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Editorials

BORROWING. Most people in this world borrow something in the course of their lives. Some people are borrowing all the time. Sometimes they return the borrowed articles and sometimes they do not. A student at one of the western colleges borrowed some material from one of the laboratories and for some reason did not return it; now he is taking a few years vacation by himself. We students are in the habit of borrowing from one another; and is it not strange that we sometimes borrow from the institution and, as the institution does not remind us to return it, we sometimes forget?

Just take for instance the library. We all like to read and the library furnishes excellent material for that purpose. May be we do not finish reading the story before it is time for the library to be closed and we take the magazine to our rooms and say we will bring it back in the morning. In the morning we are in a hurry and the paper is left until some other time and is finally covered by our own books and papers. There it stays until we clean house when it comes to light. It is now a back number and no one will care to read it, so the life of McClure's or Harper's Weekly comes to an end. Those wishing to read the aforementioned magazine in the meantime lodge their complaints with the librarian who immediately posts a notice to the effect that such and such a magazine is missing, etc., thus furnishing reading matter for those who sharpen their literary abilities at the bulletin board.

We remember now that we returned that magazine the next morning, but the manager of the team did not ask us if we had a jersey; we gave him the suit and he went off apparently satisfied, and if he does not kick why should we say anything. The association is in the hole we know, but then we played hard all through the season and we ought to get something for it.

Where would the merchants and publishers get their living if everybody took his own book or hat from the racks in the recitation hall? Of course we get tired of hearing the old story, "Some one has swiped my note-book," and of the vengeance that never is carried out; but there is always some trouble in the best of families.

Cadet life would possibly be more harmonious if the first order

the commandant gave after the arrival of the new uniforms should read something like this: "Order No. so and so—Each and every cadet shall spend at least one-half hour in the blacksmith shop where he shall place his cap on the anvil and with the sledge hammer batter the screw with which the guns are held in place in such a manner that not even a mechanical student will be able to recognize the same. This must be done before the caps are left in any public place out of the owner's sight. Signed, etc."

Yes, we say, all these things are wrong, but life is too short to stop long over them and so we go to others who will listen and we pour our troubles into their empty ears.

THE NAME OF THIS INSTITUTION.

It is strange that the people of Connecticut do not better know the name of their state agricultural college. One sees the names, Storrs School, Storrs Agricultural School, Storrs College, etc., used by people here in Connecticut, instead of the correct name. It is true, there was an institution at one time bearing the above names, but since the legislature changed the name, ten years ago, this institution has been called the Connecticut Agricultural College. Let us call it by that name.

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Alumni Notes

THE Connecticut Agricultural College is yet a young institution. It is, therefore, with peculiar pleasure that we note the evidences that our graduates are becoming known in the various activities in which they take part. Their rapid preferment to places of honor and respect in the agricultural world is most gratifying to us, and is indicative of still further honor for the sons of our alma mater.

The recent meetings of the State Grange and the Dairymen's Association have brought more vividly to our attention many whom we claim as alumni. Probably the most prominent of these is Harry Grant Manchester, '91, who presided over the Dairy Association meeting at Hartford, January 20th and 21st. For two years Mr. Manchester has been the able head of that organization, and it was only because of a custom of the association that no president shall serve more than two successive years that he is now on the retired list. As a presiding officer he has few equals in the state. He can

keep order, despatch business, and turn trouble into humor in a manner that pleases everyone. Therefore, with all respect for his successor, Mr. Lee, we can not help but feel that a custom of the association deprives us of the leadership of so capable a man.

In looking over the officers of this same association we find among the directors: R. J. Averill, '03; R. E. Buell, ex. '01; C. B. Pomeroy, Jr., '90, and A. J. Pierpont, '95; a strong quartette and one that is doing us good service in the business world of the Nutmeg State.

Others, too, not so prominent just now but leaders of no distant day, are filling in the rank and file of this organization. Among the audience were found many alumni. An incomplete list is as follows: C. H. Savage, '88; C. B. Pomeroy, Jr., '90; E. B. Fitts, '93; Mrs. E. B. Fitts, '94; W. F. Schultz, '94; A. J. Pierpont, '95; H. S. Coe, ex. '96; V. E. Luchinni, Dr. F. F. Bushnell, '97; Herbert Kirkpatrick, H. L. Garrigus, '98; F. B. Plumb and A. F. Bidwell, ex. '98; J. M. Stocking, ex. '99; E. F. Manchester, R. H. Gardner, '99; H. L. Bushnell, '00; Willis Savage, R. P. Dewey, ex. '00; E. P. Brown, '01; Wilbur Stocking, A. W. Manchester, '03; F. S. G. McLean, ex. '03; H. L. Hamilton, poultry short course, '04; Jarman and Carrigan, T. W. Griswold, dairy short course, '04; R. J. Tryon, '05; Jacobson, dairy short course, '05; D. J. Minor, C. J. Grant, '06; S. B. Reid, Earl Bemis, '07; C. B. Bonner, C. B. Barnard, A. E. Webster, J. H. Pierpont, and J. E. L. Houston, '08; Hurlburt, Latimer, ex. '08; and Buell, dairy short course, '08.

At the State Grange meeting a week earlier we were also well and ably represented. Some of those present at that meeting were: C. A. Wheeler, C. H. Savage, '88; C. B. Pomeroy, Jr., '90; E. B. Fitts, '93; A. J. Pierpont, '95; H. S. Coe, Stancliffe Hale, ex. '96; A. F. Green, '99; J. F. Whitehead, short course, '00; R. J. Averill, '03; J. Carrigan, short course, '04; C. J. Grant, D. J. Minor, '06.

At least six granges throughout the state are headed by former students: John Carrigan, L. T. Dewey, Stancliffe Hale, A. F. Bidwell, C. A. Wheeler and J. F. Whitehead.

'88. C. H. Savage, a member of the lower house from Mansfield, has been placed at the head of the agricultural committee.

'90. A book of three hundred pages entitled "Business Methods in Dairy Farming," recently published by the Orange Judd Co., was written by C. B. Lane. He is now acting chief of the Dairy Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture. At the Dairymen's meeting in Hartford, Mr. Lane gave a

stereopticon lecture on "Market Milk Production from the Present Day's Standpoint."

'91. C. B. Pomeroy, Jr., of Willimantic, was reëlected a director of the Dairy Association from Windham County at the recent meeting.

'92. At least one of our alumni has built up a successful business in the handling of native shrubs and trees. Mr. W. F. Schultz secures his stock from the woods and pastures of this state. The demand for his goods has so increased that he has taken his brother into partnership. Mr. Schultz made a specialty of botany studies while at college and is putting the knowledge thus gained to practical use. His headquarters are at Hartford.

'93. W. J. Frey is one of the prosperous farmers and tobacco growers of Suffield, Conn. During the past year Mr. Frey has traveled through parts of the South as a buyer for a Springfield commission house.

On the evening of January sixth, E. B. Fitts installed the newly elected officers of the Ashford Grange.

'97. A. C. and R. D. Gilbert are now located at 254 Arlington St., West Medford, Mass. A. C. Gilbert is with the Merrimac Chemical Co., while R. D. travels for the Bowker fertilizer people.

'98. C. G. Smith is now acting supervisor of the National Forest at Pocatello, Idaho. He writes that he is permanently located at that place.

'99. E. C. Welden, of Scotland, Conn., visited the College December 26th and 27th.

A. F. Green, of Middlebury, called at College January 14th. He was recently reëlected master of the Excelsior Pomona Grange.

'01. J. H. Blakeslee, who has been a faithful worker in the insurance business for the past few years, will soon be promoted to a higher position. Mr. Blakeslee has been very popular at his old stand in Plymouth, Conn., and it is hoped that he will have success with his new duties.

'02. L. F. Harvey, of Romford, Conn., who is master of the Masonic Lodge at Washington, attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., in New Haven, January 21st.

'04. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Comstock, of West Simsbury, Conn., have a son, born January 11th. Blessings on the little man.

'05. S. P. Hollister addressed the New York State Fruit Growers' Association held at Medina, N. Y., January 6th and 7th, on the

subject, "Judging Fruit and How to Select Fruit for Exhibition Purposes."

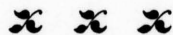
'06. "Eben" Moss is working for the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. at North Haven as a civil engineer.

Cora D. Grant, ex. '06, has been engaged as stenographer to the farm and dairy departments. She began her duties February first. Miss Grant and Miss Seage have a room at Mrs. Warren's and board at the College dining hall.

'07. Earl Bemis, who is now managing the farm of Miss Campbell, Farmington, is going to make a change April first. At that time he will take charge of Mr. C. P. Cook's farm at Chapinville, Conn.

'08. In connection with the Dairy Association meeting an exhibit of dairy products was held. The sample of milk which gave the lowest percentage of bacteria was produced at the Georgetown farm under the supervision of one of the '08 class. O. P. Burr deserves credit for that milk and the work he is doing at Georgetown. While the names were not published there were at least three other alumni who got very creditable scores.

On the evening of January 6th, C. A. Wheeler, '88, E. B. Fitts, '93, J. N. Fitts, '97, H. L. Garrigus, '98, and C. J. Grant, '06, visited the Ashford Grange and rendered a programme consisting of short talks and music.



Dame Rumor and Miss Fortune

IF family relations exist between abstract things it would be safe to conjecture that Dame Rumor and Miss Fortune are closely related and that they are always in close proximity to each other, as it has often been noticed that the presence of one is sure to mean a rapid arrival of the other on the scene of action. Thusly, when a man is being entertained by Miss Fortune, Dame Rumor is sure to get busy, peek in the window and publish the facts observed to the world at large which is full to overflowing with credulous people who have nothing to do but believe and pass on with interest any tale with a minute trace of scandal in it. And vice versa Dame Rumor is sure to induce her sinister relative to court some unhappy mortal.

But we cannot lay all the blame at the feet of these acquaintances

when we look around and see what excellent encouragement, especially Dame Rumor receives from mortal man and mortal woman as well. Some unsuspecting individual, bent on the peaceful pursuit of happiness, has at some ancient date incurred the wrath of an agent of the aforementioned dame and lo! in the twinkling of an eye, said person is reduced to a rascal of the lowest stamp and such is the rapidity of the Dame's visits one finds himself met on all sides by exaggerations that Die Bruders Grimm would have blushed to put in the green fairy book. And a surprising feature of Rumor's tales is that persons ordinarily considered sane believe them and act accordingly even to the complete condemnation of the victim of the Dame's after dinner jokes. And one immediately pities the hero of the tale of "The Three Black Crows," which we read as children in district school.

In our own mind the agent who vends the wares is more to be pitied than the hero of the tale, for the hero is usually in good health and of a sane mind, while one with such a fevered brain that some individual appears before his or her distorted visions as "rolling drunk," when he has only made mention to some one that his grandfather made sweet cider once upon a time; such a person is anything but sane and should be carefully attended in a retreat for the insane or better still in a kindergarten.

What is this world coming to, especially isolated parts of it as a college world when Dame Rumor is allowed to roam at large and keep such a large retinue of servants? It must be that we all must live according to a schedule prepared by the Federal Government or else we rise in our might and declare that henceforth the aforementioned Dame and her followers be ostracised from the society of free people.

And there is a lighter side to the thus far serious and learned dissertation on the evils of this wicked world. One does not have to think hard or long to call to mind an instance when a neighborhood, or even a whole town, usually a small one, has been thrown into a state of upheaval and some of the old gossips nearly have nervous prostration over the unholy and scandalous behavior of some victim of our old acquaintances. In these days of modern improvements the telephone lines are kept hot night and day and everybody has a cramp from extended periods of applying transmitter to ear. At the psychological moment, when the villian's character has been "worn to a frazzle," to quote Teddy Roosevelt, by the masses, someone "gets wise" to the fact that there is nothing to it and soon everyone sits down, takes a few long breaths and remarks that "I knew all the

time it was nothing, but so-and-so is such an old gossip that the story is bound to get out in such a way." Lots of fun and excitement for the crowd; it has given all a chance to have something to talk about, and when the storm is past the victim draws a deep breath, passes a remark on the weather, the peculiar kind of foolishness in the human race and settles until the old Dame has another spasm.

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Department Notes

DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

AN event looked forward to by all those interested in dairy lines took place on the 20th and 21st of January when the twenty-eighth annual convention of the Connecticut Dairymen's Association was held at Hartford. Unity Hall was the place of meeting. There the speaking and singing took place, while in the basement were the milk and butter exhibits, various farm implements which furnished much interest during the hours between the lectures. The convention was well attended, the hall being filled at nearly every session. The marked attention and enthusiasm displayed shows well that the farmers are realizing the good which may be obtained by listening to speakers who have had experience along their lines, and have the ability to put their subjects in an interesting and instructive manner.

The College was represented in the speaking list by three of the faculty; President Beach, who spoke on "The Relative Value of Feeds;" Professor Trueman, who spoke on "The First Principles of Animal Breeding;" and Professor Clinton speaking on "Lime and Its Relation to Agriculture." The other speakers on the programme were not less interesting and showed the ability of the directors of the convention in arranging their programme.

The music was furnished by the dairy students of the College. Messrs. R. Storrs, Gamble, Botsford, and Forbush gave several quartette selections, appropriate for the occasion, which were heartily applauded.

There are thirteen regular short course students taking the dairy course and one who is taking part of the dairy and part of the pomological course.

Two pure bred Jersey bull calves have been recently sold. One of them was sold to Robinson, a short course student, and was the

son of Robin Butterfly 2nd Select. This cow has made the biggest record in the herd during the past year.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

The usual amount of interest in the poultry short course is shown as there are fourteen students taking the course this winter. Three ladies are included in this number. Nearly all of them have had some experience. Each one has an incubator and a brooder to operate and also a flock of fowls under his or her care. With the lectures delivered by Professor Stoneburn, a person desiring to take up this work will gain experience as well as knowledge. The office is being used as a lecture and club-room for the special students. Poultry books and papers are available and it gives a quiet spot in which to lounge and read.

EXPERIMENT STATION.

Mr. C. D. Jarvis returned from Cornell the first of the year, where he has been studying preparatory to receiving his degree of Ph. D. in June. We wish Mr. Jarvis success in his venture.

The bean hybridizing tests which were carried on quite successfully out of doors last summer were started in the Station greenhouse in the latter part of January. W. O. Hollister has charge of the work.

HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Work was resumed on the new horticultural building the twenty-fifth of January. It is expected that the work will be finished in about three months. The horticultural students are looking forward to its completion with great joy.

The basement is being used at present for storage of roots, fruits, spraying materials, etc. The Junior class in grafting also meets there.

THE FARM.

A two-horse power vertical boiler has been installed in the new piggery and will be used for cooking food and for heating water.

The department during the last month has constructed a tank of reinforced cement for skim milk. This is fitted with gates for drawing off the milk and has a capacity of twenty-five cans. In connection with this and the boiler is an apartment for cooking vegetables, thus doing away with all barrels and receptacles of this nature. Grain bins have been made of the same material and the interior of the piggery is now well equipped for good work.

THE LIBRARY.

In connection with the current rural uplift agitation, the attention of the students and faculty is called to a little book recently presented to the library by Dr. N. S. Mayo. The title reads, "One Woman's Work for Farm Women," and the book is the modestly told story of the life of Dr. Mayo's mother, Mary A. Mayo. It should be an inspiration to every one whose home is on the farm, inasmuch as it contains in its pages one very important way of solving the problem now facing the average country man and woman. I heartily recommend the book to all interested in farm women and their work. It may be of interest to some to add that Dr. Mayo, now of Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba, was formerly a member of our College faculty.

EDWINA WHITNEY.

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Faculty Scientific Club

THIS club was organized in the fall of nineteen hundred and seven for the purpose of scientific investigation. It consists of the members of the faculty and the experiment station staff. At present Professor Lamson is chairman, and Professor Wheeler, secretary. This organization has no dues, and likewise practically no expenses. Meetings are held about every three weeks, and at each meeting one of the members gives a talk upon some subject closely allied to his work. These meetings are open to all interested persons, and no admission is charged. Following is a synopsis of a lecture given at the last meeting by Professor Esten:

VARIATION IN THE ACIDITY OF FRESH MILK.

The extreme variation of a herd of twenty-six cows, covering a period of seven months, was from .075 to .23 per cent., the samples of milk being taken about every fortnight. The method of testing the acidity was by titration with 1/10 normal Na-OH, using 17.6 c. c. of milk, and dividing the amount of tenth normal used by 20. This result gives the per cent. of acidity in terms of the lactic acid molecule. The samples of milk were collected from each cow in the morning from five to six and were titrated about ten a. m. In the interval, after a vigorous shaking, 2 c. c. of milk were taken from each sample, for the bacteriological test. The experiments commenced on the sixteenth of May and extended to the sixteenth of December. When curves were plotted and drawn for each cow, for different breeds of cows, for averages of breeds and for all the cows col-

lectively, it was discovered that individual cows varied in their own curve and from the curves of the other cows; and that the breeds markedly varied from one another. There was also indicated for every cow a marked increase during the winter months. The food and seasonal period seemed to be a controlling factor in the variation. The eleven Jerseys had an average acidity of .16 per cent. The individual Jersey showed a larger variation than the individual Holstein, indicating that the Jerseys are more susceptible to changes and have a more sensitive nervous temperament. The total average of 378 tests on twenty-five cows was precisely .17 per cent., a value which gives a fairly correct idea of the normal acidity of milk.

Some of the most marked variations in acidity were found among the Jerseys and one Guernsey. One Jersey had an acidity of .13 per cent. at the close of her lactation period and commenced the next with an acidity of .2275 per cent. Three other Jersey cows had acidities of .22, .225, and .23 respectively, as their highest extremes. These cows were apparently in perfect health. It was found that pathological conditions had an effect on the variation of acidity, as instanced during the summer by a cow with a sore foot. This cow's milk showed a drop to .135 on August 7th. After her recovery her milk acidity rose to .19 and varied afterward but little. All the results lead to the supposition that certain factors of food, conditions of health and the change of season, have their effects, which are shown in the changes of acidity in the milk. A Guernsey had the most remarkable variation of all. Her average was only .108, with variations from .075 to .13. This is the lowest extreme in acidity that has, to the writer's knowledge, been recorded.

The question arises what are the neutralization elements which we call acidity of milk? Is it the caseinogen alone, or the caseinogen combined with other compounds, that causes the reactions? It has been suggested that the amount of acidity is an indirect indicator of the amount of caseinogen present. If this be true the acidity test would be a simple and rapid determination for the approximate amount of caseinogen present. It is to the chemist that we must submit the problem for solution.

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A Reading of "The Right of Way"

○ ON the evening of January 29th, Miss Orpha Cecil Smith of the College faculty gave an entertainment in College Hall, entitled "The Right of Way," an original arrangement of Parker's novel. The audience numbered over two hundred, all of whom were much interested in and greatly enjoyed Miss Smith's interpretation of the

subject. Miss Smith was assisted by Miss Abby Hicks, who rendered two vocal solos, and by Mr. Hungerford with a violin selection. The stage decorations consisted of flowers and plants from the College greenhouse. During an intermission, Miss Smith was presented with two beautiful bouquets of roses and one of tropical plants.

The programme was as follows:

Violin Solo—Selected.....Mr. Hungerford

Part I—*In Montreal.*

- (1) "Not guilty, your Honor."
- (2) "Billy, your brother Billy."
- (3) "On the other side of Jordan."

Vocal Solo—Selected.....Miss Hicks

Part II—*In Chaudiere.*

- (1) "To save a mint, Cure."
- (2) "A sign from Heaven."
- (3) "Rosalie, Rosalie."

Vocal Solo—Selected.....Miss Hicks

Part III—*In Chaudiere.*

- (1) "Fire! Fire! Fire!"
- (2) "It is Death, my son."

G. W. D., '10.

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College Notes

MR. and Mrs. Gates, who recently returned from India, where they have been doing excellent missionary work, spoke to the students on Sunday, January tenth. Mr. Gates' plain and earnest eloquence was immensely enjoyed by the listeners. The short address by Mrs. Gates was also appreciated. It is to be hoped that we may be privileged to hear more such lectures during the coming weeks.

The short horn epidemic has reached its highest at Storrs. A daily application of Clinton-Trueman-Stoneburn eloquence, mixed with 100% pure Storrs science, will no doubt eliminate the pest.

First English student—"Would you dare hand in this paper?"

Second ditto—"Yes."

"Should you, if you had written it?"

"Humph! I should not have written it."

Mrs. Stoneburn and children arrived at Storrs January thirteenth; they will make their home in the apartment formerly occupied by Professor Graham, which has been enlarged and re-decorated.

A new mail window has been cut between the main hall and the office at the right of the office door. This convenience is very much appreciated both by those who give out the mail and those who re-

ceive it. The students now form the mail line at the left of the window, thus doing away with the blockade at the foot of the stairs.

All through the vacation Marie suffered with the toothache; perhaps that is the reason she wrote the following lines on her return:

"Lives of Seniors all remind us,
That we, too, may do as well;
And departing leave behind us
Room for other heads to swell."

The first year chemistry class has a roll-call of forty-nine names.

An illustrated lecture on forestry was given in College Hall on January 22nd by Professor Graves, of Yale, which was both interesting and instructive.

The flagpole on the campus has been let down to half its length for the winter. The color-sergeant has now become a gentleman of leisure.

Miss Mabel Edwards, of Washington, R. I., visited the College January fifteenth.

The hall clock has been moved. Now we see its familiar face just at the right of the chapel door. Perhaps, in its now more prominent position, its warning hands will have increasing power to hasten belated students and professors towards the class-room.

Dr. Dowe, of Willimantic, lectures three hours a week before the veterinary class.

The College employment bureau has on its file an ever increasing list of positions for men as managers of farms and estates. The one difficulty in filling these positions is that married men are wanted in most cases. It might be well for the College to establish a matrimonial bureau in connection with its employment bureau.

Mr. Stoneburn has received several large loads of furniture. We hope he will soon complete his furniture juggling act, so that the two seniors, who room directly beneath the above mentioned gentleman, will not have their beauty sleep disturbed by the pounding and rumbling from above.

A great improvement in the military company has been made by the equipment of the cadets with Krag rifles. These are of the magazine pattern, 1898 model, and adapted to 1906 ammunition. Knife bayonets, tan-colored belts and cartridge boxes are furnished with the rifles.

"Do you play cards?"

Botsy—"No . . . yes, I play hearts."

There seems to be a socialistic movement on foot at Storrs

headed by Cohen and Horwitz. Cohen was seen in the English class-room one morning attempting to convince Constantinoff of the beauties and advantages of socialism.

Professor Harold Dinwitty Hatfield, etc., etc., of East Hampton, says he can teach a wood-working class better than his assistant, Mr. Fitts.

Heard in the chapel on Sunday evening—"We will next have a solo by some girls."

Gamble is starting an art gallery. He recently purchased a picture of chorus girls from Pierpont for fifty cents.

The Senior ripper was prominent on the campus after the ice-storm and was much enjoyed by the students and faculty. Some have coasted rather unceremoniously down the main building steps. To illustrate; the other night, when returning from the dining-room, we heard some one saying, "Seniors can stand on slippery places," and a despairing voice from the earth answered, "Maybe they can, but I can't."

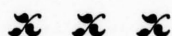
The dormitory question is taking quite a serious turn. The College is growing rapidly. There is an increase of fifty per cent. in the student body over last year and it is not at all unlikely that a similar increase will occur next year. Every dormitory is full to the muzzle and some of the students are rooming off the campus. The great question now arises, where shall we house the new men next year? It is true that the unused chicken coops as well the upper part of the piggery could be used, but a new dormitory would be more satisfactory. Here is an excellent opportunity for some ambitious American philanthropist to make himself famous and his name immortal.

One section of the Junior class gave its rhetoricals Friday evening, January fifteenth. The audience was unusually large and all listened with pleasure to the programme, which was as follows:

A Letter of Acceptance.....	N. I. Smith
A Violent Remedy.....	E. E. Jackson
The First View of the Heavens.....	N. Cohen
The Race (Ben Hur).....	E. E. Jennings
Billings of '49.....	A. J. Brundage
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He Let Her Know.....	P. B. Roth
Making an Orator.....	M. D. Wilbur
The Hippodrome Race.....	H. D. Hatfield
The Going of the White Swan.....	E. H. Forbush

The competition was keen, as the speakers for the oratorial contest to be held in June were to be chosen from this division. Miss

Whitney, Professors Clinton and Stoneburn acted as judges. After some delay, Professor Stoneburn announced the following as the successful participants: Miss Jackson, Messrs. Brundage, Forbush, Jennings, and Roth.



Old Newgate Prison

ON the western slope of a spur of the Talcott Mountain, in the town of East Granby, stands Connecticut's famous Newgate Prison. It may be reached by an hour's ride on the trolley from Windsor to Rainbow and thence a three-mile drive.

The spot is one of great interest to tourists and students of history and it is visited by a great number of people during the summer months. It is a place of great natural beauty. From the tower above the main building recently built—the former one having been destroyed by fire some ten years ago—one can get a superb view of the surrounding country.

Beneath the prison enclosure, cut in solid rock, are the shafts and passage ways of an extensive and long unused copper mine. Excavations were begun in 1707 and for many years the mining of copper was carried on under various ownerships. The original purpose, then, of these excavations was not a prison, but a mine for copper.

During the Revolution the mine was used as a place of confinement for many a hated Tory, and General Washington sent various criminals there whose bad deeds had warranted such a punishment. The following years record many hardships on the part of the prisoners, and there is said to have been bloodshed and a few thrilling escapes from their confinement.

It was my pleasure to visit this place last year. We were taken down into the mine about sixty feet deep, following the guide who had provided us with long coats and capes. These are used as a protection from the wet and dirty walls which in many places are close and very low. The first part of the descent is through a shaft twenty-five feet deep, below which there is a gradual decline, steps having been hewn out of the rock. At intervals one is compelled to walk on the slippery ledge where no steps have been made and is in danger of falling. Each person carries a kerosene torch.

Down here could be seen the places where the prisoners were compelled to spend their nights on layers of straw on the damp rocks. There could be seen also the place where some of them were fastened by chains to iron rings secured in the solid rock. There were also places in the rocks which had been hollowed out by the prisoners,

who had used small pieces of stone for the purpose. This was done by the unfortunate fellows who were fastened by chains, it being a means of whiling away the time. The hollows thus made filled with water which trickled down from above and furnished the prisoners with drinking water.

The well, the shaft where the ore was conveyed to the surface of the ground above, and the drain, through which three prisoners made their escape by crawling on their hands and knees for more than five rods, and which seemed hardly large enough to admit a small boy, were points of much interest.

In 1790, Newgate was organized as a state prison and a number of workshops were erected. In these shops the prisoners worked by day, and at night were forced down into the mine to sleep.

Here Connecticut's convicts were confined until 1828 when they were transferred to Wethersfield. G. W. D., '10.

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A Dream

ONE eve, as twilight fell, I dreamed a dream
 So strangely real,
 That even yet it lingers in my mind;
 And still I feel
 My heart thrill, when that vision I recall.

I stood upon a hill between two vales;
 And one was bright;
 If gloom was there it showed not, for the glow
 Of sunset light
 Touched everything with tints both soft and rare.

Instinctively I knew that this fair vale
 Had been my home—
 If I but would, I could return; yet I
 Was free to roam
 To right or left whichever way I chose.

Within the other dell objects were veiled
 In misty gray,
 Which slowly merged into the blackest night,
 Through which no ray
 Of sun or moon had ever shone.

Weird, phantom shapes, which I could scarcely see,
 Sped swiftly by;
And as they passed did ever call to me,
 With mocking cry
To come and follow whither they might lead.

The air was filled with perfume sweet,
 So faint and rare;
Resistlessly it lured, that I might see
 What blossoms fair
Were in such dim and misty meadows hid.

Then from the lovely vale, I turned, with all its glow
 Of sunset kiss;
A voice from out the shadows whispered me
 That all of this
By its veil-hidden treasures, was surpassed.

And though the light was dim, yet was I ware
 On every side
Of some new thing that charmed, lest I should wish
 The reflux tide
To bear me backward to the sunset vale.

Singing I onward trod the unknown way,
 And felt no fear.
The golden bars of sunset followed me,
 But though so near,
They did not tempt me to retrace my steps.

And so we restless mortals ever looking for
 Fields yet untrod;
Seeking, still find them where to-morrow calls,
 Whose treasures nod
And beckon while we follow where they lead.

Gladly, nay eagerly, we hasten, when we hear
 Our future call
Leaving to-day; its sorrows and its joys—
 Yes, one and all—
Forever in the sunset glory of the past.

S. M. T., '10.

Exchanges

THE Wyoming Student, published by the students of the University of Wyoming, is neat in appearance and is well arranged. It contains more stories than the average school paper.

The Aegis, Northfield, Vt., is a small paper but what there is of it is very good, especially the exchange column.

The Endfield Echo contains several well written stories. The simplicity of the plots, however, make them uninteresting.

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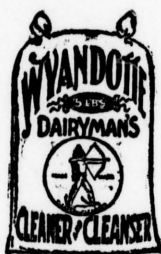
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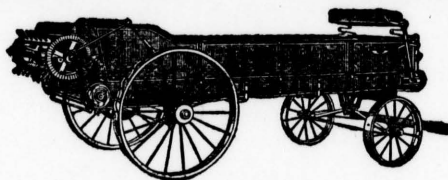
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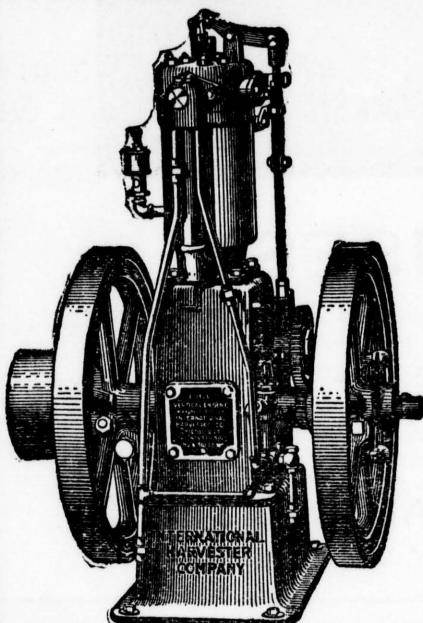
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