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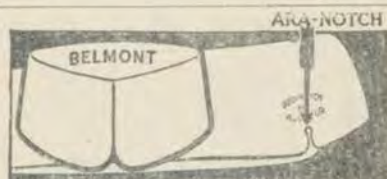
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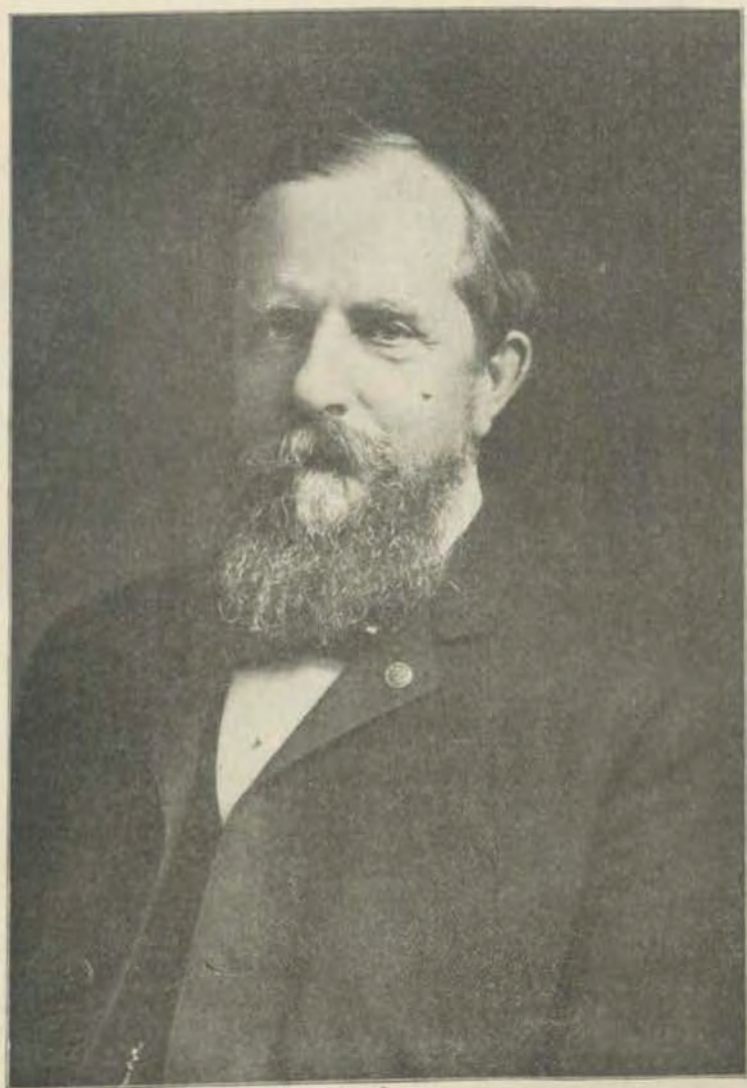
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A Day With Luther Burbank at Santa Rosa.

By PROF. E. A. JONES.

In July, 1907, the National Education Association held its annual meeting at Los Angeles, Cal. At one of its sessions a letter was read from Luther Burbank inviting the members of the association to visit his home, experimental grounds at Santa Rosa, on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of July when they would be received by him and shown his creations in flowers, fruits, cacti and a variety of other things.

The citizens of Santa Rosa, joined in the invitation to visit their city.

I had been greatly interested in the work of Mr. Burbank for some time and while I had planned to leave for Ohio at an early date I determined to delay my return and take advantage of such a rare opportunity.

After the close of the association meetings several days were spent very delightfully in visiting the beautiful residence district of Pasadena, the orange groves of Redlands and Riverside, the various points of interest at the beach and last but not least the charming Avalon Bay at Catalina Island where in a glass bottomed boat one has an opportunity to view

the wonderful marine gardens and study the wonderfully interesting forms of ocean life to the depth of a hundred feet or more. Leaving Los Angeles we took the inner route, with two days of staging, visited the famous Mariposa grove, of "Big Trees" and camped for two or three days at the foot of Glacier Point, where we had an opportunity to enjoy to the full the beautiful and sublime scenery of far famed Yosemite. Never was more of real enjoyment crowded into a few days.

We left the valley by way of El Portal and Merced and Monday evening found us at Oakland, across the bay from San Francisco.

Tuesday morning at 9:30 we joined the party of about five hundred members of the N. E. A. and their friends who took a special train that had been provided for the occasion for Santa Rosa. The distance is fifty miles and the time was about two hours. The road passes through a fine section of country. At the station a large number of the citizens were assembled to greet us. They came in automobiles, surreys, coaches, omnibuses

and all kinds of vehicles for the purpose of showing their guests the rebuilding of a city destroyed by an earthquake.

The greater part of the destruction in San Francisco was wrought by the fire which followed the earthquake.

In Santa Rosa nearly all of the central portion of the city was leveled by the earthquake. At the time of our visit the business sections had been almost entirely rebuilt and in a much more substantial and attractive manner than before.

It has a population of more than 10,000 and is known as a city of homes, of roses, of schools and churches. A fine luncheon was served in the beautiful private grounds opposite the home of Mr. Burbank. Among the luscious fruits served were many of the new creations of the great wizard of nature. Many varieties of plums and prunes and other fruits and clusters of blackberries were exhibited that were a pure white in color with not a black spot on one of them.

After the luncheon we were escorted to the experimental gardens and each member of the party was introduced to Mr. Burbank. He had a cordial greeting for each one and gave up the entire afternoon to the entertainment of his guests. He very seldom makes a speech but at the suggestion of the Superintendent of Schools of Santa Rosa many questions were asked him which elicited full and complete replies. In this way he gave a talk of a half hour which was exceedingly interesting and profitable. The visitors were then distributed in groups and under the guidance of the teach-

ers in the public schools of the city were permitted to visit the grounds and to see many of his new creations in plant life, the result of his patient study and research and painstaking and long continued experiments.

Mr. Burbank is a very interesting man. He was born in Lancaster, Mass., in 1849. From his earliest childhood he manifested a love for nature and especially for plants and flowers. These were his pets. One day when he was about two years old a friend gave him a so-called lobster cactus in a pot. He carried it about for hours and it was his constant companion; but one day he stumbled and fell and the pot was broken and the cactus was ruined to his great sorrow.

"Strangely enough," says Mr. Harwood in his "New Creatures in Plant Life," "a half century later, in the prime of his manhood, he has given years of his life to the study of other forms of this pet of his childhood days, creating a series of thornless, edible cacti, not only providing a vast reservoir of food for man and for uncounted millions of the beasts of the field, but paying the way for the reclamation of the desert places of the earth."

For a time he worked in a factory in Worcester, Mass., not far from his birthplace, and his friends thought he would be an inventor. Later he secured a place much more in accordance with his desires and he began work in market gardening and seed raising in a small way. It was while he was engaged in this work that he gave to the world the Burbank potato—a product which is said to have added to the wealth of the world more

than twenty millions of dollars. He sold it to a local seedsman for \$150.

Having suffered a partial sunstroke he was advised by his physician to seek a more favorable climate if he wished to continue his line of work.

For this reason he went to California in 1875 with limited means and ten of his new potatoes. He finally settled at Santa Rosa. During the first few months on the Pacific coast he suffered much from sickness and poverty. At length he secured a place as nurseryman. One of the first orders that came to him was for twenty thousand young prune trees to set out. In the ordinary course of events it would take from two and a half to three years to raise the trees, but this was a hurry-up order—an order that must be filled in nine months. He took the order and at once secured as many men and boys as he could to plant almonds. The almond is a rapid grower. In a comparatively short time the young shoots were ready for budding. Twenty thousand prune buds in readiness were budded into the growing almonds. The twenty thousand prune trees were ready when the nine months were up.

Today one of the finest fruit orchards in California is growing from these trees. The aim of Mr. Burbank, says Mr. Harwood, is threefold:

The improvement of old varieties of fruits, flowers, grasses, trees and vegetables.

The merging of wild, or degenerate, types of plant life with tame or cultivated ones, in order that the union may be of service to both.

The creation of absolutely new forms of life, unknown to the world before.

The two most important features of his work, says the same writer, are breeding and selection. Breeding is accomplished by sifting the pollen of one plant upon the stigma of another, nature in her mysterious ways, bringing forth the new plant.

Selection consists in eternally choosing the best and rejecting the worst.

The list of plants upon which he has worked includes over 2500 distinct species.

His work is carried on very systematically. He has in mind a type or pattern of the plant, tree, fruit or flower he wishes to produce. He then works toward that pattern patiently and persistently. In the case of the plum, for instance, he wanted a plum that would be a more rapid grower—an earlier bearer—an earlier ripener—one richer in sugar—and a plum whose size would give it a commercial value over others.

He finally succeeded in producing a plum with all these characteristics.

The results of his work with trees, the way in which he produced the Shasta daisy—a dahlia with the odor of the magnolia blossom—a scentless verbenas with the odor of the trailing arbutus—the plumcot, a union of the plum and apricot, the pomato from the tomato and a plum without pit, a plum with the flavor of a Bartlett pear, the primus berry and potato wonderberry, and the thornless and edible cactus are exceedingly interesting, but I have already exceeded the limits allowed for this article.

A few years ago the Carnegie Institution at Washington, after a careful inspection of his work, appropriated \$100,000 for his assistance—\$10,000 a year for ten years. This became available in 1905.

In 1930

A Glimpse of Some Present Otterbein Students Twenty Years Hence.

By X. Y. Z.

In Four Parts---Part 2

Soon we clambered into the auto and started. Custer would not tell me where we were going as he wished to surprise me. We sped into the center of the city and stopped at Fourth and Main where the U. B. Publishing House stood.

As we jumped out a burly policeman ran up to us. I could scarcely believe my eyes; it was sure enough—"Babe" Stouffer! "Babe" had a long hard-luck story about how hard the world had treated him; how Lillie had been chloroformed by burglars in his house and had died from the effects, and then "Babe" had offered his services to the city to hunt down and stamp out such criminals.

We left him on the corner and started in the store over which was the sign "Nunemaker and Zuerner, 5 and 10 cent store". The first man we ran into was the floorwalker, Guy Hartman. He was hale and hearty and directed us to the private office of his employees. On the way we passed Mary Shupe selling collar buttons and neckties and Sara Hoffman at the piano playing over classic selections for would be purchasers. I knew Mary all right but I didn't recognize Sara for an instant because she had grown so tall and dignified. They were both happy and enjoying to the full the pleasures of spinsterhood. They congratulated me on being able to withstand the darts of cupid and swore that as long as I remained in single blessedness, they would hold their present names.

We hurried on and knocked at the private office of the proprietors. A tall, lean, light haired man opened the door and I stood before "Skippy" Zuerner. He recognized me at once and took Custer and myself inside. "Nune" was out but would return soon, he informed us. Then we chatted, reviewing old college days and the stunts performed when we were students. I learned that "Skippy" had married Irene Staub and "Nune" had finally gotten serious and ten years after he got out of college had tied up to Edith. Both were in happy and pleasant circumstances and had gone into business in Dayton because Irene would not leave her native city and the boys would not be separated from each other. They had a fine trade and had endowed a chair in Otterbein.

While we were talking Nunemaker came in and recognized Custer at once, shaking hands with him. Then he stood there waiting for an introduction to the man he supposed was a stranger. I looked at him a minute then advanced holding out my hand. He took it and peered closely at me for a time, then recognized me. He apologized profusely for not knowing me, saying that he was getting near sighted and often times did not know even his own clerks.

We conversed for a time then left.

Taking the elevator we rose to the fourteenth floor and stepped into the office of "Kelly and Maeder, Attorneys at Law." The gentlemen were busy at work on a divorce case, which was

their specialty but took time to chat for a few minutes. Kelley of course had married Dona Surrall, but Maeder had been married four times, one of his wives dying, two had been divorced and the fourth was now happy and safe. The two divorce cases had given this firm their great reputation as divorce lawyers.

A few floors below in a suite of rooms was the "Minnie Garst Cooking School". Minnie was there in person directing a class in the elements of domestic science and cooking. She was as full of life as ever and giggled almost continuously. Her partner until last year had been Jeanette Good, but Sando finally made enough from his chicken farm to take Jeanette away with him and since that time Minnie had run things herself. She was also teaching domestic science in the High School.

Next we visited the editorial rooms of the telescope where Roy Mattis was located. His hair had turned from light to gray and wrinkles furrowed his face. He was as quiet as ever and was unmoved by emotions of any kind. Yes, Bessie and he were happy together but he was having so much trouble with the assistant editor who was none other than "Becky" Welbaum. "Becky" persisted in going to the ball games and leaving his work just when it ought to be done.

P. N. Bennett was Foreign Mission Secretary and before we got into his office we could hear that bass voice singing "Speed Away." Almira was there in the office too, careful lest her Perez should fall in love with the stenographer.

Next we went around to the office of the "Dayton Sun" whose owner and managing editor was our old friend Fred Fansher. In his delight at our

coming he dropped his work and showed us all over the plant and then insisted that we lunch with him. While Custer was telephoning Mary that we would stay over in the city for lunch, Fansher told me about how he had written for magazines and newspapers until he had saved enough to start this plant of his own, and now he was making between five and ten thousand a year. Married? Yes, he had married Ethel Deane and both of their children were in high school.

During lunch I learned a great deal about Otterbein people in and around Dayton. Ditmer and Daisy were living in the city; she was teaching china painting and he was coaching the high school's athletics. Ethel Kephart was head nurse at one of the hospitals, Maude Owings, one of the best physicians in the country, worked with her some, and Roscoe Brane was running a dairy lunch. Bilsing and Emmitt were in partnership in an immense clothing store and owned several skyscrapers in the city. Both the Wales boys were superintendents of High Schools in the city and Ira Warner was pastor of the First U. B. Church. Over at the Seminary J. F. Smith was president and Boxwell was teaching Greek and Hebrew.

"And whom do you suppose I saw on the street the other day?" Fansher said. "It was that lean and hungry Lutz, who used to amble around the college, make good recitations and fight if he couldn't have his own way. He told me he was traveling for an incubator factory and as much afraid of the girls as ever."

"Well, the half bake," Custer put in. "I saw that half fried DeVaux the other day. He used to lay aside all manners at the table and lost no time in

satisfying his internal vacuum. When I saw him he was in Cincinnati, chasing around after pupils in piano. He had about seventy-five but he wanted some more. He used to be a fiend for hard work and I guess he's still that way."

We arose from the table and walked down the street together. Fansher went back to his office after we had thanked him very heartily for the lunch. Custer and I climbed into the machine and rode over to see the new concrete bridge, then took a spin out to the soldiers home where we spent the afternoon.

Supper over, Custer took me through his laboratory and workshop where he had made his inventions. He explained many of his patents and incomplete inventions and I did not wonder that he had acquired national fame as an inventor and aeronaut.

The next morning we loaded our suit cases into the air craft and bidding good-bye to the Custer family we climbed into our seats and the machine started. Slowly and gracefully it rose at a gentle angle and when two hundred feet in the air we ceased rising and sped westward at sixty miles an hour. "My plan is to go west to the Pacific coast by the Yellowstone Park, then south along the coast, then east over Texas and the southern states, taking a short spurt into Mexico on the side, then by way of Washington to New York and Boston, then west over Pennsylvania to Ohio and stop finally to see the college," Custer explained and fell back to view the scenery and enjoy the cool breezes to the utmost. We passed air crafts here and there flying about, some big heavy freight ships, some light fast passenger craft.

"The beauty about these things is the speed which they can command and at the same time permit a person

to see everything along his course. Anderson Indiana will be our first stop. We will see whether 'Cupe' Lambert is home," added Custer.

(Continued Next Month)

Public Speaking Activities.

Nine men are working for the six places on the two debating teams and they are going to the bottom of the question in order to be prepared for Heidelberg when the intercollegiate debate comes off. The question to be debated is "Resolved, That the Income Tax should be a part of our Federal System of Taxation." Team briefs are being made by both affirmative and negative contestants. These briefs will be submitted to an eminent lawyer for his inspection and criticism. This is a plan which Prof. Evans has inaugurated this year and it is a wise policy. The six men will be chosen from the contestants in a few days. The debate will likely be held in March.

In oratory Otterbein is planning to enter the peace contest this year which provides a prize of \$50 to the winner of the state contest and more prize money if he is successful in the interstate contest. The authorities have offered to hold the state contest at Otterbein and the offer will likely be accepted. The date will probably be April 29. Our preliminary will be held the latter part of this term or the first of next term.

Prof. Evans is enthusiastic over the public speaking work and devotes much of his time to the debaters. He is taking work in Psychology at O. S. U. this year and often brings valuable suggestions to the local men from the state university. State debates the same subject with Illinois and Indiana state universities.

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EDITORIAL

The winter term is over half gone.

Soon the winter too will be spent and
spring with its alluring charms will en-
tice us from our books.

February, the patriotic month, re-
calls to us the two great wars of our
nation and the two figures which stand
out most prominently in those conflicts
—Washington and Lincoln.

Resolute, steadfast determination to
do the right characterized those two
conscience-guided lives. The one was
"first in war, first in peace, and first in
the hearts of his countrymen." The
other was first in charity, first in self-
control and first in the hearts of the
emancipated negroes.

Neither of these heroes had the ad-
vantage of a college education, yet they
rose to supreme heights in the face of
overwhelming troubles and opposition.
Many young men think a college edu-
cation is a prerequisite to success.
That it is not can be proved by thou-
sands of college men who are down and
out despite their diplomas. It can also
be proved by thousands of successful
men in all professions who never enter-
ed a college.

The elements of success must be cul-
tivated not bought. They are open to
all, and a college cannot sell them to a
man anymore than a dry-goods store or
a grocery. The college can help a man
cultivate them, however, and that is the
duty of the college. A man who is de-
termined to succeed can achieve his de-
termination vastly quicker and with less
expenditure of energy by going to
college than by studying and toiling at
home where he has no wiser head than
his own to help him in his perplexities.

He lacks the ennobling influence of a
Christian faculty, the moral uplift of
unselfish lives and the inspiration to be
drawn only from a body of students,
vigorous, young and ambitious. Yes,
a man can succeed without going to
college but how much greater his
chances if he takes advantage of all the
college offers!



OTTERBEIN 54, BLISS 10.

The week after State had whipped our basketball team we began to ask some more questions as to whether we had a good team. Now all doubts were taken out of our minds, when we saw our team take the scalp of Bliss on Saturday night.

The score at the end of the half showed that our team was putting up some good team work. At the end of the first half Sanders had made nine points, Young eight points and Cornetet eight points. You can see at once that our team is one that does not consist of individual star players but it is a team which consists of star players who work together and get in good team work. The score at the end of the first half was 25 to 6.

The second half started off in fast style and this kind of playing was kept up through the whole half. In this half the team work was so good that every man on the team succeeded in caging the ball.

The game was a very interesting one from start to finish. But toward the last it became one-sided. There was a great deal of quarreling on the part of certain players on the Bliss team. This was the only bad feature of the entire game.

O. U. 39, FINDLAY 28.

The Otterbein basketball five jour-

neyed to Findlay, Ohio, Friday evening, January 28, to set a new precedent for future O. U. teams—to defeat the Findlay College team on its home floor. While the score of 39 to 28 shows that the victory was by no means a "run-away," yet at no time was our team in any danger of defeat. Excellent team work was displayed throughout the entire game by both sides; and little individual work was done owing to the fact that the rules played under made the dribble a very treacherous device to try. Also while the number of fouls committed by each side might seem to indicate that the game was rough, the majority of these may be attributed to the fact that our fellows were not accustomed to the A. A. U. rules.

Otterbein took the lead at the outset and maintained it throughout. The Findlay team seemed to be taken unawares and did not recover during the entire half. They were not able to secure a field goal in this half, the eight points they obtained being made on fouls. On the other hand, the Otterbein bunch seldom failed to convert a chance into a goal. Accurate shooting of field goals by Young, Warner and Cornetet and fouls by Sanders brought our side of the score up this half to 24. Young played an excellent game, securing six goals himself this half. The great part of

the team work must be credited to Captain Sanders.

In the second half Findlay came back much stronger. Captain Manchester began to show more of his old time form in locating the basket, securing six goals to his credit this half. But the Otterbein lead was too great for him to overcome and the game ended 39 to 28 in our favor.

Too much credit cannot be given to our guards, Warner and Cook, for the success of the team. Their defensive game is at all times fast and strong, while on the offensive they are above par. Their work individually and together is good, being often the source of much passing.

DENISON 30, OTTERBEIN 22.

The game at Granville was played on Saturday night and on the Friday night our team played Findlay and won. This of course was their second game and had something to do with defeat.

The game started slow for Otterbein as our boys did not get into the game, and the first half ended with a score of 18 to 8 in favor of Denison. However, the game was slow on both sides for the first ten minutes as there was no score on either side.

The guarding was very close throughout the whole game. The dribbling of the Denison players was good and they walked around our boys several times in this way.

In the second half Otterbein began to get her old pace again and went after things with some good team work, and it was only a question of a few minutes until Otterbein had run the score to seventeen and then to

twenty two. They had their own way throughout the second half.

Stokes at center played a star game for Denison. We received fine treatment and the game was a clean one.

KENYON 28, OTTERBEIN 27.

This game certainly was a hard game to lose but we cannot say our boys did not play the game, for they did put up some fine work.

The floor was very slippery and of course very hard to play on. Besides the game was a very rough one as it is always the roughest game which our basketball teams in the past have had to play.

"Curt" Young was the star for Otterbein and his work at throwing fouls was fine, getting 10 out of fourteen. "Hix" at guard put up a fine game and guarded his men well. Cornetet at center did some good work. Cook at guard played a good steady game and made some nice long passes to Cornetet who succeeded in getting a pretty field goal.

The first half ended 17 to 14 in favor of Kenyon.

"Tink" played good game; however he did not make any baskets but he was always there to start the trouble. "Tink" is working the team well this year and has developed some good team work.

Young at forward was the star of the game making 22 out of 27 points for Otterbein. Cordillo and Weaver were the stars for Kenyon. The game was very fast; however the rough work and talk of the Kenyon men was not the best.

OTTERBEIN 34, DENISON 18.

It looked for awhile as though we

would have no game Saturday night, as the visiting team was unable to get here until half past eight. This was one of the best games which we have had the privilege of witnessing this season and was very fast from start to finish.

FIRST HALF.

The first half started pretty slow and the team work was ragged on both sides, but things began to pick up and Stokes, who played center for Denison, succeeded in caging the ball. Then Denison fouled and Sanders made the foul count one for O. U. This did not seem to balance up right and Otterbein fouled but Stokes failed to make it count. With Denison one point in the lead Otterbein started in and Sanders made two pretty baskets inside the next minute. Otterbein is fouled for shoving, and Stokes makes the foul count. This aroused the fellows and after some pretty team work, Young threw a pretty field goal and O. U. went up two more notches. The next two minutes of play was slow and ragged, Otterbein made a foul and Stokes made it count for Denison. Then the play started fast and Cornetet made a pretty long shot for a basket but the ball wouldn't go through. A double foul was called, Young threw the goal but Stokes missed. Warner made a nice try for a goal but a Denison man held and "Tink" made the foul count for O. U.

Poe, one of Denison's guards, then took the ball and started down the floor and made a pretty try for a basket but failed. Cornetet took the ball and then made another basket for O. U. Time was then called for Cornetet, who received an injury, but

he was able to finish the game. After some passing up and down the floor Sanders made a pretty throw from the center of the floor but failed.

Denison then takes a jump, Stokes and Brown score for Denison. The score was then tied. Stokes makes another pretty basket and breaks the tie and the first half ended 16 to 14, in favor of Denison.

SECOND HALF.

After a little slow work a double foul is called. Stokes fails but Sanders makes it count, score stands 16 to 15. After some passing Warner throws and Otterbein takes the lead and holds it the rest of the game. Denison then fouled, Sanders missing but Cornetet was there and made it count two instead of one.

For about two minutes both sides played ragged, the guards on both teams were getting in some good work. Denison then fouls but "Tink" fails. "Curt" recovers the ball and throws another basket. Denison fouls again and "Tink" makes it count this time. O. U. got in some fine team work right here which resulted in two more points, thrown by Cornetet. O. U. fouls but Stokes misses and "Tink" passed ball to "Curt" who throws another two points on our side. Cornetet repeats the dose. "Hix" fouls and Stokes makes the first point for Denison in the second half. Spectators interfere with ball. (Kelley got his number nines in the way). O. U. fouls, Stokes fails, Young then throws a basket. O. U. fouls, and Denison makes her last point, and after a pretty basket by "Tink" time was called. Final score, O. U. 34, Denison 18. Otterbein's first basketball

victory over Denison for 5 years is now to our credit.

O. U. 34. Denison 18.
 Sanders.....R. F.....Morrow, Nixon
 Young.....L. F.....Brown
 Cornet.....C.....Stokes
 Warner.....R. G.....Poe
 Cook.....L. G.....Bowers
 Field goals—Sanders 4, Young 4, Cornet 5,
 Warner 1; Morrow 1, Brown 1, Stokes 5.
 Goals from fouls—Sanders 6, Brown 2, Stokes
 2. Referee—Wambold. Length of halves—20
 minutes.

Juniors Champs.

The class games this year were very good and only one of the whole series could be called a walk away.

The Juniors and Freshmen started trouble but it was simply a walk away. The second game with the Seniors and Sophomores was a good game with the Sophs ahead for a good part of the game, but the Seniors were lucky enough to win out in the end. The next game was played between the Seniors and Preps and it looked for a while as though it was going to be a shut out for the Seniors. The Preps put up a dandy game and their guarding was good but the Seniors won out in the last minute.

The championship game was a good one which was played between the Seniors and Juniors and it was a question for a while which team would win. The Juniors proved to be the best of the two and they took the place of champions.

SCORES.

Juniors 66, Freshmen 17.
 Seniors 29, Sophomores 22.
 Seniors 26, Preps 19.
 Juniors 21, Seniors 14.

O. S. U.—Track Meet—O. U.

This meet with Ohio State was not a very good showing for Otterbein as far

as the score is concerned, but under the circumstances our team did good work. Our fellows had never had a good track to practice on and when we went up against Ohio State in their own gymnasium, it could plainly be seen that we were working at a disadvantage.

This meet was more of a try out of men than anything else. State tried out her different men, likewise Otterbein. Stouffer could not do much with the shot because of the injury which he received in football. His distance last year was at least five feet farther than it was put in this meet.

Captain Ditmer, Ressler and Gifford did the best work for Otterbein. "Dit" made a fine run in the 220 yard dash and came in only about a half second behind first man. Of course this means a little distance but a man can easily lose a half second on that track if he is not used to it. Ressler made a fine showing in the mile run and took second place. Gifford ran a good 40 yard low hurdle race and took second place. Summers and Snively showed up well for new material.

The track team this coming season I think will be a dandy and it will be one that will be equal and up to the standard of our old track teams.

Day of Prayer for colleges was observed at Otterbein Jan. 27. Special services were held in college chapel at 10 o'clock, Dr. Sanders, presiding. After the opening prayer by Dr. Garst, A. S. Keister spoke on the "High Religious Standard of Otterbein" and Miss Lillie Ressler on "Deepening of Spiritual Life in Otterbein." Prof. Jones, the principal speaker of the day spoke on the "Importance of Day of Prayer." Much time was spent in prayer, the prime object of the day.

ASSOCIATION NOTES



Y. M. C. A.

January 20th. The opening of the service was varied from the usual order by a very pleasing cornet solo by F. Joy Reider. Mr. E. C. Weaver conducted the devotions, using as his subject "Taking Sides." This subject was drafted from the interesting story of Elisha found in II Kings 6:8.

The story has two sides, they that are with us and they with them.

Everywhere that there is trouble we are called upon to take sides, in wars, campaigns, and even neighborhood quarrels where morality is at stake. We cannot be neutral in the battle of good and evil. The army of Lord Christ must be loyal and obedient: He says "go." Who is leading my life, Christ or I? Do we say "Can I take Christ with me there," or "Does He lead us there?"

"As soldiers we must also be loyal to each other; remove the pitfalls from our brother's path and lift him up rather than push him down. No case is hopeless with Christ as our chief, He never gave up a man as beyond hope.

"On which side are you? One man plus God is a majority in any emergency. Let us accept such a leadership."

January 27. "Our responsibility" was the topic chosen by the leader,

Mr. Emmitt, for this service. The thought was drafted from Phil. 3.

"In order to properly meet our responsibility, especially in the revival season, there are three things, of especial necessity to us, i.e., a clean record, skillful handling of the scriptures and the prayer life. Our methods should be those upheld by the scriptures; disciples should bring others to Christ. This is our responsibility and it can be accomplished through His strength which is sufficient for us."

February 3. The music committee had charge of the program and should be commended for the varied and spicy program.

The music committee had charge of the program and should be commended for the varied and spicy program arranged. Music has a broadening influence and should, perhaps, be given even more prominence in our Y. M. C. A. meetings. Every sweet strain belongs to God, who is master of all harmony.

Scrip. Ps. 33 and 81.

After a splendid song service ending with "Onward Christian Soldiers" sang with a genuine ring, such is seldom heard, the orchestra rendered a beautiful number which was followed by a baritone solo by F. M. Curts. All enjoyed the next number, a cor-

net solo by E. C. Weaver, which was followed by a vocal quartet composed of Messrs. Foltz, Andrews, Bungard, Hebbert. The committee was fortunate in being able to procure Prof. Swartz who gave a beautiful violin solo. Then after a piano solo by Mr. Keister, Prof. Resler brought to us a message in song in his usual strength and efficiency. Every number was well given and worthy of commendation.

February 10. The Y. M. C. A. was given an intellectual treat by Dr. Washington Gladden. After a quartet number by Messrs. Bandeen, Brooks, Curts and Zuerner, Prof. Jones, an intimate friend of Dr. Gladden's gave a short and to the point introduction. Dr. Gladden's subject was "Learning to Think," based upon I. Peter 1-13, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind." This signifies preparation for action, there is a real duty in learning to think. Thinking is an art to be cultivated and it comes by discipline rather than heredity, although heredity is valuable. Information is a good thing but the development of intellect is its supreme end. The mind should be trained to connect events and see the great law of progress. The tracing of events to their primal causes is everything to the thinker. Real intellectual power is gained by thorough mastery of the subject at hand. Things done poorly are productive of weak faculties. Repeated action brings results.

"The first power to be developed is attention or mental concentration. Get command of your mind, deter-

mine to do it and mind will obey the will.

"Again be sure of your definitions; do not use words you cannot clearly define. Know what you wish to say and say it clearly.

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January 18—The subject, "Is My Christianity Worth Propagating," was ably discussed by Miss Irene Staub, one of the delegates to the Rochester convention. At the very beginning the leader stated that the question for us is not, "Is Christianity Worth Propagating," but, "Is My Christianity" worth giving to others. The doctrine of Christ is not questioned as to its value and helpfulness. The test of my Christianity is in the answer to the following questions "Am I a Constructive Bible Student?" "Do I Obey its Teachings?" "Am I a Woman of Prayer?" "Have I a Victory Over Sin?"

Inspiring thoughts on the value of prayer were given. Prayer is the link that connects us with God. Prayer is of three kinds: (1) Communion, by which we gain strength. (2) petition, by means of which our own needs are supplied. (3) intercession, in which we plead for others. Archimedes, when he made a lever, said that if he had something to rest it on, he could move the world. We can move the world through prayer.

January 25 — Subject, "Betraying Christ through Silence;" leader, Miss Edith Coblenz. By keeping silent concerning Christ, we are really betraying Him as much as if we spoke against him. We often hear people give as an excuse for not speaking, "I cannot ex-

press myself." We can express ourselves in other things, why not concerning Christ? Speech is one of the greatest faculties given to man, so we should use it for the glory of Him who gave it. In order to be able to speak well and forcibly, we must prepare, not the week before, but during our whole life; we must study and we must act out our speech. There is not so much in speaking eloquently, as in speaking appealingly and straitforwardly.

February 1—Mrs. Albert, editor of the *Woman's Evangel* and a former missionary to Africa, spoke at the missionary meeting. She has a deep interest in the cause of evangelization and spoke with such sympathetic feeling that she will long be remembered by all who heard her appeals for Christian service. She spoke of the spirit which is inspiring men to active interest in missions as very like that of the old crusaders who were striving to win the Holy Sepulcher. But our work is not to win a sepulcher with the sword, but to win a living God for the world. According to the plan for the world, we must each be a soldier. Our lives do not belong to ourselves. Somebody has bought them.

CONSERVATORY NOTES

Quite a number of students and faculty went to Columbus Friday evening, Feb. 3, to hear the wonderful coloratura soprano. Everyone reports a splendid concert.

Thursday evening, February 10, twelve Westerville people attended the piano recital given by Grace Hamilton Morrey in the State University chapel. This was an event of more than ordi-

nary importance, presenting, as it did, the most brilliant pianist of Columbus in a program of unusual strength and beauty. Mrs. Morrey will not be heard again in recital before she goes to Europe in June, where she intends to concertize, teach and study.

An announcement of extraordinary interest is that of the coming of Frederick Busoni, the celebrated pianist to the Southern theatre on the evening of March 21. Busoni is perhaps the most sensational pianist on the concert stage today and all critics of national and international fame write in unmeasured praise of this great artist's work.

Wednesday evening, February 23, a public recital will be given in the conservatory auditorium. Preparations are being made and the program promises to be one of interest and pleasure. Another public recital will be heard near the end of the term in the college chapel.

The pupils of Prof. Resler are preparing for a recital, the program consisting entirely of Schumann and Schubert songs. Everyone who is acquainted with the works of these well known composers, knows that a splendid concert is insured.

The Otterbein Glee Club will give a concert March 16. Preparations have been going on for a long time for this event and a good program is promised.

Sunday evening, February 27, the choir will give a sacred concert. Another will be given near Easter.

Improvements at the Art Studio.

When the new Lambert Conservatory was completed there were no available funds with which to suitably



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equip and adorn the studio. However that did not deter Mrs. Scott, the Head of the School of Art, from getting the Art rooms adorned with some fine and tasty accessories. She lost no time in getting into correspondence with some of her friends, telling them of the needs and the results are now to be seen.

A beautiful clock, similar to the one in the library, has been hung in her office presented by Mrs. Leo Schleppe, '06.

A chest of drugs, first aid to the injured, was donated by the Columbus Pharmacal Co.

Four French plate mirrors have been given for the toilet rooms and cloak room by the Culver Art & Frame Co., Miss Nora Thompson, '10, Mrs. William Clark, '04 and Miss Ethel Beery, '10.

Miss Sara Shisler has given a set of artistically stencilled curtains, while Dr. Keefer has donated toilet articles.

A fine couch cover is the gift of the Andrew Dobbie store, and a mahogany table of Phinney's furniture store. A number of other useful and artistic gifts are soon to be added by interested patrons and friends who are anxious that the School of Art wants nothing for its comfort and convenience.

The largest and finest gift came from Dr. F. M. Pottenger, '92 who offered to fit up Mrs. Scott's office as she directed. Now the visitor who steps into the Director's office on the top floor of the Conservatory sees the decoration of the walls done in oil in shades of tan and cream with a frieze stencilled in rich oriental colors to harmonize with the elegant Smyrna rugs. The furniture is of oak, Mission style, upholstered in elegant Spanish leather. Mrs. Scott plans that the room be used not only for an office but also for a rest room for the girls. It is a model room for a tasty office and the whole university is deeply grateful to

Dr. Pottenger for his liberal gift to the Art Department.

The whole department is flourishing. More students are enrolled than ever before in the history of the school. The students are putting more thoughtful energy into their work than ever before. Miss Clifton's china class and Miss Thompson's class in drawing are both enthusiastic and progressive.

The life class is making wonderful progress. A few years ago it was hard to stimulate interest in this important field but now a large class is working and the interest speaks for itself.

The Parliament number of the Bulletin is out and may be had at the President's office. The new summer school catalog will be ready in a few days.

VOCHRAN ITEMS

Miss Helen Billhart, of Upper Sandusky, was the guest of Miss Minette VanGundia February 11 to 13.

We are glad to have Miss Beery and Miss Whitesel with us again.

Mr. Weibling in his sleigh is still a frequent caller at the Hall, much to the delight of the girls for they appreciate the sleigh rides.

At the present time there are but two vacancies in the Hall.

Quite a number of guests were entertained in the Hall at dinner Sunday February 13 among whom were Dr. and Mrs. Jones the guests of Miss Zeller.



Revival services began in chapel Sunday evening Feb. 6. The attendance and spirit manifested is very gratifying to pastor and all concerned. Dr. Clippinger and others are assisting the pastor.

Miss Lucy Whitesel has returned to school and now graces the music and art halls.

Prof. Cornet attended the State Association of School Board Members held in the Southern hotel of

Columbus, January 26 and 27, which association he served as clerk. He was elected secretary for the ensuing year.

Mr. Foster Davidson, of Nevada, visited his friend, Garret Lybarger, Feb. 11 and 12.

Mr. John Warner, secretary of the International committee of Y. M. C. A. addressed the student body Feb. 1 bringing to them a message from South America.

Messrs. Callahan and Hemminger are recent arrivals in Otterbein.

Otterbein and Westerville were well represented at the great Laymen's Convention held at Dayton Jan. 25 to 27. Those who represented college, Y. M. C. A. and local church were: Dr. Clippinger, Dr. Sanders, Rev. Daugherty, Prof. Waggoner, Prof. Funk, J. W. Everal, H. Griffith, W. A. Young, G. W. Duckwall, I. D. Warner, J. J. Dick, B. F. Bungard, C. C. Grant, H. A. Thompson, W. A. Knapp, P. N. Bennett, W. K. Anderson and F. R. McCleery represented their home churches.

The Religious Educational Association met Wednesday evening, Jan. 19. President Weaver stated the general topic for the evening which was, "The Practical Man in Religious Work." Moore, L. M. introduced the subject, "Religious Work in Rural Districts," Wolf, A. S., the subject, "Church's Relation to Shop Men," and Knapp, W. A. the subject, "The Institutional Church." Pres. Dr. Clippinger was present and gave a very much appreciated talk which comprehended all these topics. The Association began definite action toward the revival to be held here.

James Willis Belcher, a former student of Otterbein, and who at present is clerking in Markley's store, hath taken unto himself a wife. On Jan. 18 he was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Flesher. "Jimmy" is a jolly good fellow, making friends wherever he goes with his winning smile and the Ægis wishes the young couple well.

Rev. Thompson presiding elder of East Ohio Conference smiled on the student body Jan. 24.

54 to 10. What's bliss (Bliss).

On Monday, Jan. 24, Geo. R. Stuart delivered his lecture, "Lopsided Folk" to the patrons of the lecture course. "George" said that about all the average person does is to think, laugh and weep and then proceeded to make the congregation do all three. He is certainly one of the foremost platform men of the day.

On Jan. 27 the Dunbar Quartette and Bell Ringers appeared on the entertainment course platform. This same quartette was here last year, and while not many companies could make good on such an early return, their program was almost entirely new and very much appreciated.

The ground hog saw his shadow,
Of this there is no doubt
And now we all are wondering
How the weather will turn out.
Tho' we're not superstitious
We candidly admit
That if the weather's not just right
The ground hog is blamed for it.

Col. E. S. Wilson, who writes the clear, logical and inspiring editorials for the Ohio State Journal talked to a body of the students and their friends Feb. 15, under the auspices of the Press club. Every word was enjoyed by the audience.

Rev. Dr. Fries of Dayton, led chapel Feb. 15.

The first of the series of addresses by noted speakers was given Friday morning, Feb. 18, by Dr. H. H. Rus-

sell, the founder of the Anti-saloon League. His subject was: "A Lawyer's Reasons for Accepting the Christian Faith." The Seniors wore their caps and gowns to chapel for the first time on this morning.

SPLINTERS.

When the Ægis from the printer
Displays its pages fair
And in the local items
Your name appears somewhere
Just take it philosophically
And do not make a fuss
It makes no difference where we are
There's some one watching us.
And they'll be sure to write it up
And send it to the printer
So take it all in fun if you're
The victim of a Splinter.

Oterbine Colige
2-10-'10

dear Farther:—

wel i Want tew tell u a-
bout are basket-ball game. They beet
us 19 vs 26 and they Hadent outer, We

plaid best and they got more baskits.
it was are prep teem against them Sen-
yurs. You outer have seed Varsity
play. i tel u he's a gum drop in basket-
ball. they did't durst let him hev it
or hed thro it rite inter the basket. And
hed hit em if they Got to ruffin it (that
meens dirty playin). are captain Artie
had ole Skip scared so he was jest a-
fraid tew jump at the ball when the
whistler Throwed it up. hes arful good
tew. Are fellers jest tuk that ball and
throd it all around the jim and
it wudn't go in and them there Senyurs
dident throw hardly eny. Yungen plaid
gard fer us tew. he oter be playin on
the colige teem, and they wont let him.
His man Was scared tew. He jest
walked all over him and couldn't hurt
him. i tel u are fellers plaid mity fine.
they air haven lots of klas gams this
weak. But they air dun now and the
blasted junyers winned out in the end.
They air awl puffed upp bout it and



A Familiar Scene in February.

Krosbie is the bigust dub in westervil.
he don't know much. Would be much
obliged ef u would remit a dollar sune.
tew

yore Fecshunet sun;—

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Prof.—“How would you remove a
parenthesis with a minus sign before
it?”

Miss Davidson—“I'd rub it out.”

Some new jokes—???

“We have Spring all the year
round.”

(Addressing chapel)—“Of course
you students are anxious, as I always
was, that the speaker be brief that
you might be in your classes on time.”

“6 pie minus 5 pie equals one pie.”

“Lake.”

“Bon Durant.”

“Trueter”

“Spring.”

“Points.”

“Mr. Baker, I'm in a hurry to get
rid of my money.”

“Root, Hogg or die.”

Brenneman—“When I wash my
hair I can't do anything with it.”

John Hanawalt—“That's just the
way with my feet.”

Wenger—“I'd give three dollars
for a chance to hug —.” Ask
Wenger who.

Prof. Rudy's proverb—“Distance
maketh a fool to seem like a wise
man.”

Davidson:—“Isn't that theorem
weak?”

Prof. West:—“It's clear as a bell.”

Funk, A. Z.:—“that's cracked.”

Prof. Evans—“Mr. Wells won't
you please repress your volubility.”

Yabi's favorite song—“Please go
'way and let me slep.”

Custer (reciting Bible):—The call
of prophecy came to Jeremiah a few
years before his birth.”

Rev. Daugherty calls “society rid-
ing” personal work. It means the
same and doubtless sounds better.

Nelson (shaving)—“I am going to
sever all connections with my (beard).”

Prof.:—Define concrete.”

Ralph Smith:—Something the lis-
tener can get hold of.”

Prof.:—Why is ‘American hog with
smiling face and curled tail’ more con-
crete than American pork?”

Smith—“Because the curled tail
is something the listner can get hold
of.”

Grant (reciting history):—“Edward
I was the daughter of Isabella son of
Phillip the Fair of France.”

Bilsing (quoting scripture)—“And
his name shall be called wonderful,
Connseilor”—and there he stuck.

Prof.:—“Why should we not use a
right triangle to demonstrate.”

Montz—“That would be a ‘pacific’
case.”

Druhote:—(singing) “My Bonnie
lies over the —

Croghan:— “railroad”.

Stella Gifford (in Philophronea)—“I
have always thought well of the Phron-
eans but I prefer to express my es-
teem to them one at a time.”

There has been a corner on dogs lately. Emmitt and Rymer are trying to bull the market.

Wanted—A girl—Address J. S. Goughenour.

Bridenstine (excitedly)—“I g-g-g-guess I d-d-d-don't s-s-s-stutter either.”

The matron (to Miss Gertrude Myers) “I have an awful time to keep the (Wolfe) from the door.”

Prof. Kiehl—“Name the thirteen original colonies.”

Lambert A. L.—“Do you mean the colonies of Ohio?”

Prof.—Why isn't that 12-10?”

Funk L. V.—“I changed it to suit the book.”

Miss Moore (cashing P. O. money order)—“I didn't ask for your name.

I asked Mr. Lybarger for his name.”

Prof. West—“Prof. Mills and I tried to get the gas engine in the laboratory to spark and it wouldn't spark.”

What is the difference between this engine and an Otterbein point?

Ketner—“Earl Weaver will play a cornet quartet.”

A student had just written “woman” on the board.

Prof. Evans—“Write the general term man. Man embraces woman, anyhow.”

Dr. Scott (translating Latin) “Let George do it.”

Miss Hayes requested that we make mention of the fact that she and Ethel Kephart waited table at the great laymen's banquet at Dayton not long since.



Rev. B. F. Cunningham, '03, reports his \$20,000 church at Grand Rapids, Mich., as nearing completion.

L. E. Garwood, '08, was in town Feb. 11 and 12, visiting friends. “Doc” is a Piqua High School Prof.

Prof. E. M. Hursh, '05, of Albert Academy and two of his students took first, second and third prizes at a public oratorical given by the Eng-

lish Government at Freetown, West Africa. Mr. Hursh won the \$100 prize and the two students won \$20 and \$10 respectively.

“Bill” Lawrence and Lillian Mauk Lawrence, '06, saw O. U. whip Denison at basketba'l here Feb. 12.

Mr. E. M. Rymer, '06, resigned his position with J. C. Spear & Co., of

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 1, to accept a responsible position with the Atlantic Refining Co. of Cleveland.

Rev. U. M. Roby, '01, of Barberton, has had a successful revival in his church. During the first five nights there were forty-three conversions.

Prof. J. G. Sanders, '01, spent some six days in Westerville on his way from Washington, D. C., to Madison, Wis., when he assumes the professorship of Entomology in the University of Wisconsin.

Miss Ola Rogers, '01, of Arcanum, who specialized in Latin at Cornell a few years ago, is now principal of one the ward schools at Orrville.

C. R. Weinland, '06, was in town Feb. 6.

Rev. W. E. Ward and wife, '05, have had exceptional success in their pastorate at Elida, Ohio. Four of their parishioners are students in Otterbein while ten others represented their class at the Dayton Laymen's Missionary Convention.

Mrs. Daisy Custer Shoemaker, '95, was a welcome visitor to the college early in the month.

L. C. Hensel, '09, spent several days of the second week of the month in Westerville, "lining up" men for Chautauqua desks. Last summer Mr. Hensel won a valuable prize for selling the greatest number of desks.

Rev. M. S. Bovey, '81, of Orchard, Neb., reports an active church. A

new piano is a recent acquisition for this church.

Dr. J. R. King, '94, writes of the reopening of the Gomer Memorial Chapel at Shenge, W. Africa.

Dr. J. W. Clemmer, '74, was appointed city health officer of Columbus, Feb. 3. Dr. Clemmer has been on the health board for five years and is enthusiastic in this work. He is regarded as one of the finest sanitarians in the city and was sought for the office.

Rev. Mrs. Minnie E. Hall, '09, sends word of a working church at Credicot, Ohio.

L. E. Meyers, '07, spent some days with the boys talking them into agents.

F. E. Miller, '87, was elected president of the association of Ohio Teachers of Mathematics and Science at its meeting held the last week in December in Columbus at the State University.



The Leander Clark Era for February 5 records and impressive mortgage burning. It marks the close of a period of fifty-four years' struggle with debt. With an institution free from debt and on the "pay as we go" policy the friends of this school are looking for a period greatly enlarged usefulness.

Most of the college papers have given a very large part of their number to a report of the Rochester convention. In as much as the paper reflects the spirit of the college, it sure means that the missionary spirit is the representative college spirit.

We wish to personally commend the attitude of the Transcript on all matters religious. At present it is giving no uncertain place to the religious side by reporting the addresses given at the special meetings.

We welcome the following new exchange visitors: "Retina," "Dynamo," "The Indian Craftsman," "Carlisle Arrow," "The Hiram Advance," "College News," "The Col-

lege World," "The Philippine Informant" and "The Interior." For this last the Ægis wishes to extend its personal thanks to Mr. Nolan R. Best, class of 1892.

The Indian Craftsman is a magazine not only about Indians but mainly by them. The December number contains many interesting stories besides the following interesting article, "Carlisle's Great Football Record."

The Arrow for February 4 contains a very interesting sketch of the noted Indian chief and military strategist, Red Cloud.

The Wooster Voice for February 9 has a very pertinent article entitled "Courtesy in Athletics."

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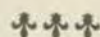
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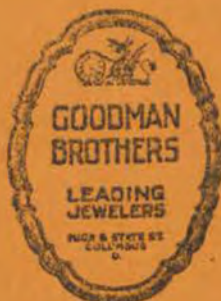
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