed the canoe to drift slowly along with the incoming tide, while I kept watch for something which might prove interesting. The low, muddy banks presented a good chance to study "trackology", for in places they were regular autograph albums of records left by some chance visitor. Muskrat tracks were in abundance; the print of the front foot could readily be distinguished from that of the larger hind one, and the zig-zag line made by the dragging tail was plainly marked out. I also saw one or two tracks resembling those made by a cat, which I recognized as the autograph of the shy mink. Tracks made by the plover were also here, and in one place I saw some enormous bird tracks about six inches long, which I was puzzled to identify, until I saw a great blue heron ahead of me, stalking along in the shallow water near the bank, where he was hunting for frogs. When I drew nearer, he flew leisurely away, trailing his long legs behind.

As I proceeded, I heard the sharp tattoo made by a flicker on some hollow tree. On going toward the sound, I was just in time to see him disappear into one of several holes in an old dead tree. I watched the hole for awhile, but as he did not come out, I stepped from the canoe and rapped sharply on the trunk with a stick. The flicker hastily appeared and flew away, with a wavy, undulating flight. As this was nesting season, I thought I would climb up and see if any of the holes contained a nest. As I started to ascend, out flew another flicker, which I guessed to be the other's mate. After some trouble, I reached the hole from which the bird had just flown, and found that it was enlarged and deepened inside. The bottom was lined with a few feathers and some rotten wood, and contained eight pearly white eggs. After thoroughly examining the nest, I descended the tree and proceeded on my way.

Now and then I saw among the reeds some remnants of last fall's muskrat houses, which had been built of grass, reeds and roots. They were about three and a half feet high and looked like miniature haystacks. Nearby I saw one of these interesting little muskrats swimming toward the bank. I kept still and watched him scramble out onto the shore, and I was surprised to see him seemingly wash in the water something which he held in his paws. He then hunched himself up and began to eat, holding his food just as a squirrel does. His color was a chestnut brown, and he had a naked, scaly tail, well adapted to steer him in swimming and diving. Although I sat perfectly still, he grew uneasy at the slow approach of the canoe, which I could not stop without startling him, for he started to swim away from the bank. Suddenly I shouted; the muskrat stopped short, tilted up and dove, all in such a sudden and comical manner that I could not help laughing.

As I drifted along I often saw the round hanging nests of the marsh wren, woven of grass blades and supported among the cat-tails. I heard the shrill clattering cry of a kingfisher, and I saw the bird as it lit on the branch of a tree nearby. He had a white breast and slate colored back and wings, a dark crest and a long bill.

A little farther along, on coming to a large stub of a tree which was growing on the bank, I noticed that a hole about two feet above the ground was plastered up with mud. Thinking this rather unusual, I knocked the mud in and was surprised to see a large muskrat standing threateningly in front of the opening. In a moment it dropped through a hole inside the tree, and I heard a splash as it dove into the water about the roots. I reached into the cavity and

found a nest made of cut up reeds and fine grass, in which were seven little dark-colored muskrats, about three inches long. One of them uttered little squeals when I picked it up and I noticed that its eyes were not yet open. After fully examining this unusual nest, I returned the little squealing youngster and carefully plastered up the hole again with mud.

As it was getting late, I turned my canoe about and retraced my course. When I had just entered the marsh, it was rather quiet, but now thousands of frogs were making a continual babel of sounds. I could hear the sharp whistle of a hawk perched on the limb of a tall dead tree, and the squawk of a night-heron in search of supper, or rather its breakfast. The four short whistles of a yellow-legged plover came floating toward me, and I heard the harsh cry of a green heron, as on frightened wing it rose above the reeds and flew away. Near the creek, three beautiful summer ducks passed me with a whistle of wings, and as I watched their flight down the stream, I thought of Bryant's beautiful "Ode to the Waterfowl,"

"Whither midst falling dew,
While glow the heavens with the last steps of day
Far through their rosy depths dost thou pursue
Thy solitary way?"

The sun was sinking behind golden sunset clouds, and I thought it never looked more beautiful than now across the marshes, which were lighted up by the fast sinking rays. Before turning homeward, I took a final look across the marsh, over which the dusk of evening was beginning to fall. A great blue heron was standing like a sentinel on a dead tree, clearly outlined against the sunset sky, as though keeping watch over his broad domains of marshland.

On The Summit Of Old "Bald Knob"

W. H. P. BLANDY, '10.

WE WERE on the summit of "Bald Knob", one of the highest peaks in the Blue Ridge system of the Alleghanies. It was early in the morning, and the atmosphere was unusually clear. The sun was shining brightly, but far below us in the valley, the fog had not yet lifted from the river. The view on all sides was unobstructed, for we were above "timber-line", and there was no growth on the rocky summit, except short, scrubby vines. Looking down the slopes of "Bald Knob" we could barely distinguish the outline of trees, large boulders, cottages, etc. When we shifted our gaze to the sides of the mountains surrounding us, however, we could see nothing but a mottled mass of green and brown. Then, as we looked farther and farther away, these darker colors changed to bluish gray, so nearly the colors of the sky that we could not tell exactly where the horizon was. The blue of the mountains seemed merged into the blue of the heavens. The numerous parallel ranges gave somewhat the appearance of mammoth waves rolling beneath our feet, making the scene look more like a view of a great expanse of ocean, than one of mountain landscape.

The Relative Merits Of The Piece Work And Hour Systems

EGMONT HORN, '10.

DURING the last few years the managers and operators of the large mills and factories have been studying the relative merits of the piece work and hour systems. The piece work system consists of paying laborers for the actual work done by them without regards to time. Under the hour system the men or women are paid on the basis of the time elapsed while they are working.

In order that any wage system may be efficient, it must embrace the greatest possible economy to the manufacturer and at the same time be satisfactory to the employe. It has been found that under the piece work system, the average wage of the workman has been increased about 50 per cent., but the output of the products has increased over 75 per cent. In addition to this gain of 25 per cent., the companies in which the piece work system has been installed, have cut down the actual number of employees about 10 per cent. Thus we see that under the piece work system the cost of production has decreased about 35 per cent.

Let us consider an example of how the reduction in the cost of producing has actually come about. In a certain factory three men used to run three large machine lathes. Under the hour system each man was satisfied with his machine and content to put in his time without any special effort towards industry. In fact, an industrious man received no more remuneration for his work than the dullcud. The piece work system was adopted in this factory and a marked change resulted. It was observed that one of the men did more work than the other two. Meanwhile he suggested improvements in the machine that would quicken and facilitate his work. Consequently in a short time the one industrious man, by steady work, could run all three of the lathes and thus make the hiring of the other two men unnecessary. He would turn in a much larger amount of work than before and consequently made a larger salary. Although the company paid him much more than before, they were relieved of the burden of paying the two inferior men.

In another factory, where the piece work system was installed, it was found that some women could roll and examine more than twice the amount of cloth than the others. The more proficient women were given better positions and larger salaries, while at the same time the inferior employes were given an incentive to work more industriously. Many other examples could be cited in which the cost of production was reduced, while the amount of material produced, was increased.

We must also consider the attitude of the workman towards the relative merits of the piece work systems. Under the hour systems the diligent workman's only incentive towards obtaining a higher salary was the hope of an advance in position. Advances usually come only after long terms of service. The result was that many men who could work industriously, would not exert themselves, because they would receive no additional salary, or because the

man next them might receive the same pay and do only half so much work.

Under the piece work system each man is paid according to his actual worth, as shown by the work which he does. The more skilled the man and the less time he wastes, the more salary he receives. There can be no cause for discontent among workmen because the better man knows he is receiving the higher wages. Of course the weak or lazy man stands little chance of surviving. If he does not move himself, he is trodden on.

The piece work system, like every other modern improvement, has its evils. There is a great danger of workmen stinting or being careless with their work, in order to obtain the highest salary. A company that is saving 35 per cent. of the cost of production, however, can well afford to pay a few extra foremen to watch over the work turned in and see that it is up to the standard.

Although the hour systems will always exist in some branches of manufacture, it has been found that the piece work system is the only just and logical method of paying men for their work.



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AN ELECTION

At a meeting of the REVIEW Board on February 5th, for the purpose of electing an Editor-in-Chief and Assistant for the coming year, Mr. W. S. Corkran, '10, was chosen to succeed Mr. G. A. Papperman, '09, as Editor-in-Chief, and Mr. Egmont Horn, '10, was re-elected Assistant Editor-in-Chief. In considering the work of the past year, we cannot help but notice that the general tone of the REVIEW is much better than formerly. This is largely due to the untiring work of Messrs. Papperman and Horn, and it is in appreciation of their efforts that we contribute this article, which voices the sentiment of the entire student body. Mr. Papperman has served the REVIEW faithfully as an Editor, for the past three years, and in that time he has become known to us all as a strong writer and unbiased critic. As Editor-in-Chief he has directed the REVIEW in a manner that has won the approval of both faculty and students. Our only regret is that we are soon to lose by graduation this able Editor. In his retirement from active work on the REVIEW staff we extend to Mr. Papperman our best wishes for success in whatever fields he may hereafter labor.

A RESIGNATION

We regret that on account of press of work Mr. R. J. Ward, '09, has found it necessary to resign from the REVIEW Board. As Editor of the Athletic Department, Mr. Ward has filled one of the most important positions on the REVIEW staff. To judge the efficiency of his work, one has but to read the monthly accounts of the games played by Delaware teams. Correct and full in detail, fair and just to both sides, and presented in language intelligible to both enthusiast and novice, the Athletic Notes have been one of the REVIEW'S strong points.

To name a successor to Mr. Ward the Press Association met Wednesday, February 10th, and unanimously elected Mr. C. H. Ruth, '10. We feel sure that the standard Mr. Ward has established will be upheld by the new editor.

AN APPOINTMENT

Another change in the REVIEW Board will be noticed in the editorship of the Exchange Notes. Mr. T. F. Watts, '10, has been appointed Exchange Editor to fill the vacancy caused by the election of the Editor-in-Chief. This appointment is to fill out the present term of office which expires at the annual election in May.

RECENT EDITORIALS

Concerning recent editorials that made their appearance in some of our State newspapers, charging the students of this college with being almost everything except gentlemen, we need only say that they were wholly uncalled for and absolutely without foundation on past facts. The most objectionable articles were in the "Every Evening", of February 4th, and "The Transcript" (Middletown) of February 6th. The papers themselves will no doubt be the principal sufferers from loss of patronage among the students and friends of this institution. The matter, as viewed by other papers, is well summarized by the "Delaware Ledger" of February 13th, which by permission, we quote here:

"Those who are not acquainted with Delaware College, and after reading the 'bosh' in last week's Wilmington daily papers, would believe that the students of that institution to be a very disreputable crowd. In the first place, the Morning News has a 'scare story' about an approaching fight between the Freshmen and Sophomore classes of Delaware College on the streets of that city. It was thrilling enough to startle the Every Evening. This paper grows more serious, and calls up the entire police force to protect the good name of that city. It also spoke very disrespectfully of the students, designating them as 'ruffians.' The Every Evening should know that the young men attending Delaware College are not ruffians. This paper, however, never misses an opportunity to set a dig at old Delaware."

"In the first place the story had a flimsy foundation. The Morning News was short on local news, and it grasped the idea of making a good story from next to nothing, and being about Delaware College the opportunity "to say something against" the institution. The parents of those 'ruffianly young men' attending Delaware College must wonder what kind of an institution their boys are attending, when a prominent Wilmington daily classes them as ruffians and

hoodlums. It is deplorable that respectable papers should lower their dignity to such affairs. It is true, but little harm has been done, yet it affords a subject for those who are opposed to the existence of the College to point out as favoring their argument. If the papers of Delaware were more friendly to the institution it would be a great help. But when papers accept every opportunity to "dig," it is apt to cause people to distrust.

"The banquet was held and the people of Wilmington would have known nothing of the affair if the papers had not advertised the matter so largely. The Freshmen behaved themselves as gentlemen, neither did the Sophomore class put in an appearance. It is to be hoped that these papers will become more friendly to Delaware College, and that hereafter only the kindest feeling will be given the institution."

CHARTER

It was a matter of general regret among the faculty, alumni, students and friends of "Old Delaware" to learn that our present State Legislature saw fit to extend the charter of this institution for only about two years. This action was taken, however, to give the Legislature an opportunity to investigate thoroughly the title by which the property is held and to report to the next Legislature, which will, no doubt, grant the kind of a charter desired.

EXAMS---"AFTER"

The judgment day which was predicted in these columns last month has come and gone. As the smoke clears away and the fog lifts, we find the remnants of once solid classes now rallying around their standards, telling tales of hardship and fearful lest they too will soon have to give up the fight and hunt more peaceful occupations. It should be an object lesson to the survivors and an inducement to start now in their preparation for the final day of reckoning in June. Don't wait till spring comes with its epidemics of spring fever or the hot close nights of June, but start now while there yet is time. Many will doubtless ease up after the mid-year's with the solemn promise to themselves to study during the Easter recess, but how few of them will ever open a book at Easter. After the holidays they will make a desperate effort to catch up by June, and as usual the result will be the same sad tale that someone has condensed into those three forlorn words—"I've flunked again."

ATHLETICS

EDITED BY CHARLES H. RUTH '10

BASKETBALL

At the beginning of the basket-ball season, Delaware had the most brilliant outlook she has ever had since basket-ball was inaugurated at this institution. Of last year's team, we had with us, Doan, McGarvey, Hagner, Ward and Eliason. Among the new men, who entered in the fall, we discovered two men who were 'varsity material, Haley and Greenwood. With such men in college, the prospect of having a crack team was indeed promising. But fate is capricious. After exhibiting such a brilliant prospectus, it played a scurvy trick upon us, and crippled the team. Doan, our strongest defense man, left college shortly before the first game. The old adage:

"When sorrows come, they come not single spies, but in battalions," could be applied justly to Delaware's team. The next blow the team received, after Doan left, was the withdrawal of Ward, who could not find enough time to devote to studies, basket-ball and the management of the base ball team. Greenwood was the next man to retire, on account of a lacerated hand, received in practice. Hagner then departed from the ranks, his departure being due to ill health. Although the team is greatly handicapped by the absence of these men, it displayed great form in the last game played.

DELAWARE, 24; P. M. C., 37.

The Pennsylvania Military College sprang a surprise on Delaware College by defeating the team from the Diamond State. The game was dull and uninteresting throughout. Delaware was at a disadvantage, due to the out-of-bounds rule which exists on the P. M. C. floor. This was Delaware's first game in an out-of-bounds court and Delaware seemed asleep whilst the ball was being returned to the court after an out-of-bounds play. The five-foul rule caused two of Delaware's players to be expelled during the early part of the game. Haley's defensive work was the feature. The line up:

Delaware.	P. M. C.
Hagner (Houston) ..forward..	Thomas (Llewellyn)
Ward forward	Orr (Fairburn)
Eliason center	Campbell
McGarvey (Haley) .. guard	Allis (Coals)
Greenwood guard	Hatton

Goals—Hagner 3, Ward 2, Haley 2, Eliason 1, Thomas 4, Orr 3, Coals 6, Hatton 2, Campbell 1. Fouls—McGarvey 2, Hagner 6, Thomas 5. Time of halves—20 minutes. Referee—Blatt.

DELAWARE, 44; F. & M., 25.

On Saturday evening, January 22, Delaware defeated Franklin and Marshall, 44 to 25. Delaware's passing seemed to confuse the visitors, who seemed from the first, to realize that they were outclassed. Haley played a star game

at defense, and it was due to him that F. & M. did not make more goals. The shooting of foul goals by Kemp was also a feature of the game. Out of ten tries at the goal from foul, he made nine. The line-up:

Delaware.	F. & M.
Hagner	forward Watt
McGarvey	forward Kemp
Eliason	center Smith
Haley	defense Werner
Greenwood	defense .Weisel (Fahrenbach)

Goals from field—Hagner 6, Greenwood 6, Eliason 5, McGarvey 1, Watt 1, Kemp 3, Smith 4. Goals from foul—McGarvey 8, Kemp 9. Time of halves—20 minutes. Referee—Maxwell.

DELAWARE, 9; NAVY, 48.

On January 30th, the 'Varsity went to Annapolis and was defeated by the above overwhelming score. Delaware's passing brought forth frequent applause, but inaccurate shooting lost the game for the Blue and Gold. The game appeared more like a foot ball struggle than a basket-ball contest. In this game, as well as the P. M. C. game, Delaware showed her inability to cover-up fast on an out-of-bounds court. The line-up:

Delaware.	Navy.
Eliason	forward Wenzel (Ditz)
Hagner	forward Wilson (Green)
Haley	center Douglass
Greenwood	guard Wills
McGarvey	guard Bunkly (McClug)

Goals—Hagner 1, Greenwood 1, McGarvey 1, Ortiz 5, Green 1, Wenzel 6, Wilson 3, Douglass 2, Wills 2, McClug 3. Fouls—Wilson 4, McGarvey 3. Time of halves—20 minutes. Referee—Foster, (U. of P.)

DELAWARE, 18; B. M. C., 51.

In the evening of the Delaware-Navy game, Delaware played Baltimore Medical College, and was defeated. Delaware's hoodoo—the out-of-bounds court—was in evidence in this game. After playing a game in the afternoon the players were tired, and the game was extremely slow and uninteresting. Delaware's weak defensive work was responsible for the B. M. C.'s large score. The line-up:

Delaware.	B. M. C.
Hagner	forward Newkaurl
McGarvey	forward Leslie
Haley	center Lapwall
Eliason	guard Donnelley
Greenwood	guard McMamere

Goals—Hagner 2, McGarvey 5, Haley 1, Newkaurl 8, Leslie 7, Lapwall 4, Donnelley 3, McMamere 3. Fouls—McMamare 1. Time of halves—20 min. Referee—Lynn, (Colgate).

DELAWARE, 37; BROWNSON, 18.

In the "gym", at Newark, on February 6th, the Delaware quintette defeated Brownson, of Wilmington, 37 to 18. Delaware had a game scheduled with Williamson School, but as the visitors came thinking that the game was to be played in the afternoon, they were unable to remain until evening, because of a college rule that requires them to be in the school at 11 o'clock p. m. It was Delaware and Brownson's first game, and it proved fast. For the most part of the first half the score was about even. First one team would be in the lead and then the other assumed command. Lacy and Welsh did the best work for Brownson. Welsh was in the game at all times and stopped many shots by his great guarding. For the Delaware team, McGarvey and Haley did the best work. Hagner was also good at shooting. Marshall and Ruth played their first game on the 'Varsity team, and made good. The line-up:

Delaware.	Brownson.
Ruth	forward
Hagner	forward
Haley	center
Marshall	defense
McGarvey	defense

Goals from field—McGarvey 8, Hagner 3, Ruth 3, Haley 1, McDonough 2, Lacy 2, Martin 1. Goals from foul—McGarvey 7; Lack 8. 20-minute halves. Referee—Maxwell.

In a preliminary game, the U. of P. Scrubs defeated the Delaware Scrubs 13 to 5. The playing of Korngold and Houston has the feature of the game. The line-up:

Delaware Scrubs.	U. of P. Scrubs.
Ayrest	forward .. Garrison (Connor)
Patterson (Ennis) ..	forward .. Schenk
Kidd	center .. Fegley
Korngold	defense .. Golden
Harvey (Houston) ..	defense .. Schock

Goals from field—Garrison 1, Schrenk 1, Golden 2, Fegley 1, Houston 2. Goals from foul—Schrenk 2, Connor 1, Houston 1. 20-minute halves. Referee—Maxwell.

TRACK

Delaware "again" ran against Western Maryland at the track meet held at Johns Hopkins University, January 30th. The men on the relay team ran well, but it was evident at the end of the first quarter that they would not win. Prouse, Jones, Kid and Manning composed the relay team. The following men from Delaware entered events:—Wilson, '11, Ennis, '12, Watts, '10, McCafferty, '12, and George, '12. The Delaware men made a fair showing, but did not succeed in getting a place in any of the events.

LOCALS

EDITED BY VICTOR H. JONES

The library is now open to the students during the first five evenings of the week. Already our debaters are making good use of this opportunity to prepare for our inter-collegiate and inter-society debates. Use the library, men, whenever you have occasion to look up matters. A librarian will be found there at all times to give you any assistance you may need in locating books or references.

On Tuesday evening, February 16, Dr. Robin, of Wilmington, lectured before a large audience in the Oratory, on the subject of "Tuberculosis". Dr. Robin quoted statistics and extracts, showing the work that is being done by the International Society and by State Societies throughout the entire world for the prevention of the disease and the care of its victims. "Rest, nutritious food and fresh air—those are what a consumptive must have," said Dr. Robin.

The basket ball team was going down into the New York subway. As they passed in through the left hand door, the gate keeper said:—"Be-dad and wot's the matter with the right hand door?" McGarvey—"Bedad, and we're all left-handed, sor."

Walls, '11, has been home, sick, for some time.

Professor Short is coaching the track team. We should appreciate this aid ever so much, as we have not had very much track coaching in the last three years. Show your appreciation of his efforts by coming out for the team.

JUNIOR PROM

The college social season reached a fitting climax on the night of February 19, when the annual Junior Prom was given by members of the Class of 1910. The new gymnasium was profusely decorated with the college colors—blue and gold—and with hundreds of Japanese lanterns hung from great archways that spanned the floor. The campus, from the main gateway to the gymnasium entrance, was ablaze with electric lights hung from the trees and buildings. Though Nature had contrived to dampen the spirit of the occasion by a heavy rain storm in the afternoon and early evening, there was a notable gathering of Delaware's society. Not only Delaware, but also Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey were each represented. The magnificent gowns of the ladies and the blue and gold decorations formed in the soft, mellow light of the lanterns a color effect that will long be remembered by those present. The music was exceptionally good and the floor in perfect condition. Luncheon was served at midnight in the basement. In all respects this year's Prom was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the college. The programme was as follows:

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| 1. Introductor Waltz—Palms | 3. It's Lonesome To-Night |
| 1. Waltz—Sunbonnet Sue | Extra Two-step—College Life |
| 2. Two-step—Down in Jungle Town | 4. Two-step—When we are M-A- dou- |

- ble R-I-E-D
5. Waltz—I Love My Love
 6. I'm Glad I'm Married
 - Extra Waltz—Red Mill
 7. Waltz—Medley Waltzes
 8. Two-step—With Trumpet and Drum
 9. Waltz—Take Me Out to the Ball Game
 - Extra Two-step—Mandy Lane
 10. Two-step—The Lanky Yanky Boys in Blue
 11. Waltz—Blue Danube
 12. Two-step—College Yell Intermission.
 13. Two-step—Rainbow.
 14. Waltz—When you Steal a Kiss or Two.
 15. Two-step—A Great Medley Two-Step Hit.
 - Extra Waltz—The Girl of My Dreams
 16. Waltz—Waltz Dream
 17. Two-step—Pride of the Prairie
 18. Waltz—Everybody Loves Me But the One I Love
 - Extra Two-step—A Wee Bit 'o Scotch
 19. Two-step—The Man That Wrote Home, Sweet Home
 20. Waltz—Algeria
 21. Two-step—Yama, Yama Man
 - Extra Waltz—Sweetheart Days
 22. M'lle Mischief
 23. Two-step—Cuddle Up a Little Closer
 24. Waltz—Roses Bring Dreams of You

Under the auspices of the Delaware W. C. T. U., Mrs. Armour, the State President, of the Georgia W. C. T. U. will deliver an address before the college students and visitors from the town, on March 5.

Dr. Rowan, Professor of Elocution, some time during the month of March will present before the student-body the subject of Psychology, treated in popular language and style.

On March 12, the two literary societies of Delaware College, the Delta Phi and the Athenaean, will hold a point debate in the Oratory. The Alumni deputing prizes of \$20 and \$15 will be awarded the same evening.

Mr. Gwilliam, of Philadelphia, has entered the Freshman class. He intends to pursue the Agricultural Course.

EXCHANGES

EDITED BY (pro tem.) T. F. WATTS, '10

In keeping with the celebration of Poe's centenary, we find some good articles upon Poe in the exchanges, which came to our table. As a portion of the closing period of Poe's life was spent at Fordham, N. Y., the "Fordham monthly" contained two tributes to Poe. One, which was very interesting, was an extract from the November, 1888 issue of the Fordham Monthly. This extract contained an interview with the President of the College, who was personally acquainted with Poe. This interview seemed to contradict the popular idea, that Poe's life was one unbroken chain of dissipation.

The articles upon Poe in "The Mountaineer" were of a high order. "The Melancholy of Poe" analyzes quite thoroughly the spirit of sadness, which seems to be inseparably connected with Poe's works. The article was well

written, held the interest of the reader, and illustrated by numerous selections, the abbreviations and deductions of the writer.

The other article, "Poe, the Romancer," was also of a high order. At the beginning, the author shows how indispensable to a majority of American people, is the short story, and then proceeds to demonstrate Poe's right to the title of "Founder of the Short Story." Like its companion, the article is well interspersed with forcible illustrations. The only criticism is the rather weak ending.

The editors of "The Washington Collegian" are to be commended upon the excellent character of their publication. The issue was filled with literary contributions, all of high merit, but one in particular stood out from the rest. This one was "The Center of Indifference." This article was of an unusually high literary standing, and indeed, of a standard seldom found in college publications. The author showed a thorough knowledge of his subject, which was logically presented and written in a forcible manner.

The "Material Nature vs. Human Nature", in the same publication, was also a very good article, though not quite the equal of the first mentioned. Taken all the way through, the "Collegian" is a well balanced publication, and the editors are to be congratulated upon the improvement.

We are glad to welcome the "Pennsylvania Punch Bowl," to our list of exchanges. For keen, scintillating wit, breezy articles and first-class illustrations, the Punch Bowl is about the best which comes our way.

The "Targum" contained a very clever burlesque upon Sherlock Holmes. While there are numerous attempts to imitate Conan Doyle, this one was noticeable among the multitude for its rugged wit. It was also pleasing to notice this article in the "Targum" for this publication is usually well filled with local news, the absence of literary productions is very noticeable, which makes the above mentioned article all the more welcome.

Two striking features about the "Owl" are, first: the absence of literary articles, and second, the multitude of local notes. While it is very desirable as far as the university undergraduate is concerned, that each issue should contain plenty of local notes, it also follows that there should be something which would interest one not connected with the university. Continue your local notes but give us more reading matter.

INTER-COLLEGiate NOTES

EDITED BY CLIFFORD McINTIRE, '09

President Eliot has purchased a house in Cambridge which he will occupy after leaving the residence provided by Harvard University for the President.

Arrangements have been made at Lehigh University to keep the conference open during the Christmas recess every year. This department composed of instructors of the University, under the direction of one of the professors, is designed to assist students who find difficulty with their work. It is an innovation in college policy which is said to have proved a great help since its establishment last September.

Abbott Laurence Lowell, since 1900 Professor of the Science of Government in Harvard University, and previously, since his graduation from Harvard College and Law School, a lawyer practicing in Boston, will succeed Mr. Eliot as President of Harvard University.

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, has declined the presidency of the University of Michigan.

Brigadier General William Price Craighill, past president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, died at Charlestown, West Virginia, on January 18, at the age of 75 years.

In addition to lecturing at the Sorbonne, Paris, and at the University of Oxford, President Roosevelt has consented to give a lecture before the students and faculty of the University of Berlin, in May, 1910.

DE ALUMNIS

EDITED BY F. C. McSORLEY, JR., '09

Lieut. Julian C. Smith, '07, has entered upon his new duties at the Marine Barracks, Port Royal, S. C.

O. C. Short, '04, principal of the public schools at Sayre, Pa., was married to Miss Katharine Alton, on January 30th, in Baltimore, Md.

Harry Evans, '02, has returned to his home in Elkton, from South America, where he has been employed as civil engineer.

Watson Harrington, '95, has already entered actively upon his duties as Assistant Attorney General of the State.

George W. Davis, '98, will give up his law practice in Wilmington, and will hereafter make his residence in Oregon.

Harry Miller, '08, now a graduate student in English at Harvard University, spent one day recently at the college.

Albert H. Raub, '90, now supervising principal in one of the Philadelphia grammar schools, was an over Sunday visitor in Newark.

Prof. George F. Swain, Professor of Civil Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Prof. H. E. Clifford, Professor of Electrical Engineering, at the same Institute, have been elected professors at Harvard University in the School of Applied Science, established under the McKay bequest.

A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature which proposes to increase the building fund of the University of Wisconsin from \$200,000 to \$300,000 annually, and to lengthen the period of this appropriation from five to seven years.

The following Alumni and former students attended the Junior Prom:—Herbert Jones, '05, Hayes Wilson, '05, Thomas Gooden, '05, Maynard Griffin, '06, Charles Blake, '07, Baker Taylor, '08, Homer Collins, '08, Ayers Stockley, '08, William Francis, '08, Walter Josephs, ex-'09, Norris Wright, ex-'10, Scott Ellison, ex-'10, Walter Plumley, ex-'10, Joseph McDaniel, ex-'11.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

Prof. Grantham addressed the Camden and Smyrna Granges recently upon the subject of corn improvement.

Prof. McCue attended a banquet of the Michigan Agricultural College Alumni, held at Washington on the evening of Lincoln's Birthday.

Dr. Dawson was called to Dover recently to attend the hearing before the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, and to assist in framing a bill creating a Live Stock Sanitary Board for this State.

Director Hayward spent the first two weeks of the month in Institute work in Kent and Sussex counties. These meetings were largely attended and very enthusiastic.

The College farm is now busily engaged in filling the cement pits, in the tree fertilizer experiments, with sand. It will require about thirty car loads for this purpose.

The Freshman Banquet

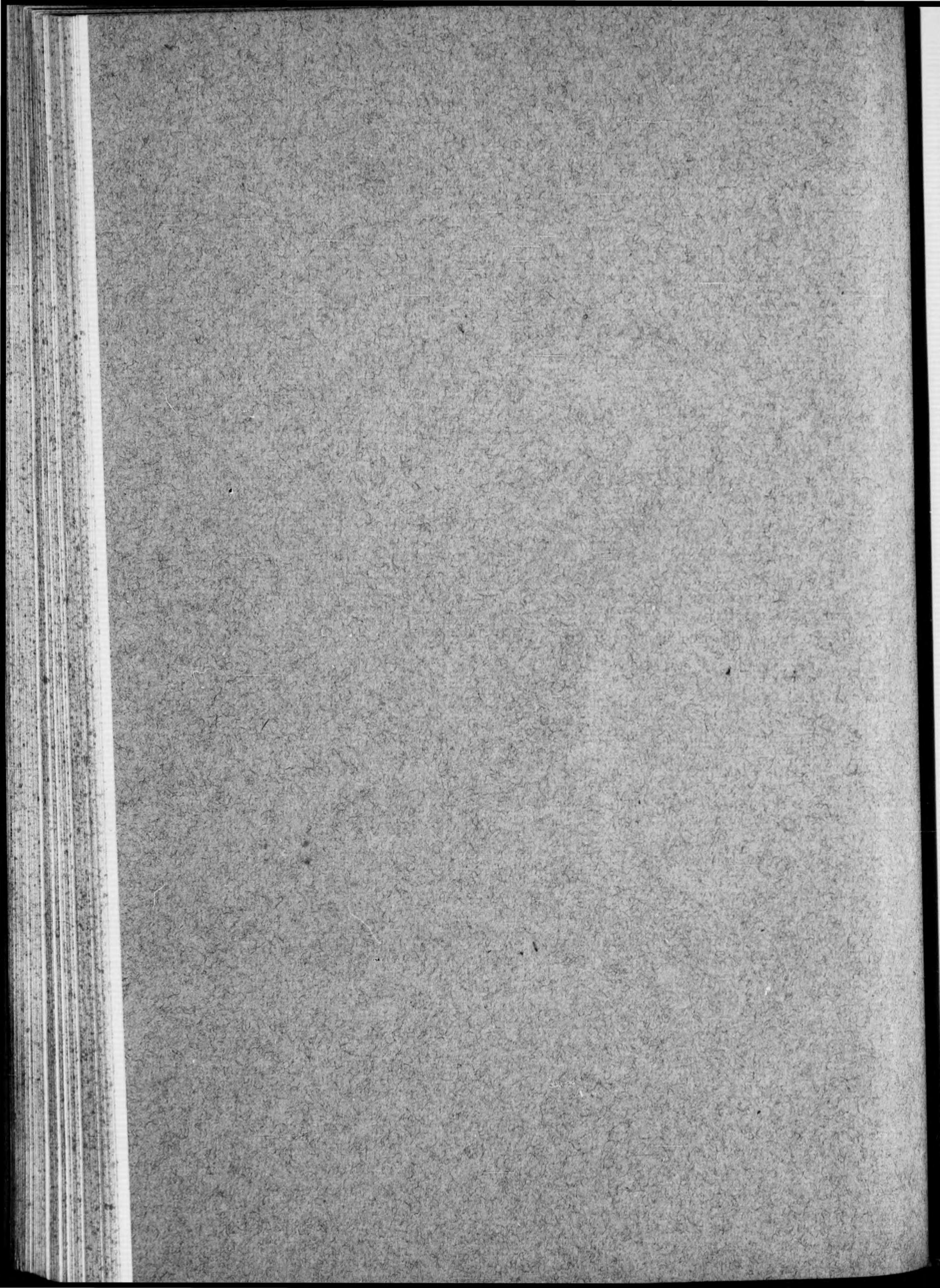
The Freshman Banquet took place at the Clayton House, Wilmington, Del., Friday evening, February 5th. The class met at the Clayton House, at eight o'clock, and from there marched in column of twos to the Garrick Theatre, where they occupied the three front rows. The theatre was decorated from one end to the other with blue and gold bunting. There were also several Delaware pennants in evidence. A large six foot pennant had been attached to the bottom of the curtain, and was in full view during the entire performance. One of the actresses appeared in the College colors, and the Freshmen showed their appreciation by vigorously applauding. After the performance the class proceeded to the Clayton House, where an elaborate menu had been prepared. The dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The toastmaster was Howard Taylor Ennis. The toasts were all heartily responded to. They were as follows:—Class Officers, George P. Millington; Class of 1912, William A. Reynolds; Class Spirit, J. M. Harman, Jr.; Class Prophecy, J. W. Phillips; Athletics, W. W. Larrimore; The Faculty, George Savin; Delaware College Review, L. J. Darrel; Old Delaware, A. Rae Du Bell. The toastmaster called for several other toasts, among which were—The Sophomore Class, by S. Randall Carswell, and the Battalion, by D. Bayne Ayrest. The various needs and faults of the class were earnestly discussed. The speakers emphasized the necessity of co-operation, fellowship and loyalty. The Honor system at Delaware was also discussed. There was an atmosphere of true fellowship present, and all were instilled with a determination to strive for the common good, and the next three years will find each member of the class of 1912 ever ready to give his college the benefit of every spark of allegiance and true regard that is in him. As a whole this affair was conducted in a manner that can only reflect credit both upon the class and upon the College.

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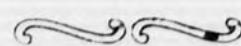
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