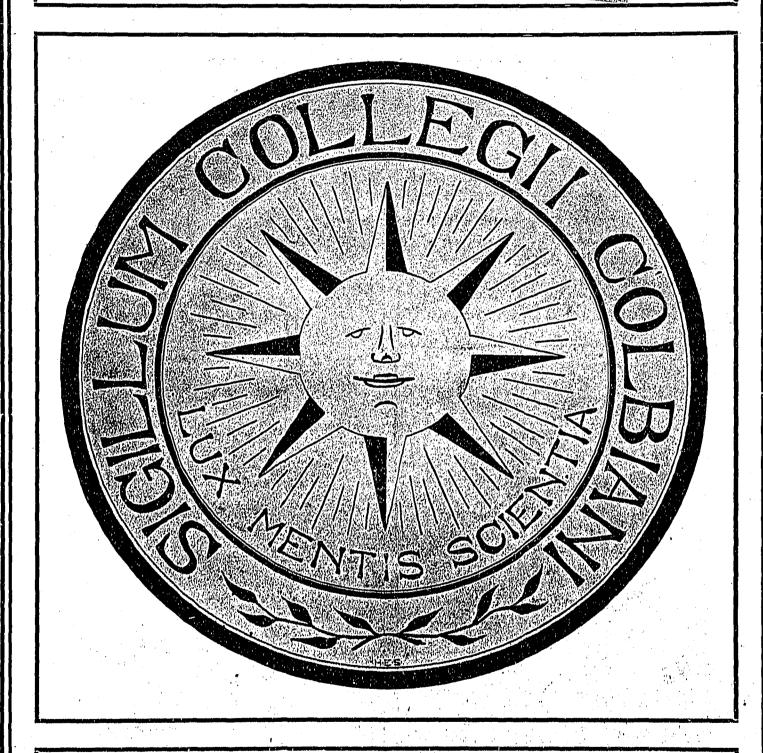
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MAINE-COLBY INDOOR DUAL MEET.

In the second indoor meet with Maine, at Orono, Colby was defeated by a score of 38½ to 30½. The meet was close throughout. Not until the final relay race, was the outcome of the meet certain. The stars of the meet were Nardini, '13, Wood, '14, and Skolfield of Maine. Nardini won first place in the broad jump. 25 yard dash, and 25 yard low hurdles. Skolfield took first in the 25 yard high hurdles, second in the broad jump, and third in the shot put. Wood of Colby sprang a surprise in the high jump, by clearing the bar at 5 feet 7¾ inches, thus smashing the college record.

The summaries:

Broad Jump—Won by Nardini (C); second, Skolfield (M); third. Herrick (C)-Rogers (M) tied. Distance 19 feet 6 inches.

25 Yard Dash—Won by Nardini (C): second, Deering (M); third. Good (C); Time, 3 3-5 seconds.

28 Yard High Hurdles—Won by Skolfield (M); second, Morse (M); third, St. Onge (M). Time, 4 3-5 seconds.

Shot Put—Won by Shepard (M); second, Bailey (M); third, Skolfield (M). Distance, 38.9 feet.

25 Yard Low Hurdles—Won by Nardini (C); second, Washburn (M); third, Royal (C). Time 3 3-5 seconds.

Running High Jump—Won by Wood (C); Herrick (C), second; Worden (M), third. Height 5 feet 73/4 inches.

668 Yard Relay—Maine: Folger, Donahue, Rogers, Deering, defeated Colby: Adams. Goldthwaite, Mills, Nardini. Time, 1 minute 14 4-5 seconds.

1336 Yard Relay—Colby, Yeaton, Good, Small, Bowen, defeated Maine: Littlefield, Morris, McAlary, Deering. Time, 2 minutes 42 seconds. Maine forfeited for failure to pick relay.

4692 Yard Relay—Maine: Lowner, Hosmer, Power, Houghton, defeated Colby: Kennedy, Reynolds, Pratt, Cates. Time, 12 minutes 26 seconds.

LIFE-WORK TALK.

The third talk in the Life-Work series was given Tuesday evening in the Young Men's Christian Association room by Dr. Frederick C. Thayer, of Waterville, on Medicine as a Life-Work. An audience of about eighty-five Colby men listened very attentively to a most interesting and instructive paper in which the doctor briefly touched upon the history and progress of the medical profession and emphasized the importance and nobleness of the work. He said that the study of medicine was based entirely upon scientific facts and that it should be considered distinctively a profession and not a trade. He emphasized medicine as an humane and highly scientific calling, and said that if a man entered upon it as a life work for the money he could get out of it, he would do better to devote his time to something eles.

In dealing with the progress made in exterminating typhoid and yellow fever germs he paid a high tribute to Dr. Joseph Baron Lister of England, whom he called a pioneer in the medical profession. As to the choosing of the profession for a life work, the dactor stated that although there were many men entering this phase of activity, yet there was always a place for men with the proper intellectual qualifications; and he stated further that the profession provided sufficient financial reward for a comfortable living. He closed his talk by urging those who anticipated the pursuit of this profession not to let monev tempt them into a wrong use of their powers, "For," said he, "riches alone may win the battle, but lose the campaign."

The annual election of Y. M. C. A. officers took place last Tuesday evening after the Life-Work Talk. Lester A. Keyes, '13, was elected president for the coming year. He has taken a prominent part in other activities, being a member of the varsity track team since his freshman year and an associate editor of the Oracle. The other officers elected were: Vice-President, Andrew Young, '13; Secretary, Frank T. Gillingham, '14; and Treasurer, Robert E. Owen, '14.

INTERFRATERNITY BOWLING LEAGUE.

Three matches were rolled in the Interfraternity Bowling League during the past week. On Thursday the Zetes defeated the Dekes; on Saturday the Dekes came back and beat the D. U's; and on Tuesday the A. T. O's out-rolled the Phi Delts. This leaves the Phi Delts leading the league with the Dekes second. The order of the lower teams, however, has completely changed, Delta Upsilon dropping from third to last place, and Zeta Psi and Alpha Tau Omega each moving up one place.

Standing:			
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Phi Delta Theta	6	3	667
Delta Kappa Epsilon	5	4	556
Zeta Psi	4	4	500

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MUSICAL CLUBS.

Alpha Tau Omega

Delta Upsilon

By action taken last spring the various musical organizations of the college were combined under one name, The Colby College Musical Clubs. Of this organization, R. H. Lord, '12, is President; E. H. Cole, '12, Secretary; W. J. Rideout, '12, Treasurer; and Prof. H. P. Little, the Faculty Advisor. W. J. Rideout, '12, is Manager of the Clubs; I. L. Cleveland, Leader of the Glee Club; P. J. Doyle, Leader of the Mandolin Club; Geo. W. Pratt, Leader of the Orchestra; W. L. Hardy, Leader of the Band; L. A. Keyes, Assistant Manager.

Tickets for the Waterville concert, Tuesday, March 19, may be obtained of members of the Clubs and in the Women's Division from Miss Cummings, Miss Gilpatrick, Miss Holbrook, Miss Gardiner, and Miss Soule.

Prices, 35 and 50 cents. Tickets may be checked at Hawker's commencing Saturday morning.

MYSTERY?

A new case has recently come before the police courts of the college more serious even than the recent scandal over the theft of a mince pie. It has been observed that a certain small pock or button has developed upon certain freshmen. The disease frequently breaks out in the fall of the year, and the patients recover at the fraternal hospitals. A second attack is so unusual that we cannot pass over the recent outbreak without notice, especially as the trouble does not seem to be contagious but rather carried in each case by the craftiness of certain parties.

The sleuths of the police department have been at work on the case since the outbreak. They feel that it is not so simple as it appears on the surface; but rather that it must be traced to distant sources for its origin.

The first tangible piece of evidence was a blue flag which appeared in North College, bearing the inscription "Big Eight." It seems that this was the token of a certain organization. This case may be passed by as it failed to create the impression necessary to produce the small pocks or buttons.

The next occurrence of any trouble was more open. The more suggestive insignia of "Lambda Phi Upsilon" was chosen. Still nothing happened, and the high-sounding organization became a mere common club.

At last, however, an inspired genius appeared upon the scene. Quietly and stealthily the plot was laid, the Sphinx was formed, and her riddle placed before the college world. Everything was kept secret; until one day bursting forth, her votaries became prominent as politicians. The plot had worked. The day was won. The purpose was accomplished.

The small pocks or buttons have solved the mystery of the Sphinx, but in turn their appearance has created a mystery which still baffles our police.

WOMEN'S DIVISION.

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Alice Beckett, '13, has left college for the rest of the year.

Mrs. George Leland of Dorchester, Mass., and Miss Gertrude Leland of Eastport, were the guests of Miss Ethel Ward Friday.

Mis Marie Saunders of Calais spent Friday and Saturday with Jessie Ross, '12.

Eva Macomber, '13, has been appointed

a delegate to the Athletic Conference at Smith.

Mrs. S. H. Ward of Hallowell was the guest of her daughter, Ethel Ward, '12, last week.

Idella Farnham, '14, has been ill for several weeks.

Marjorie Meader, '14, has left college for the present on account of ill health.

CAMPUS CHAT.

A dancing party was held at the Delta Kappa Epsilon house on Monday evening.

The Musical Clubs are to give a concert in Hallowell on Friday evening, March 22.

The date of the Good Will High School —Waterville High School debate has been set as March 22.

The organization of a Republican Club has finally been completed. It is the purpose of the club to study the various candidates for the presidency. During the year several prominent speakers will lecture before the club.

The officers of the new organization are: President, E. C. Marriner, '13; Vice-President, L. E. Warren, '14; Secretary, A. A. Knight, '12; Treasurer, R. E. Johnson, '14; Executive Committee, R. E. Baker, L. E. Arey, A. L. MacGhee, H. W. Knight, and R. E. Owen.

Edwin Howard Greggs, the famous lecturer, will be at the college on March 15. Dr. Greggs is one of the best platform speakers in the United States, and he is well qualified to speak upon his subject, "The Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare's Ethical Awakening." It will be well worth while to attend this lecture at the Baptist Church, Friday evening.

The regular meeting of the Athletic Council was held last Monday evening. No business of importance was settled. The football manager reported upon the choice of a football coach. He was instructed to obtain more detailed information, before the Council would make any definite move.

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"We are all islands, shouting lies back and forth to each other over seas of misunderstanding."

Last week through a typographical error, THE ECHO announced the "25 Yard High Jump" as one of the events of the indoor meet with Maine. Colby's jumpers did not quite reach that mark, but they did set a new record for the college.

Now that the smoke has rolled away from the battle over the recent elections in the Athletic Association, it may not be inappropriate to consider the harm done by such fights. "If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." This text states briefly and emphatically an old truth. Last Tuesday this college divided upon the issue of an election. Scarcely a vote cast was the result of reflection upon the merits or deserts of the candidates. The men in the campus fraternities lined up against the men in the off-the-campus fraternities, who were backed by the non-fraternity men. was a case of college politics, pure and

simple. That the members of the various fraternities should be willing to let a supposed honor for their society stand ahead of all other considerations is bad enough; but that the non-fraternity men should let themselves be buncoed into being organized into societies which the fraternities can use as catspaws to pull the political chesnuts out of the fire, is disgusting.

Hi diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle, The cow jumped over the moon,

The little non-frats became paws of the cats.

But the frats ran away with the spoon.

"Just a line to say that I think you did remarkably well here in your Dual Meet. The fact that the score stood $28\frac{1}{2}$ to $25\frac{1}{2}$ before the relays speaks for itself. I really did not think that it would be so close."

This letter from Coach Smith of the Maine track team to Coach Adams is indicative of the treatment received by Colby at the hands of the Maine management and students. When Nardini found that he had left his shoes in Waterville, the Maine coach himself took the trouble to find a good fitting pair of jumping shoes for him. The spirit shown by the Maine officials in awarding the relay to Colby on Maine's failure to touch off is also to be Not every college has the sportsmanship to render a decision against itself at the possible cost of a meet. chivalrous attitude accounts in a large measure for the cordial relations between Colby and the University of Maine.

Last week THE ECHO predicted the formation of a Student Council. We do not like to be pessimistic or to grumble, and do not imagine that it will do any good to say anything. Yet so long as THE ECHO is supposed to discuss college matters, it seems as if we should say something. Not to hurt anybody's feelings, it is our frank opinion that the failure to form a Council is to be regretted.

It is the habit for some of the fellows in college to sit back and grumble about the evils of college politics. It is just such men who lack the nerve to get out and fight with the weapons at hand. When, as in the present instance, those men are asked to go ahead and mend matters, they quit at the first sign of opposition. Neglect, lack of interest, fear of good results, or absolute incompetence must be assigned as the reason why a movement meeting with the general approbation of the college has failed. That the man to whom the leadership was given lacked the spirit and push even to invite all the fraternities to appoint delegates, is characteristic of the way the whole proposition has been handled.

The apparent failure of the scheme is unfortunate; but even now it is not too late to establish a successful Council.

MOCK TRIAL.

Last Thursday Bob Baker was tried for stealing a mince pie out of Mrs. Oppenheimer's pantry. From the start, he got nothing but injustice. To begin with the jury lacked one of being a full baker's Then again, \mathbf{M} iss Starlight. dozen. piqued by an unsuccessful affair of the heart, took a woman's way of settling ac-Moreover, although conducting counts. himself in a straightforward and gentlemanly manner, the prisoner was subject to a torrent of abuse from attorney Rideout, who puffed and exploded like a reglar Sergeant Buzfuz. The persecution went too far, however, when it attempted to bribe the jury, and a new trial has been ordered.

W. A. Tracy, '14, has gone home to attend the annual town meeting at Cary. Mr. Tracy is second selectman of Cary.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Harold E. Donnell, ex-'12, to Miss Mildred L. Ayer of Liberty.

FREEBOOTERS STILL AT LARGE.

EAST VASSALBORO DEVASTED-ROVERS CARRY AWAY A WEEK'S SUPPLY.

[N. B. In the absence of Miss Betsy Bellevue, who writes our society news, the following story was covered by our Marine Reporter. Ed.]

On a special barque manned by twentytwo of the luckiest dogs in college, the Colby Rovers set sail from City Square last Saturday afternoon to howl defiance in the teeth of the cantankerous elements. Warmly wrapped in top coats and smiles, Dr. Grover, Dr. Roberts, and the two mates preserved order in the cabin, while a rough gang of sailors in the forecastle plotted mutiny, and a pack of sea-dogs yelped about the mizzen-mast. Under a spanking breeze, the craft was soon making twenty knots an hour, and would, indeed, be now well on its way to the Spanish Main, had not the pilot inadvertently steered his barque too close to the peaceful hamlet of East Vassalboro. But for this piece of nautical carelessness, my yarn had never been spun.

Lo, when the grisly pirates sighted the twinkling lights of the little village, with wild shouts they swarmed on deck, throttled the captain, and forced the pilot to steer the craft to port. Armed to the teeth, they clambered down the ladders, and with rough gallantry assisted their captives to descend.

The object of their sally was none other than the Mermaid Inn, long noted for its crisp roast pig and sparkling Madeira, but now masquerading under the name of Grange Hall. Vengefully they stormed into the big banquet room—just in time to discover the good wives of the neighborhood busily preparing for the entertainment of the Exiled King of Portugal.

It were mockery for me to attempt to describe the splendour of the scene! In the ruddy but fitful light of a score of

flambeaux there gleamed the trappings of I know not how many a forgotten knight. From the rough-hewn oaken timbers overhead depended marvellous festoons of filmy, oriental silks; while underneath, in regal luxury, an endless array of meat and drink saluted the eye. Curiously enough, the good women of the country-side had fashioned a cake upon whose expansive white mantle they had embroidered in blue frosting the all-significant letters, C-O-L-B-Y. Even as one who finds himself clothed suddenly with an unquestioned authority, this cake seemed to wield a graceful but absolute command over two long brigades of sweet-meats stretching down the hall on either side.

Needless to say, our dare-devillish buccaneers, the Colby Rovers, overcame in short order the feeble resistance offered by the luckless villagers, and without further ado assailed the royal feast. The first to suffer were a host of little oysters who were discovered sturdily swimming in their native element. Then the pirates depleted platter upon platter of the king's beef, and lavished a world of dainties (which they thought too delicate for their own warlike constitutions) upon their captive maidens.

While the people of the tavern stood by in consternation and dismay, the pillagers repaired to the hall above, where they shortly succeeded in impressing into their service a fiddler, and with him his companion, a man exceedingly adept at picking chords on the spinnet. Soon the revellers were wafted about the room to the barbaric strains of the Druid's Prayer, and under its dulcet harmonies were stirred to many a deed of lofty courtesy, little expected from such roisterous natures as theirs. Quicksteps, hornpipes, minuets, and mazurkas were tripped with elfin lightness, the candles burned lower and lower, but pirates and maidens sped on in glorious unconcern—

When a sudden stacatto of hoofs tore

the air; then a clanking of spurs on the hostelry stair. "'S death, my lord Mortimer, devillish queer to find you, and ; cur gang, and your captives still here! There's a party that's scouring the whole country round! There's a price on your head! It's all up if you're found!" What confusion then reigned in the revellers' ranks! What a flying of slippers and flurry of shanks! The spinnet man skipped through a hole in the wall. The fiddler followed him, fiddle and all. "Not a word," whispered Mortimer, pallid as death. "Douse the flambeaux and candles, my good lord Montieth. Then hustle these beauteous damsels so sweet, down twenty-three stairs and out-into the street."

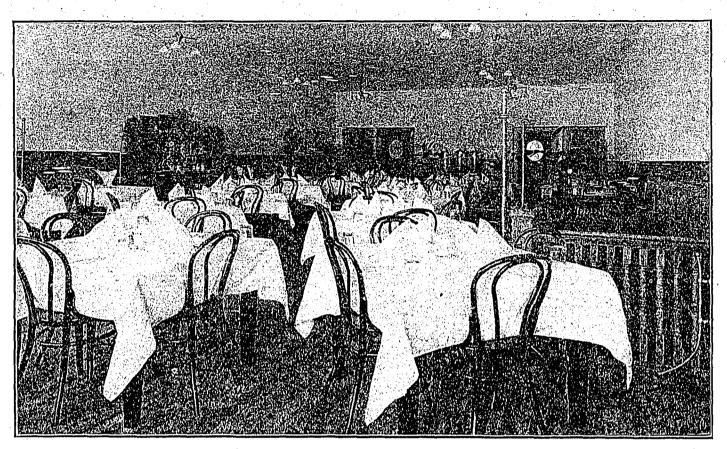
* * * The old Orinoko lay anchored close by, a-swashing its sides in the eel-grass and rye.* O'er its ropes now stepped gingerly fifty trim feet. T'was the pleasantest feature of all this retreat. The anchor was lifted, the sails were unfurled; the Rovers once more their mustachios twirled. And now on the deep, in the wireless tower, clicked the message, "All's well if you're home on the hour." (I'm aware that this sure puts Marconi in wrong. It is almost dead sure to get me before long. So I'll pull back the curtain for one parting peep, and disclose the bold grangers—but not fast asleep. When toothpicks are dollars and matches are dimes, it's a good bet that something is causing hard times. How fondly Jim cuddles five cards in his fist! Pray, what are they playing? It's surely not whist. Good heavens, can this horrible story be true? I wouldn't have believed it—now, really, would you?)

*If you'll tell me a word I can use in this place, I'll accept the term gladly, a smile on my face.

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That some of the non-fraternity "leaders" are trying hard to form some sort of an apology for a secret society or club.

That the Greggs' lecture will be worth while.

That the Musical Clubs will be here with the goods on March 19th.

That it takes backbone to organize anything.

That Colby is proud of her track team.

That a Student Council could run a college smoker.

That the seats grew hard before the mock trial was over.

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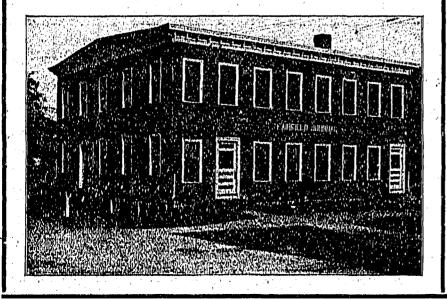
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