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WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Military Classes Are Changed

New Commandant of Cadets to Have
Weekly Inspections in the
Future

Captain Applewhite will conduct the military department in a somewhat different way than has been tried at Nevada in previous years, during the months of January and February. According to the new scheme, three days a week will be devoted to class work. The Juniors will be given theoretical instructions in field service, regulations and in the work of company officers of infantry. The Sophomores will receive instruction in infantry drill regulations, in the school of the battalion, ceremonies and combat. The Freshmen will be given infantry drill regulations in the school of company and guard duty. The regular drill hour three days each week will be given to these classes. Uniforms will not be required in the attendance of military classes.

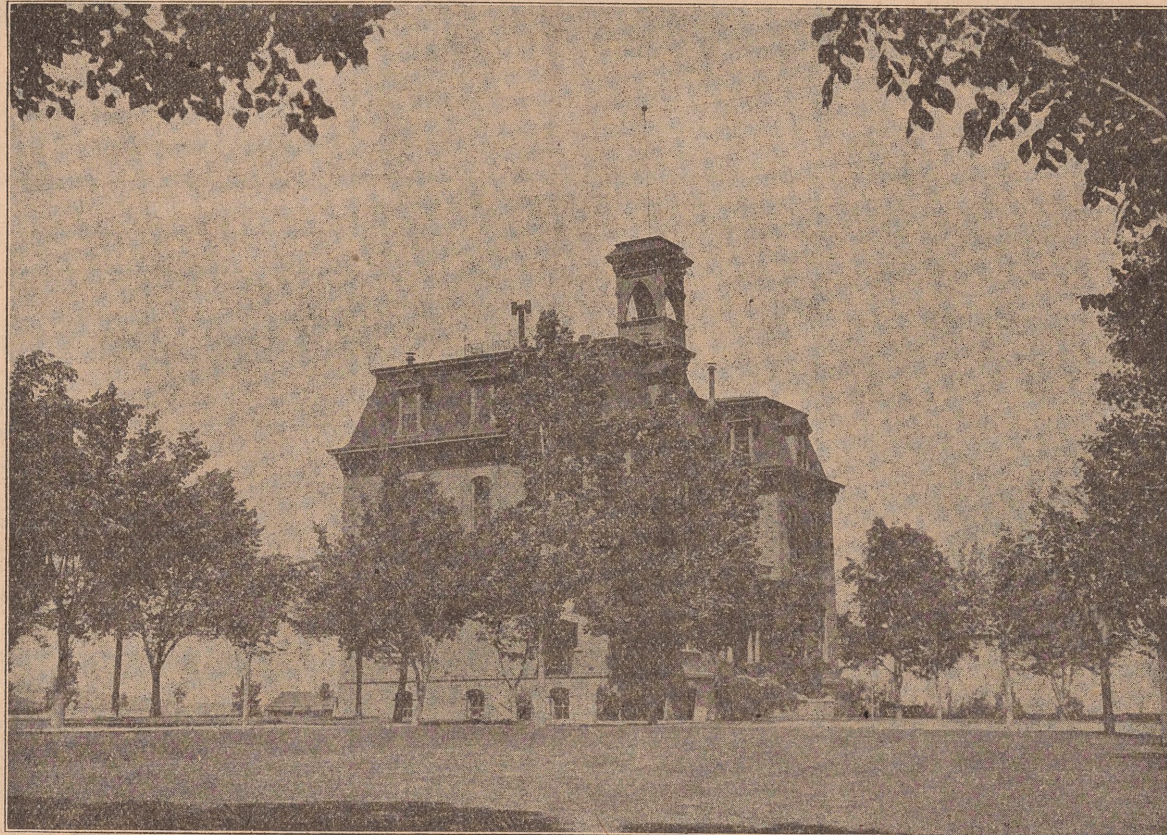
On Wednesday of each week there will be company or battalion inspection. If the weather is bad there will be manual of arms or butts rifle drill in the gymnasium. Uniforms will be required on all such days. These rules are to go into effect next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Helpenstine and son, Charles Porter, left Wednesday evening for Verdi, where they will visit for a short time before returning to their California home. The Helpenstines have been spending over a week in Reno as guests of friends here. Verdi was the home of Mrs. Helpenstine while she attended college—but then she was Miss May Porter. The present home of these former Nevadans is near Chico, where the husband is a well-known and prosperous rancher.

G. E. Nesbitt, a former student at Nevada, and who is now one of the firm of Nesbitt Bros., of Goldfield, was married on January 3rd to a Miss Ester Bidwell.

George H. Nease, M. E., '10, was married on Christmas day, 1912, to Miss Anna Darrah of Sacramento, a former Reno girl. Mr. Nease is at present in the employ of the Southern Pacific company in Reno.

Prof. Von Janinshi enjoyed his Christmas vacation in San Francisco.



MORRILL HALL—THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

AID THE ARTEMISIA; ANNUAL BOARD HAS SPIRIT

The Artemisia board wants to officially announce the opening of their great "Shower of Gold" contest. You don't have to own a baby, however, to enter this contest. All that is requested is the pep, or college spirit, necessary to hand a poem of story to one of the Artemisia board. In plain facts, we now offer a prize of five dollars to the person handing

in to us the best story or poem, before January 21, 1913. We invite everyone to enter this contest—professors included. There are no restrictions, no requirements, other than mentioned. Considering the outcome of the prize yell and song contest, which met with no results, we wish to give a hint that anyone having pep enough to write one

story will probably win the prize. Fellows, what's the use of working twenty-five hours for the university or three days, when money comes so easy? Think of it. Undoubtedly the greatest charitable undertaking ever placed before the unsophisticated public by a 'progressive and

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NEVADA EXPERIMENT STATION NEVADA FARMERS PROTECTOR

By E. A. Howes

The Agricultural experiment station at Reno is in a position to perform a new service for the agriculturists of Nevada by trying to protect growers from loss through the purchase of bad seed. It has for some time been the subject of more than indefinite suspicion that Nevada was being made the dumping ground for poor seed. By poor seed is meant impure seed, lacking in vitality. Nevada has no large seed distributing firm and the big percentage of field and garden seeds used has been ordered by catalogue through the mail. The result of these conditions was only to be expected. Prevented in their own states, by local seed control legislation, from selling poor stock, the firms would naturally welcome an opportunity to realize on stuff that would otherwise be a dead loss, and figuratively speaking, Nevada is the goat.

In the case of field seeds, where the grower is ordering in quantity, he is within his rights and is doing a sane act if he demands samples before purchasing. Or his order may state definitely that he wishes only reasonably pure seed of strong vitality. In either case he should test the germination power of the seed instead of risking loss of time and crop by sowing without such test. He may

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A need for these tests exists. For the past few weeks some tests of seed actually sold and sown in Nevada have been made. The average result to date has been 69 per cent.

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Elsie Sameth Physical Culturist

New Enthusiasm Being instilled Into
Course at the University This
Semester

Miss Elsie Sameth, Nevada's new instructor in physical culture, is on the campus and has started in work in earnest. The regular classes in Swedish and German formal work, games and folk dancing are being organized during the registration week and it is expected that no time will be lost. Miss Sameth is also laying plans for the usual "dancing on the green" during Commencement week. This feature of Nevada's entertainment for the closing week of school is rapidly becoming famous and this year it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Miss Sameth received her training as an instructor of physical culture at Columbia University and at Cornell. She comes to Nevada from Goldfield High School, where her success has been an enviable one.

McNAMARA-MILLER

Miss Norine McNamara, Normal '11, formerly one of the most popular students on the hill and author of the "Mackay Song," was married in Goldfield on January 3rd. Mr. Frank B. Miller is the happy groom, and is at present in the employ of the Pittsburg Silver Peak Mining company. The congratulations and best wishes of Norine's many friends on the hill are tendered the happy couple.

Leon Long '10, was a visitor on the Campus during the Christmas vacation. He was escorted through the grounds and buildings and expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the progress of the institution since his under-grad. days at Nevada. Long is a graduate of the School of Mines and has been following his profession in Central America. Through the columns of the Sagebrush he wishes to be remembered to his old college friends and others whom he has not been able to see while in this vicinity.

Russell Hecox, of San Jose, in the School of Mines; A. J. Quigley, of Brandy City, California, also in the School of Mines; and Miss Louise Shelby, of eKntucky, a special in the College of Arts and Sciences, are among the new students who have thus far registered this semester.

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With the coming of 1913 the Reno Commercial Club are planning for a big dance to be given at the Century Club this Friday eve, January 10th, at nine bells prompt. There are invitations out to the extent of 100 or more but the committee could not obtain a complete list of the students that the Club want to extend a further invitation.

A larger orchestra has been engaged for the evening and they have asked that the floor be especially prepared. A sumptuous supper is to be spread at a late hour. The tickets include a lady and a supper for two.

It might be remembered that the Commercial Club have extended hospitality to the students and the entire University on more than one occasion and they have not asked for the attendance but merely mention the fact that they will insure a good time to all who attend.

EXPERIMENT STATION TO PROTECT NEVADA FARMERS

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This would indicate that 31 per cent of the seed sold here was no good. Some of the samples germinated as low as 26 per cent; one was so old that it would not germinate at all. These tests will be continued all winter, and a report in the spring would make interesting reading.

It is not much trouble to enclose a small handful of garden or field seed and mail it to the department, and it may save many dollars. Even if the test is only on the few onion seeds used for table use, it may save much disappointment, even if the financial loss is small. And Nevada should be a grand place wherein to get rid of old onion seed. Growers should avail themselves of this free opportunity to protect themselves. Our neighbors over the state lines are welcome also to the use of our tests. The same invitation is open to retail dealers who handle seeds and who can thus ascertain the quality of what they buy from wholesalers—what they offer to their customers.

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A. B.

Miss Irene Browne, Normal '09, who has been teaching in the public schools at Verdi, has gone to Goldfield and will fill the position in the schools there recently held by Miss Norine McNamara.

Miss Lydia Colyer, '10, is teaching this semester in the Lovelock High School.

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EDITORIAL

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Editorials and pleas at the first of every semester in almost every college are always upon the same subject: Pay your athletic fees! The subject is so well known, the right of it has been so well established, there is so little need of urging it at Nevada that no more upon this "pay-up" subject will be said than that Nat Wilson, treasurer of the Student Body, is on hand in the comptroller's office with some brand new A. S. U. N. cards, one of which is intended for you. Remember,

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Nev. Basketball Organizes

About seventeen fellows, all basketball enthusiasts, attended a meeting Wednesday afternoon in order to organize for promoting this new college sport. The meeting was called to order by Graduate Manager Ross, and he addressed the men for a few minutes. Mr. Ross recommended that, as the ultimate places on the team could not even be guessed at this date, no captain be elected until later in the season. Practice begins tonight, and will continue throughout the season, from 7:15 until 8:15, on every week night. Every man must be in his suit at 7:15, so as to avoid any delay; playing on the floor with shoes will be absolutely forbidden. Mr. Ross wanted it understood that the talking of the team was to be done by the coach, and not by the players. A tentative schedule of games has been arranged.

Basketball will have to be played with a vim; the games will come close together and the season must be over by March 1st, in order to give baseball and track a chance.

Mr. Holaway, the new coach, was introduced. He spoke briefly and to the point. He asked for the fellows' support and was confident that Nevada can and will turn out a winning basketball team.

Geo. Curnow, Mech. Eng. '10, was a visitor on the campus during the holidays. Curnow is making good with the O. S. L. R. R. at Pocatello having acted in the capacity of foreman in the shops and other responsible positions.

"Hank" Heise, '11, who is with the North Star Mining Co. of Grass Valley, Cal., spent some time on the Campus a few days before Christmas. Hank was on his way to Carson Valley to spend Christmas with his people.

Prof. Bronson, instructor of manual training in the Mount Rose and McKinley Park schools was escorted about the Campus during one of the vacation days. Prof. Bronson was enthusiastic over the equipment of the University's many shop and machine laboratories.

Miss Katherine Lewers, of the art department, who has been spending the past few months in Honolulu, in search of health, will return to Nevada about the middle of January and will resume her duties at the University.

Prof. Mitchell Dies In Sparks

Stricken in the prime of life and in the midst of his work as city superintendent of the Sparks schools, Robert H. Mitchell, one of the distinguished educators of the state was called suddenly by death at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at his Sparks home, following an illness of only eight days. He had been taken down with pneumonia, but on Tuesday he rallied and was deemed to have the best of the disease. Yesterday he took a turn for the worse and expired in the afternoon in spite of all that medical science could do.

The death of the well-known teacher came as a grievous shock to the people of Sparks and to his many friends and co-educational workers in Carson, Reno and other parts of the state. The Sparks schools were closed and flags in the city floating at half mast testified to the sorrow and respect of the citizens.

Professor Mitchell was well-known at the University; many of the students here have been members of his high school classes. The sympathy of the whole college goes out to the bereaved family.

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Earl Hart, a former student of the University, spent a few days in Reno Christmas week. Earl was on his way to Carson City to spend Christmas with his mother.

Miss Agnes Meade, who is teaching in the Fairview school in Carson Valley, spent her vacation at her home in Reno.

E. T. George, Mech. Eng. '09 has accepted a position on the engineering staff of the Nevada Engineering Works.

Alfred Westall, the star fullback of the '07 rugby team, was a visitor on the campus just before Christmas.

Tom Smith and his brother "Cash" were both in Reno for some time during the vacation.

Raymond Spencer writes from Cornell that he likes it fine but that there is too much snow.

"Murph" Porter, a former Nevada student, was married during the holidays to Miss Peterson of Verdi.

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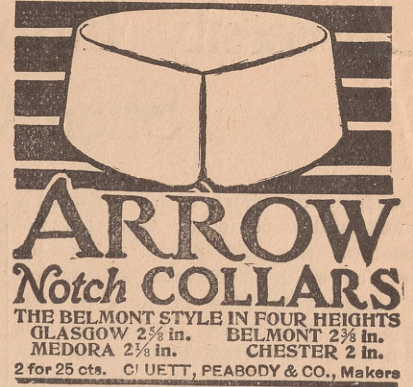
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University Introduces Farmers' Sparks High Now Has Gym Short Course

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The course is the result of enthusiastic co-operation by all the members of the agricultural college faculty, who have agreed to participate in the work for the glory of the college and to bring home to the farmers the nature of the education their sons are now receiving. It is hoped that the meeting, which of necessity can be no longer than two weeks, will result in a better understanding on the part of the farmers of what the University is attempting

to do for the good of the state and may bring about co-operation for general agricultural advancement.

Very Small Charge

The two weeks preceding Washington's birthday have been chosen as the time best suited for the farmers, and also for the reason that it may provide opportunity to arrange a visit by members of the legislature to meet with the farmers at the University.

Under the plans there will be no charge for the course beyond a registration fee of perhaps two or three dollars. Thus the farmers will gain a wide general knowledge of the present scope of a modern agricultural teaching and will be out only their expenses in coming to Reno.

Among the features of the course will be a tuberculosis autopsy upon a tubercular animal showing the effects of the disease. Another interesting feature will be a block test of slaughtered animals, showing the weights and values of different portions of the carcass of a fat and a lean steer.

Members and friends and those interested in the work of the association are invited to attend and meet the new secretary in an informal way.

No set program has been arranged, but there will be music by an orchestra and light refreshments will be served.

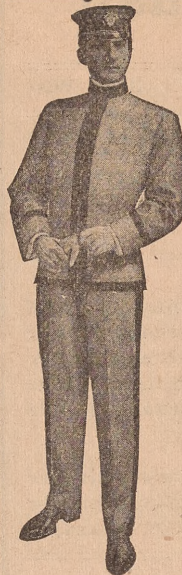
Mr. Pargellis comes to Reno from Dennison, Texas, where he had been in charge of the Dennison Y. M. C. A. since 1908. Prior to that time he had been in similar positions at Clinton, Iowa, and Pocatello, Idaho. His training for the work was received at the Y. M. C. A. training school in Chicago where he graduated in 1901.

Give Reception To Secretary

General open house and a "get acquainted" meeting will be held at the local Y. M. C. A. building tonight in the nature of a reception to the new general secretary, F. R. Pargellis, who arrived here Tuesday and who has already taken up his duties with the association.

The growing increase in interest among Sparks high school students in basketball resulted in a determined effort to secure a gymnasium in that city and the young men have rented the old Northern saloon building for that purpose. The main room has been cleared and laid out in a basketball court where the teams are now practicing daily under coaching instruction from Melvin Jepson, one of the teachers in the high school. The team has a number of games scheduled with Reno fives besides having issued challenges to several of the state high school teams from whom replies are expected.

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Reno High School Notes

The Teacher's Institute held at the High School in the week ending Dec. 20 was a huge success. Nearly three hundred teachers were in attendance and every one present surely were repaid for any trouble they went to in getting here.

ATHLETICS

On Thursday Evening, December 19 the Reno High met defeat at the hands of the Berkeley High School. The Berkeley team is one of the best teams ever seen in this city and also in many others, as they hold the championship of the California high schools. The score was 79-24. A dance was given in honor of the Berkeley team which lasted until late in the evening.

On December 27 a bunch of Reno fellows, Cusick, McCarty, Lloyd, McCubbin, Cafferetta, Caffery and Lavaega went to Carson and met the Carson All Star team. The Reno team carried away the honors with the score of 42-18. A dance followed and everyone had a swell time.

Many games are scheduled for the High School this semester. Among them are Carson, Fallon, Gardnerville, Elko, Sacramento, Berkeley, Stockton and Ely.

NOTES

At last the students of all sciences will be able to work in the laboratories for now they are ready.

Elmer Boyne will again resume his studies at High School this week.

It's about time for the Seniors to start something. Get busy '13.

The Seniors hereby issue a challenge to the faculty of the High School for a game of Basket Ball, anytime, anywhere.

Ask "Aub" McCarthy if she is "red headed."

Our Biologist A Benedict

A simple ceremony, witnessed by only a few close friends, marked the wedding of Prof. Peter Frandsen and Miss Jane E. Higham New Year's night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Mack at 829 Lake street. The knot was tied at 7 o'clock by Rev. Samuel Unsworth of the Episcopal church and was followed by a wedding supper tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Mack, who stood up with the bride and groom while the fateful words were being said.

The expected culmination of this romance is the occasion of much rejoicing among the many friends of the bride and groom of this city. No intimation as to the date had been given out, and in making it a quiet home affair the couple stole a march on their acquaintances, who had planned to help them celebrate the event. No honeymoon tour is contemplated. The future home of Mr. and Mrs. Frandsen will be at 210 Maple street.

The bride came to Reno about two years ago from Rome, N. Y., and has been connected with the kindergarten work in the city schools. The groom is one of the prominent members of the University faculty, occupying the chair of biology, which he has filled with great honor and distinction.

The Sagebrush joins students and faculty in wishing every happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frandsen.

Bugs Lab. Gains Models

The Biological Laboratories in Hatch Station have increased their equipment by the addition of several anatomical models. These will be used by classes in zoology both in laboratory work and for illustrative material in lectures. They consist of models of all classes in the animal kingdom from the lowest to the highest forms.

In addition to these models the biological labs have increased their equipment by the addition of a few more compound microscopes. This will allow of a few more students in these courses but, on account of the lack of room, the department is not able to register all who desire to take these courses.

Furnish Power For Campus

Owing to the extreme cold weather the local power company's ditch lines are frozen up causing a shut down of everything except the Reno business district. The power plant in the electrical building was brought into service at midnight on Monday and will carry the heating plant and lighting load on the campus until the city service is resumed.

Miss Blanche Taylor, well known on the campus, will be married in Oakland, Cal., today, January 8, 1913, to Mr. Fred Prosser. They will reside in San Francisco.

Miss Ethel Webster, Normal, '11, will teach the fourth grade at the Orvis Ring school during the next year. Miss Webster is the successor of her aunt, Miss Stella Webster, who has accepted a position in the schools in Los Angeles.

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Comptroller Busy With Reports Western Union Makes Changes

The office of comptroller of the University is busy these days finishing up the compilation of the biennial statement of the affairs of the University. The law requires that this report contain a record of all moneys under the control of the Board of Regents and that it be submitted to the Governor of the State. The Board of Regents are in control of the finances of several of the departments on the hill which do not belong to the University proper; these include departments of Weights and Measures, Food and Drugs, the State Hygienic Laboratories and the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station. The University has been charged with the employment of a too large number of instructors in proportion to the number of students enrolled. If the list of employees of the University is reviewed with the knowledge that it contains the employees of all departments whose finances are controlled by the Board of Regents and is not confined strictly to the faculty of the University proper, an erroneous impression will perhaps be corrected.

PRIZE ESSAYS

The committee to whom was assigned the decision upon the merits of the papers contesting for the economic prizes offered by Messrs. Hart Schaffner and Marx, of Chicago, for 1912, has unanimously agreed upon the following award:

CLASS A. 1. The First Prize of One Thousand Dollars to Albert H. Leake, 170 Glengrove Ave., Eglinton, Ont., Canada, Inspector of Technical Education for Ontario, for a paper entitled "Industrial Education, its Problems, Methods, and Dangers."

2. The Second Prize of Five Hundred Dollars to Harry Edwin Smith, A. B., A. M., Depauw University, 1906, Ph. D., Cornell University, 1912, Instructor in Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., for a paper entitled "The United States Federal Internal Tax History from 1861 to 1871."

3. Honorable mention to Glover D. Hancock, A. B., William Jewell College, 1898, A. M., 1899, Ph. D., University of Wisconsin, 1908, Professor of Economics and Political Science, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, for a paper entitled "History of the National Banking System in the United States."

CLASS B. No papers were deemed worthy of award.

In deciding upon the relative merits of the papers, the Committee is not responsible for the concrete opinions expressed by the contestants.

J. Laurence Laughlin
J. B. Clark
Henry C. Adams
Horace White
Edwin F. Gay

Chicago, November 25, 1912.

Miss Agnes Ramsey, Normal '09, who has been teaching in the Boyington school, Washoe county, has resigned at that place, to take the Anderson school, near Moana, which has been vacated by Miss Ethel Webster.

An older member of the faculty to a new member of the faculty, on the campus for the first time: "Are you a freshman and would you like to take cooking?"

Case Curtin, an old Nevadan and rugby man and who is now following the mining game in southern Nevada, spent the holidays in Reno.

General Supt. Gaunt and Div. Com. Supt. Dodge Receive Promotion

Effective January 1, C. H. Gaunt, General Superintendent, has been appointed General Manager and H. F. Dodge, Division Commercial Superintendent appointed Assistant General Manager of the Pacific Division. Heretofore the affairs have been directed from New York, but business has increased to such a volume that it is no longer possible to handle it satisfactorily from so great a distance.

The new positions will carry increased authority covering all important matters, and it is thought will greatly expedite the service and strengthen the organization. In other divisions throughout the United States similar changes and promotions will be made at the same time. Mr. Belvidere Brooks, the present General Manager in New York, will assume the position of vice president.

Mr. Gaunt came to the Pacific Coast two years ago together with Mr. Dodge, the latter devoting his time to development of the Commercial Department. Under the able management of these men, the Company's business has increased beyond all expectations and the promotions received are a just recognition of their ability.

Mech. Dept. Makes Test

During the holidays the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University conducted some important locomotive tests for the Southern Pacific Co. The locomotives in question were equipped with a device known as a super-heater which raises the temperature of the steam to nearly 300 degrees above normal. With the use of such highly superheated steam only two-thirds as much steam is required to produce the power for hauling trains. This saving in water also makes a saving in fuel oil. From the remarkable performance obtained it appears probable that in the future all locomotives will be so equipped. While the maintenance cost is somewhat increased by the high temperatures used, it will be more than offset by fuel saving. The locomotives were of the Pacific type and used for fast passenger service. The tests were conducted by Professor J. G. Scrugham, P. E. Raymond, '15 and C. Browning. It is probable that some similar tests will be made on coal burning engines on the Oregon Short Line out of Salt Lake City.

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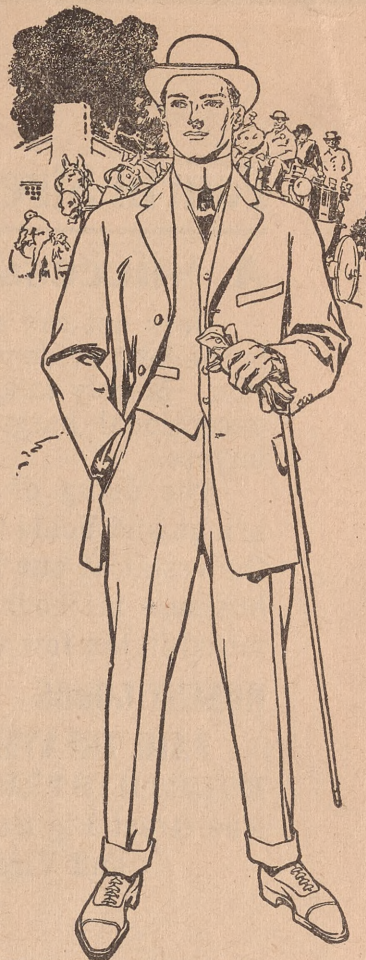
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Boston, Texas and Nevada,
Where the roasting turkey sings
To the mince pie in the larder.
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C. N. Miller, Fairport, visited Reno during vacation and incidentally did some boosting for the land of the Golden Goose.



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