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INHERITANCE TAX

Bill Which Will Mean Much for University Is Introduced

The Measure Is Passed Through the Lower House and Awaits the Senate's Action

House bill number 78, which was introduced by representative Mulalley of Latah county, has passed the lower branch of the State Legislature. The bill provides a tax on inheritances for the benefit of the University. Missouri has a similar tax on inheritances for the benefit of the Missouri State University and it has given entire satisfaction. The bill passed the House with but little opposition. It is not known as yet whether it has passed the Senate.

The following account of the passage of the bill by the House and its provisions, which is taken from the Idaho Daily Statesman, will be of much interest to friends of the University.

"In the passage of H. B. No. 78, yesterday Mulalley made the modest little boast that the bill, which he had introduced, was the first one of the session tended to produce instead of to spend the revenues of the state.

"The bill provides a tax on inheritances, for the benefit of the State University. All bequests to charitable or other untaxed corporations, are to be free from the provisions of the bill, whatever the amount of the bequest. On bequests up to \$25,000 for the whole estate, the widow or minor child may have \$10,000 free from tax, 1 per cent tax above that; parent or adopted child, 1 per cent tax on sums above \$4000; a brother, sister, son-in-law or daughter-in-law, a \$2000 exemption, 1 1/2 per cent on all sums over \$1500; second cousins, a 4 per cent tax on sums above \$1000; strangers in blood, or relatives more distant than second cousins, a 5 per cent tax on sums above \$500. When the market value of the property or interest exceeds \$25,000, the rate of the tax upon such excess shall be as follows: Upon all in excess of \$25,000 and up to \$50,000, one and a half times the primary rate; upon all in excess of \$50,000 and up to \$100,000, two times the primary rate; upon all in excess of \$100,000 and up to \$500,000, two and a half times the primary rate; upon all in excess of \$500,000 three times the primary rate. To illustrate:

"In the case of a widow inheriting \$600,000, she would have an exemption of \$10,000. She would then pay as follows:

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| 1 per cent on \$15,000 | \$ 150 |
| 1 1/2 per cent on \$25,000 | 375 |
| 2 per cent on \$50,000 | 1 000 |
| 2 1/2 per cent on \$400,000 | 10 000 |
| 3 per cent on \$100,000 | 3 000 |

Total \$14 525
"If such a fortune should go to some distant heir, there would be only \$500 exemption, the primary

rate would be 5 per cent and the figures would run as follows:

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| 5 per cent on \$24,500 | \$1 225 |
| 7 1/2 per cent on \$25,000 | 1 875 |
| 10 per cent on \$50,000 | 5 000 |
| 12 1/2 per cent on \$400,000 | 50 000 |
| 15 per cent on \$100,000 | 15 000 |

Total \$73 100

TO AID IDAHO UNIVERSITY

Bill for Bond Issue of \$120,000 May Turn Trick

Direct Taxation Can Not Be Invoked to Supply Funds for Building Purposes

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 24.—As narrated in this correspondence, the university people found themselves in a dilemma over the bill by Mulalley providing for a tax of three-quarters of a mill for the purpose of raising money for rebuilding the main building destroyed by fire last year. It was found the supreme court had indirectly decided that money raised by direct taxation could not be used for building purposes. The executive committee of board of regents think they have got over that little piece of difficulty, their plan being incorporated in the bill introduced by Mulalley. It provides for a short term bond issue of \$120,000, to be paid off by a levy of three-quarters of a mill.

Of these bonds, \$50,000 is to be issued in September next and \$70,000 in September, 1908. They are to run two years, but may be paid at the end of six months. It is intimated the tax this year will take care of the first issue of \$50,000 next January and that the next issue will be taken up a year later.

The issue was divided because the bonding limit of the state is so nearly reached that no more could be issued this year; but an issue of \$50,000 Normal school bonds is to be retired during the year and that will make room for the other issue for the university.

Of this \$120,000, the sum of \$20,000 is for miscellaneous purposes, leaving \$100,000 for construction. There is another bond issue of \$65,000 to be made under a separate bill. This, with some \$40,000 on hand, will make a total of some \$205,000 available, which will complete the main building with the exception of one wing, and it is thought they may be able to crowd that in by cheapening the construction somewhat.—Spokesman Review.

Poor Vaccine Victims

An order issuing from the military department last week struck terror to the hearts of those who had been vaccinated and were cherishing hope of getting out of drill on the credit of sore arms. The order was simply that those who wished to be excused from drill on the score of vaccination disabilities must produce a physician's certificate. There have been many evidences of a new regime in the military department this year, but few have brought chagrin to indolent drill-fighters as has the latest command.

A fortunate toast—"Here's to our parents and teachers. May they never meet."—Ex.

CATALOGUE ISSUED

University Catalogue for 1906-7 with Announcements for 1907-8 Ready This Week

Shows Broadened Curriculum, Growth of the Library, and Increased Registration

The new University Catalogue for 1906-1907 with announcements for 1907-1908, will be issued this week from the office of the Idaho Post, Moscow, Idaho. The catalogue contains 148 pages, which makes it slightly larger than that issued last year. Much material of interest to the students appears for the first time in readily accessible form.

The pleasing fact is announced that the total number of books now in the University library is 8000. Of course this is not a satisfactory size for the library, and books are being constantly purchased in order to bring the library up to its rightful standard of efficiency, but 8000 represents a very desirable progress, when it is considered that the fire of last March burned every book which the University library at that time contained. The collection of government publications which, before the fire, numbered 5000, has been almost entirely replaced. Of the books now owned, 1300 have come to the University as gifts.

The catalogue shows that the curriculum has widened to a considerable degree since 1905-6. One of the most important additions is a four year course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Domestic Economy. The requirements for admission are the same as for the regular B. S. course. Throughout the four years the candidate for a B. S. degree in Domestic Economy has her work practically all prescribed. The usual amount of English and Mathematics is required in the freshman and sophomore years. There the student parts entirely from cultural courses except for three credits each in Psychology and Education in her senior year. Various courses in Domestic Economy take 34 credits in the junior and senior years, and the candidate is allowed to choose electives to the extent of 9 credits in her senior year.

Another interesting addition is a course in Library Apprentice work, given by Miss Sweet, and taking three hours a week through two semesters. Such a course is, perhaps, the beginning of a more extended instruction in library work. More important, however, than this course are the courses which Prof. Morley is giving in Philosophy. This is the first instruction given at the University in Psychology, Logic, Ethics, and kindred subjects. The enrollment in the different classes has fully justified the introduction of the courses into the curriculum.

The most surprising facts contained in the catalogue concern the enrollment, especially of preparatory students, although the enrollment in the college gives food for interesting

reflection. The total number of students registered reaches 363. Of this number 231 are college students and 132 preps. Thirty-one per cent of the college students are from Moscow. Boise has a registration of twelve per cent of the total registration in the college departments. Weiser, Idaho Falls and Lewiston are represented by delegations of eight each. Five students come from Portland, five from Spokane, and five from Wardner. Grangeville sends seven, and four register from Nampa. In the preparatory department, Moscow has 45 per cent of the students, as compared with 31 per cent in the college. This condition is significant in view of the fact that, if there were no preparatory department the 60 prep students from Moscow would be attending the Moscow High School, which would then probably develop into an excellent four year high school. Besides the Moscow students there are 17 students in the prep school from Boise, Lewiston, Grangeville, Nampa, Palouse, Wn., and Colfax, Wn., all of which towns have four-year high schools. By a reasonable estimate only 33 out of the 95 prep students above the first year come from towns which do not afford a four-year high school training.

FOOT BALL RULES

Some Recent Minor Changes

The governing board of foot ball has made some minor but not radical changes in the game for the coming year. Instead of losing the ball on an attempted forward pass which results in a failure, the team shall lose fifteen yards and retain possession of the ball. This change will encourage the use of the forward pass in-home territory. The second change consists in making the halves thirty-five minutes each as they were under the old game two year ago. This, it is hoped, will result in less tie games, which are always most unsatisfactory for both teams concerned. The New York Tribune in commenting on the action of the committee says: "The committee was as conservative this year as it was radical last, and the best interests of the game have been conserved."—Ex.

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To the feed, with their candles,
come the girls from about,
And if a footstep is heard on the
stairs or the hall,
In a moment have vanished feed,
girls, lights and all.

QUARANTINE IS RAISED

Kappa Sigma Fraternity Is Released After a Week's Seclusion

A Very Mild Form of Small Pox Has Visited Moscow During the Last Few Days

A happier crowd than the one that came from the Kappa Sigma house last Thursday few have seen. Several of the members of the fraternity said that their week's incarceration seemed like a month or more. "Rough housing" and its kindred sports were indulged in very heavily for the first few days. But this soon became antiquated. Later base ball became the means for passing away the weary hours, and as a result some of the players became as tanned as if they had been out in the mid-summer's heat.

Only one of the Kappa Sigma members had the small-pox. He had it in a very light form. He has been removed from the fraternity house and the house has been well fumigated by the city health officials.

The Kappa Phi Alpha fraternity has been quarantined the past week. Several of the members have had a very mild form of small-pox. At present they are all about well. It will be only a few days until the quarantine is raised.

One would have thought that one of Ringling's side shows was in town when he gazed at the decorated Kappa Sigma house last week. All the trees in the yard as well as a large portion of the house was profusely ornamented with yellow bunting. An extremely large smallpox germ, about four by six feet square, was hung over the front door. It is said that this is the only small-pox germ that has ever been seen by the local physicians; at least the Moscow physicians have never seen one nearly so large publicly exhibited.

Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy has been reduced to an inferior position by the new method studied out by the members of the K. S. & K. P. fraternities during their period of quarantine. With a blast from a score of rusty foot ball horns the Kappa Phi men stationed upon the top of their house made a deafening noise to the Kappa Sigma men. This was interpreted by the latter as meaning "All's well; how are you?" An answer with as much gusto was received in a few seconds, and the marvelous new system of wireless telegraphy was proclaimed to Moscow and the rest of the universe.

Kappa Sigma's Entertained

The members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity were entertained at the dormitory last Friday evening. Refreshments were served. Several musical numbers were rendered by the young ladies of the dormitory. Later in the evening the college yells were given with the old time college spirit.

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ARGONAUT ELECTION

It might be well to call the attention of the students to the fact that it is only a few more days until the nominations for Argonaut officers must be made. The following section from the By-Laws of the A. S. U. I. gives the officers to be elected and also the date of election.

Section 2. The Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, Business Manager, and Assistant Business Manager shall be elected by the members of the Associated Student body on the third Friday of March of each school year. * * *

According to the section named above the election will take place on the third Friday in March, which comes on the fifteenth this year.

Nominations will probably be made at the first assembly in March. We believe that the students in general should begin to consider whom they are going to elect to these important positions. These are responsible positions and should go to the best qualified students in the University. If there has been such a thing as ring rule in the student body during the past season it should be rooted out at this election. The interests of the University at this particular time demand that the best man be elected to every position.

We have taken this opportunity to point out the importance of the election which is to take place in a little over two weeks. We have no political sails to trim. But we do believe the best men should be chosen, and we believe that the students will see to it that such men are chosen.

The staff editors of the Argonaut are requested by the editor to systematize their special fields a little better. This is requested for two reasons. In the first place some events during the past semester have been unintentionally omitted from the columns of the Argonaut. During this semester it is our aim to get all the University news which will be in any way of interest to the University public. We believe that this is one of the means by which the college paper can be made more valuable to the students. The second reason why we desire the departmental editors to systematize and cover their field more thoroughly is that many of the editors have failed to make their weekly contribution to the paper. The interests of the paper demand that each staff

editor hand in a liberal amount of copy each week. Let these negligent editors get busy and let us see if we can't turn out a better paper during the balance of the school year.

HONOR SYSTEM AT YALE

The System is Well Liked and May Be Permanently Adopted

With the almost unlooked for success of the honor system which was installed in the senior class at Yale last fall as an experiment, a movement now is on foot by the members of the student committee to extend the system to the lower classes.

The honor system does away with the scrutinizing supervision of the men during the examinations, spying the men for dishonesty in the class room, and placing the men upon their honor as gentlemen, but under no oath or promise. It was instituted at the request of a committee of the Senior Academic class at the opening of the college year.

So satisfactory has it worked that with the permission of the faculty, this same Senior committee now undertakes to have the lower classes adopt the idea.

There is some question, however, as to the advisability of introducing it among the Freshmen, at least for the present.—Purdue Exponent.

Track Athletics at Oregon

Oregon will have a larger number of important track meets this year than ever before.

The meets with Berkeley and Stanford will be the new feature. As far as can be determined, we will meet Berkeley on their home grounds about April 20th.

If this proposition matures, the Stanford team will be brought to Eugene about May 1st and thus the track team will get a California trip and the Oregon students will still have the opportunity of seeing one of the California teams in action.

Another new meet will be the Pullman meet, the outcome of which will be watched with much interest owing to the dispute over the football championship of the Northwest.

This will probably come about the middle of May, though no definite date has been decided upon.

The tri-state meet between Oregon, Washington and Idaho was to come off on May 30th, Decoration day, at Seattle; but Washington has asked that it be held on May 24th and 25th, because of a regatta which they wished to hold on Decoration day.

The annual four-cornered meet between O. A. C., Pacific, Williamette and Oregon, which is held at Salem, will probably take place about June 10th and the outcome will never be in doubt.

Other meets usually held are the O. A. C. dual meet and the Columbia meet. The O. A. C. meet will be held at Corvallis this year early in June. Nothing has been heard about the Columbus meet as yet, but it generally takes place about April 15 and probably will this year.

With reasonably good luck and good conscientious work by the track men, there is no reason why Oregon cannot win all of these meets and make this her banner year in track athletics.—Oregon Weekly.

Ninth Session Soon to Close

A great deal of anxiety is being manifested by the students and friends of the University as regards the appropriation for the new Administration building. The legislature adjourns on Thursday of this week. But two days remain in which the appropriation can be secured.

The action of the legislature towards the University during the few remaining days of this session may mean a great deal for the future of the University. A liberal appropriation at this critical period in the history of the University would result in much good. A large and well equipped administration building would do much towards centralizing the University work. Instruction would no longer be greatly handicapped through the lack of proper rooms for instruction. Such a new building would also attract many new students.

At present President MacLean and Regent Lewis of Moscow are in Boise.

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Hegge, Hegge, Hegge the Barber Prof. French left for Spokane Monday.

Howard Stein, '08, is visiting in Spokane.

Mr. Hanson, a preparatory student, has quit school.

Lee Samuels, '10, spent at few days of last week in Spokane.

Arthur Thomas, '09, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spokane.

Gus says that "Quarantination without poxation is tyranny."

Hegge's Barber Shop is the place to go for a first-class Hair Cut.

Prof. Allen left Friday for Spokane to see "Madam Butterfly."

Bursar Jenkins and Prof. French were Colfax-visitors last Friday.

May Herman visited at her home in Genesee the latter part of the week.

Anna Kieler's mother and sister are guests at Ridenbaug Hall this week.

NOTICE—5000 students wanted at Hegge's Barber Shop, South Main street.

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Last Friday the third year Preps defeated the second year's in a game of basket ball. The score was 12-5.

Miss Williamson returned to college the past week, and has resumed her studies after an absence of about two months.

Should the present spring weather continue, the number of students taking a course in Campustry will be greatly increased.

Donald S. Whitehead, business manager of the Junior Annual, spent Monday in Spokane on business relating to the Annual.

The Y. W. C. A. "Sunday at Home," which was to be held at Dr. Little's on Feb. 11, was postponed because of Mrs. Little's illness.

Oscar Solibakke, a former preparatory student, visited the University for a few days last week. He is now attending the Blair Business College at Spokane.

Rehearsals have begun on "Julius Caesar," which is to be presented some time this spring by the freshmen engineers, under the auspices of the English Club.

Several officers of the military department attended the Military Ball at W. S. C. last Friday evening. Among those who attended were

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 Chairman of Missionary Committee—Ethel Humphrey.

Exchanges

The Universities of Utah and Wyoming have adopted joint resolutions that, to be eligible for college athletics, a student must be in good standing in at least two-thirds of the full program of studies.—Ex.

Roy N. Wolfe, W. G. Greenslade and Alfred Livengood have been chosen to represent Whitman in the debate against Pacific University. The team of the latter school is composed of J. W. Peters, A. C. Allen, and James Richard Warde.

Last week Whitman defeated W. S. C. in two exciting games of basket ball. Whitman has succeeded in winning the entire series of games with W. S. C. this year.

The O. A. C. basket ball team has scored 954 points this season to 254 points made by their opponents.

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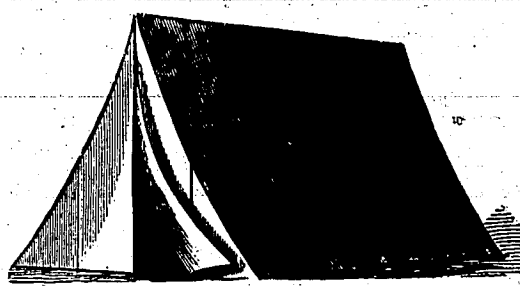
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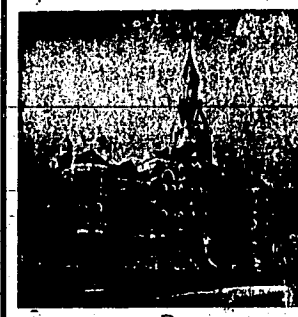
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President MacLean is in Boise looking after the University's interests.

Miss Maud McKinley, ex-'08, was visiting friends at the Dormitory last week.

Miss Kathryn Smith went to Potlatch Thursday to spend a few days with home folks.

Several members of the Kappa Phi fraternity were released from quarantine today.

Chauncey Smith was called home last week on account of the illness of his grandfather.

The constitution of the A. S. U. I. in its amended form will be printed in next week's Argonaut.

The Annual Military Ball which was postponed is to take place on Friday night of this week.

Prof. Edward M. Hulme went to Spokane Saturday and stayed over to see "Madam Butterfly."

The condition exams were held last Saturday. Many were successful in passing off their D's.

Ray Johnson was unable to attend classes the fore part of last week on account of sickness.

Chauncey Smith, '10, has returned to college after an absence of several weeks at his home in Lewiston.

Bess Gibson and Orah Howard spent the latter part of the week at Miss Howard's home in Lewiston.

Captains Sheppard and Chaffins, Lieutenants Wadsworth, Perkins, Price, and Foglesong.

The business manager of the Argonaut has announced that the subscription for the Argonaut for the balance of the year is fifty cents. All those who are not subscribers at present are urged to subscribe for the remainder of the year.

The entertainment given by the Dixie Jubilee Singers, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., last Wednesday evening, was well attended. The company rendered an excellent program which was greatly enjoyed by all those present.

The address at assembly last week was given by Dr. Axtell. He gave a very interesting account of a journey which he took from Lucerne to Venice. Dean Eldridge rendered a German song which was very much appreciated by the audience.

The U. of I. Preps. will debate the Blair Business College on March 9. The Prep team has had only a month in which to prepare for this debate. But they are working hard to make up for the short time. The team is composed of Hall, Holman and Armstrong. This is the first Preparatory debate this year.

Installation of Officers.

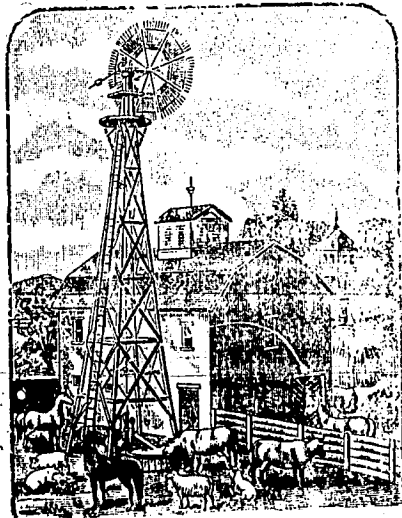
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History in Secondary Schools

History covers an exceedingly large field and only very recently has that field been exploited to any great extent so far as the secondary schools are concerned.

Today we have specially prepared teachers in most of our secondary schools. Teachers who teach history not merely to fill out the curriculum, but to inculcate ideas of the real value and importance of history.

History opens up the great fields of real knowledge and experience. In its broadest sense history includes language as the expression of men's thoughts and feelings. It deals with men's motives and actions as individuals or in society, with their dispositions, habits, and institutions.

The relation of persons to each other in society gives rise to morals. Hence the study of characters in a good society would be the teaching of morals by example.

See the moulding influence of the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey," the Bible of the Greeks, upon that wonderful people. Study how great men such as Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley, have bravely fought their way, through varied difficulties, to the forefront, as useful American citizens, and we seem to be transplanted back to former days. We seem to receive an invigorating and uplifting stimulus which tends to raise our moral status in proportion to the moral life of the character which we study. This is the stimulus or incentive which must be awakened or instilled into the student of history before the teacher can say that his work has not been in vain. And what Goldsmith says of the preacher we may say of the teacher, "He is but a guide, he allures to brighter worlds and leads the way."

But besides this moral aspect or purpose of history there are the disciplinary value and the storing of knowledge in the archives of the brain which will be conducive to the material progress of the individual. History seems to be closely correlated to the other studies. It depends much upon the nature of the people which it portrays. So does language, also geography. The people from the nation and history records the deeds

of such a nation.

We have given the definition of history, its purpose, and its relation to other studies. It now remains for us to speak of the qualifications of a teacher and the ability of the pupil and we can begin to deduct some method, if there be one, for teaching history.

There are at least four qualifications which every teacher should endeavor to win: First, practice in using historical evidence; second, sufficient knowledge; third, fair mindness and a wholesome spirit in presenting facts; fourth, skill in narration and in developing the pupils knowledge by questions, and practical ability in directing the work of the class.

The qualifications are too nearly self-evident to need explanation. So we must consider the child which is the most important factor in our history course. Different pupils have different abilities. These abilities vary with age. They also vary to a large extent with environments or surroundings. Hence it follows that we must make the course conform to the needs of the pupil both as to his age and to his abilities whether they be innate or the result of conditions.

The teacher should be careful in selecting a representative and authoritative text book. This book should be very simple when used in the grades. It should also be illustrative. Up to the 7th or 8th grade the lessons may be from 15 to 30 minutes duration.

We would not advise giving many tests in the grades. To take the place of tests we would practice repetition and the presenting of the lessons as a whole. In the high school grades we may have collateral reading and use of note books with occasional lectures. The text book should act as a guide and help unify the work. The note book may be depended upon to make the work more effective. Occasional short themes or general tests may be used to good advantage as a judge of the student's supplementary reading.

Maps are an absolute necessity in order to obtain the best results, for they seem to tell the story without words. Take, for example, a map of the Louisiana purchase, and the

student can see the shape of the country and its boundaries and these will greatly aid him in remembering just what composed that particular concession. In other words he forms more associations since he not only hears the teacher speak of the purchase but he sees it for himself.

In summing up, the teacher should have some aim in the history course. The work should be presented as a whole and not in a piece meal fashion. The interest of the pupil must be secured, and the best way to secure this is through the thorough preparation of the work by the teacher (who has some natural ability or aptitude for teaching) and by taking into account at all times the ability and needs of the pupil. We can build out method, or methods, according to these limitations and be certain of success in most cases.

Exchanges

"Do you love me?" said the paper sack.

"I'm just wrapped up in you," replied the sugar.

"You sweet thing!" murmured the paper sack.—Ex.

Almost two-thirds of the students of the University of Pennsylvania are working to pay part or all of their expenses while at school.—Ex.

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Freshman—"Do you know my brother?"

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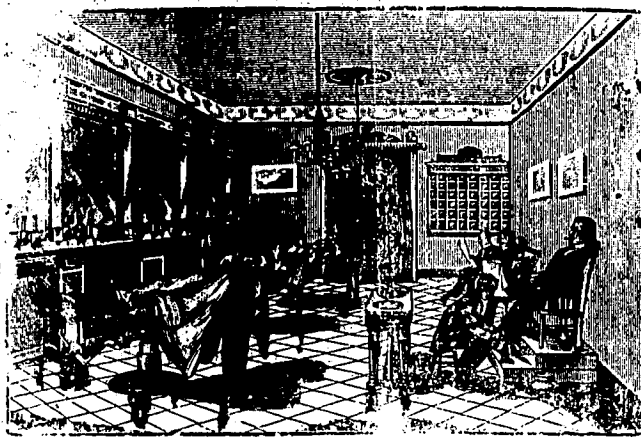
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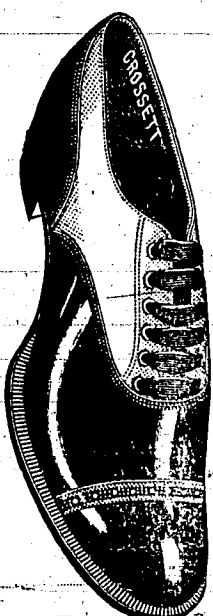
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