

## Panthers Win Contest Defeat Doane Tigers

Lose Hard Game to Peru Five

On last Tuesday night the Panther machine out-scored the Bengal five on the Doane court by one lone point. It was a closely contested battle. It was the first time that a York team had defeated the Doane five at home in the past five years.

The summary:

Doane—	fg	ft	p	pts
Kubicek, f	2	2	0	6
Kinney, f	1	0	0	4
Bayer, f	1	2	0	4
Kaufman, f	1	0	0	2
Parker, f	1	0	0	2
Albott, c	2	0	0	4
Haylett, (c) g	0	0	1	0
Bullock, g	0	0	1	0
Sanderson, g	1	1	1	3

Totals ..... 3 5 5 21

York—	fg	ft	p	pts
Burnham, f	0	2	0	2
Ashmore (c) f	2	1	0	5
Pickett, c	0	1	2	1
Yust, c	3	0	1	6
Melton, g	3	0	1	6
Nichols, g	1	0	0	2

Totals ..... 9 4 4 22

In the closing days of the season Peru machine and won a hard fought the Panther five lost to the great battle at Doane.

The Peru game was played at York. It was the first time the championship Bob Cats have appeared before the York fans. Their performance upheld their reputation. The Peruvians are a tall rangy outfit. Their height made it difficult for the York five to guard well. In this game the locals used the man to man defense in an attempt to stop their taller opponents.

The first half ended 12-10 in favor of the visitors. In the second half the champs drew away and the score stood 30-21 at the end of the game.

The Peruvians kept Ashmore smothered at all times. Nichols, at bough played a great defensive game bough played a great defensive game for the visitors. Weimer led Peru's scoring attack.

Cotner University basketball squad defeated the Panthers in a fast game on the local court last week. The final count was 18-26.

Manning and Boorogard were the big noise in the visitor's attack—Manning was the high point man of the evening. He was closely trailed by Ashmore. Nichols played his customary strong game at guard and also scored from the floor.

The Cotner machine made a great record on their trip winning four games on successive nights. This places them near the top of the conference ladder.

### McRAE ADDRESSES Y. M. MEETING

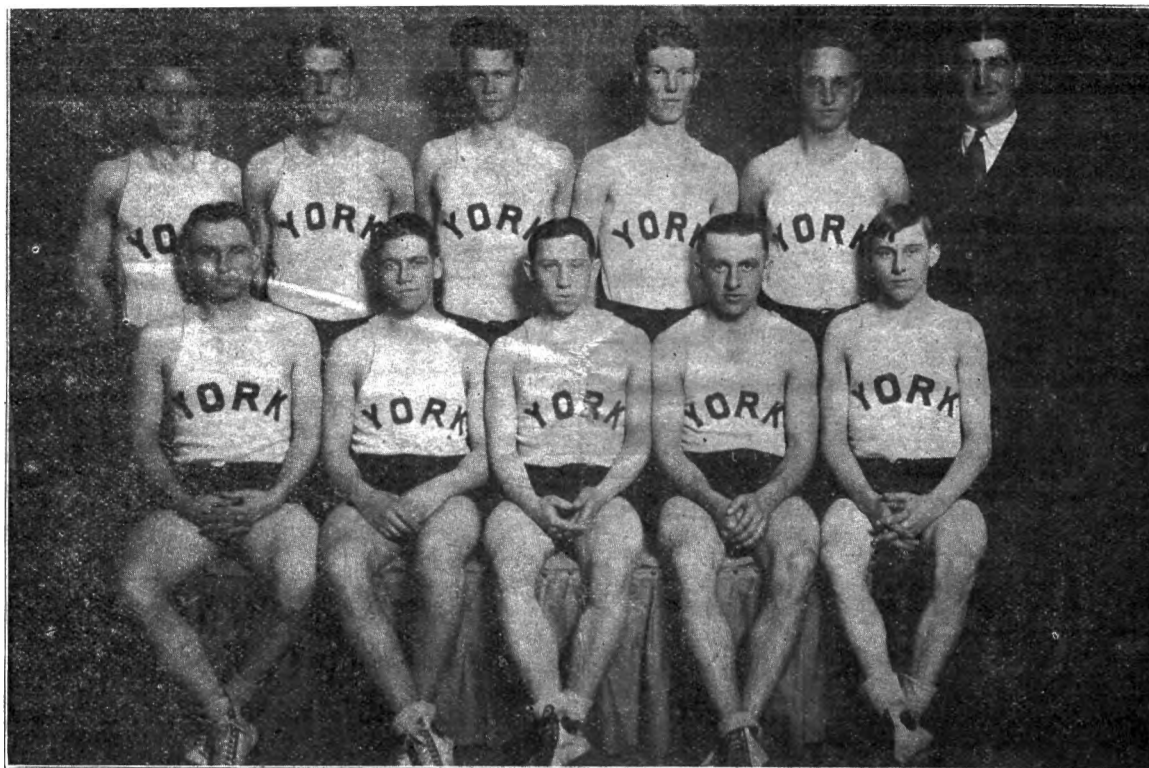
On last Tuesday morning the Y. M. men were addressed by Mr. McRae of the York county Sunday school convention. Mr. McRae chose as his subject some of the problems confronting the modern young man. He outlined them as follows:—

1. The acceptance of spiritual life.
2. Choice of a life companion.
3. Choice of a life work.

In speaking of life's work Mr. McRae said, "We must feel our best in our work. We must see a future and it must be a task that challenges us to do our best." He developed his hypothesis in a pleasing and instructive manner.

The Y. M. is having a series of lectures now by professional men on subjects dealing with their work. The meetings are interesting and instructive and all men of the school are urged to come.

A bachelor and his buttons are soon parted.



BASKETBALL TEAM OF 1925

Back row, left to right: Tewell, Nichols, Yust, Melton, Coach Russell. Front row, left to right, Hale, Van-nice, Ashmore, Burnham and Loreman.

## Negative Debate Team Defeats Hastings Three

Good Speaking by Both Teams

During the past ten days the York debate teams have met a trio of the strongest teams in the conference. The list comprised, Doane, Kearney, and Hastings. Both teams won from Kearney by unanimous decisions. The affirmative lost to Hastings while the negative team defeated the strong Hastings team in a great battle. Both Doane contests were lost by a two to one decision.

The teams in wining both Kearney meets by unanimous decisions made a good record for themselves. In defeating the Kearney teams they have mastered two of the strongest teams in the state.

There is a great deal of satisfaction among the fans in the negative team's victory over the Hastings affirmative men. Surely Hastings was represented by one of the strongest teams that has ever appeared in York. They were all experienced and fine debaters. Their work as a whole is at least as good as that of the Wesleyan team, and Wesleyan is represented by a very strong team this year.

The Hastings team was composed of Messrs. Staley, Shaeffer and Watson. The judges of the debate were Prof. Jimerson of Stromsburg High school, Prof Dunbar of Gresham and Judge Landis of Seward. York was represented by Messrs. Van Wagenen, Hale and Hice.

There was disappointment expressed generally over the loss of the Doane debates. Doane is represented by new debaters this year. It is certain that their work is not as good as that of the others teams appearing in York this season.

The next home debate is with Grand Island on the 19th of March. Central appears here on the 20th. The negative team travels.

### LOREMAN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT YORK IN ORATORICAL CONTEST

Levi Loreman was chosen to represent York in the annual Oratorical cal contest, at the local try-out held last week. Loreman spoke on the subject, "The Eighteenth Amendment and Law Enforcement."

The try-out was judged by Miss Lee of York High School, Prof Morgan and Prof. Bissett of York; Miss Lovell of the Expression department and Miss Young of the English department.

The State contest will be held at Midland this year. Loreman represented York last year.

### THE STORY OF THE OPERA MARITANA

The Story

In a public square of the city of Madrid, a band of gypsies are levying contributions on the populace, in recompense for the songs and dances with which they amuse them. With this tribe is Maritana, a young girl of extraordinary beauty of person, and a vocalist of more than common talent. The gay King Charles II of Spain, has seen her and is smitten with her charms. At the end of one of her lays, he gives her a coin of great value and hastens away; but his disguise does not conceal him from Don Jose, his minister, who to carry out his own designs upon the queen, resolves in aiding in converting the fair gypsy to the purpose of the King. He praises her beauty, excites her ambition, and awakens in her heart hopes of future grandeur and prosperity. At this moment Don Caesar DeBazan comes reeling from a tavern, where he has lost his marauder in gambling. His costume, once rich, is now ragged and dirty; his handsome person bears marks of dissipation and poverty; yet in his air and hearing, there is still something noble and prepossessing. Don Jose and he have been friends in brighter days, and recognizing each other, Don Caesar briefly recapitulates the downward steps that have lead him to his present condition. Lazarillo, a poor, forlorn looking boy, who has just attempted to destroy himself, now attracts Don Caesar's attention, and tells him the story of his wrong. Don Caesar becomes his friend and is soon embroiled in a quarrel which leads to a duel. Now, an edict had been passed, to punish with death all who engage in a duel, and Don Caesar is arrested and conveyed to prison, while Don Jose promises Maritana an introduction to Court on the morrow.

At the commencement of the second act we find Don Caesar asleep in prison, while the boy Lazarillo watches near him. Don Caesar is condemned to die at seven, and the hands of the clock point to five as he awakens; but two hour's life remain to him; yet he is gay, and ridicules all attempts to condole with him. Don Jose now enters, and, professing friendship for Don Caesar, makes a proposition to him whereby his wish to die a soldier's death may be gratified on one condition—namely that he shall marry! The alternative is to be hanged like a dog, and be married, and afterwards shot like a gentleman. For the last named privilege, Don Caesar consents to suffer matrimony for an hour and three-quarters. The Don assumes gay apparel for his wedding, and partakes of a banquet in honor of his nuptials. The preparations for his execution in

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## "Ice Bound" Presented By The York Players

Good Houses Greet Both Performances

On last Monday and Friday evenings the York players presented "Icebound" in the college chapel before a large and appreciative audience. It was the first serious production of the year and was well received by those present.

"Icebound" is a Pulitzer prize play. Its scenes are laid in Maine. The play is a study of the rural New England.

Cast of Characters

Henry Jordan	Sutton Hice
Emma, his wife	Ellen Mann
Nettie, her daughter by a former marriage	Ardythe Calkins
Sadie Fellows, once Sadie Jordan a widow	Lillian Small
Urin, her son	Pearl Shipman
Ella Jordan, the unmarried sister	Mrs. J. J. Schneider
Ben Jordan	Fred Loreman
Doctor Curtis	Joe Hanna
Judge Bradford	Harry Hart
Jane Crosby, a servant	Florence Jenkins
Hannah, a servant	Nione Norris
Jim Jay, deputy sheriff	Lowell Whittemore

### DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HELD IN YORK

On Friday and Saturday of the past week the District Tournament was held in York. The high school teams from the towns of the surrounding counties competing. These teams were the same that competed in the York College Training Tournament in other years. It was decided to hold no College tournament this year since the state district included practically the same teams.

The C and D games were played on the college floor. The York "Y" club-men acting as officials and scorers. The Classifications were as follows.

Class A

Benedict, Osceola, Milford, David City, Seward, Geneva, York.

Class B

Brainard, Stromsburg, Ohio, Waco, Goehner, Surprise, Ulysses, Henderson.

Class C

Beaver Crossing, McCool, Fairmont, Utica, Bradshaw, Polk, Shelby, Exeter.

Class D

Cordove, Ruby, Milligan, Thayer, Grafton, Shickley, Tamora, Gresham.

The Shiek: "Have you tried the new steps?"

Dorm Girl: "No, are they any softer than the fire-escape?"

## Conservatory Group Broadcasts Program

Numbers Given From Hastings Station

The Conservatory students assisted by Miss Lovell of the Expression department, Prof. Claude Sammis, instructor of violin at Hullitt Conservatory and Dean Amadon, head of the conservatory broadcasted the entire program on last Thursday evening from station KFKX at Hastings.

This was the first time that a York College group has ever broadcasted an entire program.

The weather was clear and conditions ideal for great distance. All of the numbers came in very distinctly at York. A large group of students and faculty met in the Chapel to listen in on the program.

As the evening advanced a flood of telegrams and calls were received. Some coming from far away points in Canada, Texas and the coast.

Many alumni and former undergraduates wired their congratulations.

Dean Ashcraft gave a short talk. He stressed the history and ideals of York.

Miss Lovell read two sets of numbers. Both of these carried very distinctly.

The Program

"Anchored" ..... Watson  
Collegian Quartet  
Purl Gibbs, First Tenor, Lyle De Moss, Second Tenor; Newman Detrick, Baritone; Charles Amadon, Bass; Pauline Hensley accompanist.

Violin Solo ..... Ivan Caldwell  
Piano Solo ..... Franc Whitney  
(Dedicated to the Rev. and Mrs. Whitney of Wilsonville, Neb.)  
Soprano Solo ..... Leona Stafford  
"Birdland Symphony" Girl's Sextette  
Readings ..... Miss Lovell  
"Efficacy of Prayer."  
"The Hoot Owl."

Violin Solo ..... Ruth Sandall  
Vocal Duet  
"I Waited for the Lord"..... Mendelshon-Parkš  
Mrs. Amadon, Miss Boren

Talk ..... Dean Ashcraft  
Violin Solo ..... Prof Sammis  
Vocal Solo ..... Mildred Boren  
Piano Solo ..... Mervin Patterson

Collegian Quartet  
"The Troubadour" ..... Ed Walt  
"I Don't" ..... Parks

Vocal Solos  
"The South Wind" ..... Densmore  
"Song of Joy" ..... Cadman

Bass Solo  
Mrs. Amadon  
"Wind of the Westland"..... Parks  
Dean Amadon  
(Dedicated to Mrs. Amadon of Boston.)

Girl's Sextette  
A. "Twelve By The Clock."  
(Dedicated to Miss Fye.)  
B. "Pal O' Mine."  
(Dedicated To Our Mothers)

Prof. Sammis played Dradle's "Serenade" and also his "Souvenir." His violin's tone carried up very well over the instruments. Miss Hensley sang "Lovers In The Lane," and "Lo, Hear The Gentle Lark", by Fisher

This program gave an opportunity for a large number of alumni and undergraduates to hear some of the present conservatory talent, that otherwise they would never know.

### LIFE WORK RECRUITS

The Life Work Recruits met in the Pal hall, Feb. 23. Miss Eveland led an interesting study and discussion of the first chapter of the Book of Mark.

Did you know that only two of the Gospels tell of the birth of Jesus? Did you know that two of the Gospels are written from a man's viewpoint, and the other two from a woman's.

Hunt up your New Testament and come to the Pal hall and join us.

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The following appeared in the Kearney Antelope of last week. The article speaks for itself and shows the fine feeling between the two schools.

### A TRIBUTE TO YORK

Intercollegiate contests, it is said, foster hard feelings and unscrupulous taking of advantages. The pessimists argue that the college which fails to jump on a rival and demand its legal rights whenever, by accident, or otherwise, it has the opportunity is a back number and a sniggery sport. This certainly isn't the attitude that York College holds towards its collegiate rivals.

The unfortunate illness of one of the members of the debating squad to clash with York here Wednesday night, forced the coach to phone the York team, asking for a postponement. The York coach expressed sincere regret that Kearney's team could not debate as scheduled, because of that illness. His team, he said, was ready and anxious for the encounter.

York did not hold us to our contract, as she had a legal right to do. She did not fret and whine at the unavoidable delay. She did not hem and haw regret at the cause of the delay, and asked us if it would help any, by shifting her date to a decided disadvantage to herself, in re-scheduling this meet. The arrangement she suggested would not have helped us; but still the considerate spirit of the offer leaves a pleasant tingling in our hearts.

Perhaps this act was only what any other college would have done under similar circumstances. Nevertheless, Kearney recognizes this little incident as a true criterion of York's high standards of sportsmanship. We honor having met you in intercollegiate contests in the past, notwithstanding to whom the ribbons have gone. We appreciate the present friendly rivalry between the two colleges. But we are proud to know that our rivals for Nebraska collegiate honors are clean sports and true gentlemen.

Let's shake on it, York old boy. Slip us the mitt!

And while we are on the subject we wish to say a few words about the Cotner fans. A large delegation of Cotnerites drove up from Bethany to witness the Cotner-York clash of last week.

These students while they did not out-number the York fans certainly out-rooted them. They were a wide-awake, peppy outfit and we do not wonder at the Cotner five's record with such a loyal bunch behind them. York and many of our other schools can learn a real lesson from the Cotner fans.

Hastings College	13	5	8	.385
Grand Island Col.	11	4	7	.364
Omaha University	3	1	3	.333
Chadron Normal	9	1	8	.111

## Y. W. MEMBERSHIP BANQUET

On the evening of February 23, the Y. W. C. A. held its annual membership banquet in the parlors of the United Brethren church.

The room and tables were beautifully decorated in a color scheme of pink and lavender. Alternating streamers of pink and lavender, terminated by nut cups of the same color radiated from the centers of the tables.

After a delicious two course dinner had been served the following program was given which was enjoyed very much by all present.

- Toastmistress—Reka Blanc.
- Purpose ..... Elinor Myers
- Unity ..... Miss Bliss
- Reading ..... Arden Calkins
- Prospects ..... Florence Jenkins
- Others ..... Mrs. Ashcraft
- Song ..... Leona Stafford
- Enough ..... Pearl Shipman

## ALUMNI NOTES

L. R. Gregory has been elected Research assistant in the newly created Institute of Child Welfare Research. He is now at Columbia University where he will secure his Master's Degree.

Mrs. Vernie Medlar Porter, one of the early graduates of the school

It costs \$4,371,000 to run the League of Nations a year, this being about the price of a day or two of cost-plus war.—Detroit News.

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spent a few days visiting her mother in York.

Professors Morgan, Bissett, and Feemster went to Geneva Thursday to judge debate between Geneva and Sutton High schools.

## THOUGHTS POLITICAL

Every man was once a presidential possibility—to his mother.

It is important that a dark horse shall not have a shady past.

There is many a slip between the delegates and the candidates.

Many a candidate of great promise turns out to be a poor performer.

Sometimes a politician says he is libeled when he is merely labeled.

Honesty is the best policy, but some of the men in the office seem to think it isn't the best politics.

It isn't always the logical candidate that wins; frequently it's the geological candidate—the fellow with the "rocks."—Boston Transcript.

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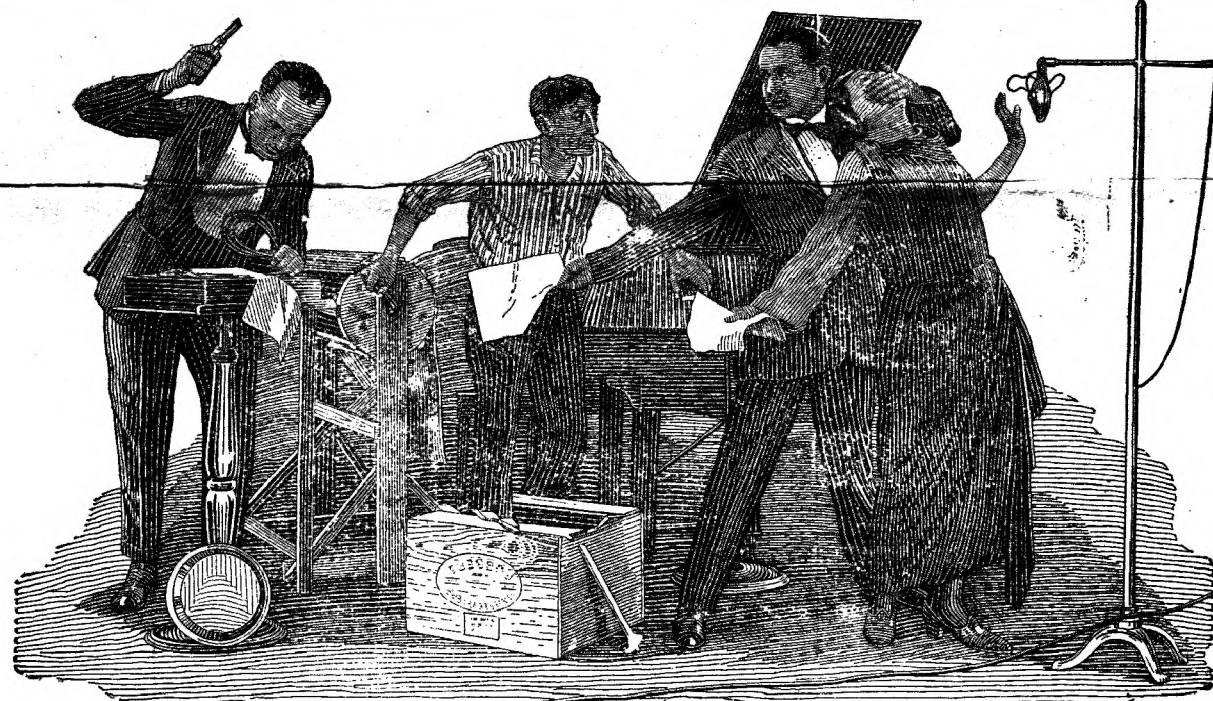
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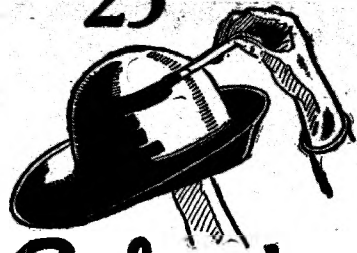
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## Peru Five Captures

### The Basketball Title

Fourth Straight Championship for the Peruvians

The games of the closing week of competition in the college basketball circles seems to award Coach Graff's Peru Normal tossers another conference championship. This is the fourth straight conference championship claim to be registered by the Bob Cats. Peru also won the state conference football race.

At the present time the Peru squad holds a world's record for games won in a college conference. The Bob Cats have won forty straight games with no defeats. This exceeds the record of thirty five straight wins established by the Kansas State five.

In the closing week of contest much interest was aroused by the spurts made by Doane and Cotner. Doane journeyed out to Chadron and took two games on succeeding nights from the Eagles. The York five had duplicated this feat the week before. All four of these wins were of the one basket variety.

Cotner turned in the remarkable record of four straight wins on succeeding nights. And all of these games were played away from home. The Bulldogs defeated Grand Island, Kearney, York and Hastings on successive nights.

The Wayne Normal outfit has made great strides in the closing days. The upstaters lifted Midland's scalp by a 22-5 count. Peru's two defeats of Wesleyan place the Wayne hoopsters in second position. Wayne's record is marred by a defeat at the hands of Cotner.

The leaders in the conference race for the past season have played a snappy brand of basketball.

To date the standings are as follows:

	G.	W.	L.	Pct
Peru Normal	10	10	0	1.000
Wayne Normal	8	7	1	.875
Neb. Wesleyan	10	8	2	.800
Cotner College	15	8	7	.533
Midland College	9	4	5	.444
Kearney Normal	14	6	8	.429
Doane College	17	7	10	.412
York College	15	6	9	.400

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The York basket-tossing aggregations upset the dope bucket by defeating Doane at Doane in the late season game. Doane had walked away with the early season game at York and was generally picked as the winner at Doane. But it all goes to show that one can never tell what will happen, especially when a big dose of determination enters the equation.

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And this reminds us that the same thing happened last year. The Panther five defeated Doane in Doane's last game. The score was 21-18. This year's count was 22-21.

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Peru has another championship tucked away. This is the fourth straight championship for the Bob Cats. They have been the "big noise" in the conference for the past four years. And at the same time won a large number of non-conference games.

The team was organized by Coach Speer, now of Midland. He is generally recognized as one of the best basketball mentors in the middle-west. The big scoring cogs in the Peru Juggernaut will be lost to the school by the June graduations.

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The Panther five has finished below the half way mark. The team has played more conference games than any other state school during the past season. There is not a regular lost by graduation.

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The team has played irregularly throughout the year. In some of the early season games the team went great guns. In others they played slow basketball. And this was really the summary of the entire season.

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But any season that counts two wins over Hastings and two over Kearney and also a win at Doane can no be counted otherwise but a success.

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Now that the moths are using the basket-tossers uniforms for a golf course the minds of everyone of us is turned to the track squad. A small squad has been working for several weeks. The bunch is not as large as it should be however.

**ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN**

Fully nine-tenths of the women in China cannot write their own names.

Single girls in New Guinea let their hair hang about their shoulders in all its glory, but immediately after marriage must have it bobbed.

Though she is nearly ninety years of age, Mrs. John J. Hallenbeck, of Garden City, L. L. was arrested for violating the automobile speed laws in Miami, Fla.

**The Young Lady Across the Way**



The young lady across the way says that at many of the girls' colleges the year is no longer divided into three terms but into two samovars.

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 A practical joke is one that an editor is willing to pay money for.—New York American.

Many people are so busy telling the world what is wrong with it, they haven't time to improve it.—Toledo Blade.

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—THE CO-EDS

She: "And what did you do when you discovered that the tracks were washed away?"

He: "I waved a clothes pin at the engineer."

She: "Why a clothes pin."  
He: "Doesn't a clothes pin mean a wash out on the line."

Dumb: "Why are you carrying that shovel around?"

Hopeless: "I met a couple of girls down town and they said that I could have a date if I could dig up another man."

Co-ed: "Which side are you rooting for at to-morrow's game?"

Second Ditto: "It all depends on whether I go with Jack or John."

Bart: "Football is a dangerous game."

Jenkins: "That's right. I had a shoulder broken last fall because the spectator next to me, insisted on slapping me on the back too hard."

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FOR better or worse.  
SHE marries him  
FOR more or less.  
—Bucknell Belle Hop.

A common guy  
Is Abia Moset,  
He borrowed five  
And he still owes it.

A novel guy  
Is Jerry Black  
He borrowed five  
And paid it back.  
—The Midland

But queerer still,  
Was Johnny Grews  
He was offered five  
And calmly refused.

Prof. Noll: "They now have machines that can tell when a man is lying. Ever see one?"

Dean Ashcraft: "Yes sir. I married one."

Soph: "Our old gym is so small the dressing rooms are always crowded."

Junior: "Yeah, only last week I put my best sock on some other guy's foot."

The average motorist prefers not to have a miss in his motor. But then there are misses and Misses.

Ashmore: "Moses suffered with indigestion."

Prof. Bisset: "How do you know?"  
Ashmore: "The Bible says that the Lord gave him two tablets."

Wife: (reading) "It says here that the reason men become bald headed is from excessive thinking."

Hubby: "Yes, and the reason women don't grow whiskers is from too excessive talking."

And then he left for his club.

Brass: "Girls are prettier than men Tacks: "Naturally?"  
Brass: "No artificially."

Grape: "Time out! I've lost another tooth."

Nuts: "Well next time swallow 'em and don't be holdin' up the game."

**A Deep One**  
Frosh: "I am a little stiff from bowling."

Senior: "What state is that in?"

Stewed: "Be careful how you drive Bill, We'll be in the ditch."

More So: "Who me? Why I tho't you was drivin'."

Biz: "What is the way of a man with a maid."

Diz: "The maid's way."

Him: "My girl has several faults."  
Her: "How many besides you?"

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**THE STORY OF THE OPERA  
MARITANA**

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military style proceed but Lazarillo adroitly abstracts the messengers of death. At length, the hour arrives, and Don Caesar is led forth to be shot, as the scene changes to a saloon in the Palace Montefiori, in which a festival is at its height. In the midst of the revelry, a volley of musketry is heard at a distance; this startles the guests but the dance is soon resumed.

Don Jose, ever intent on the consummation of his deep laid plans against the honor of the Queen, introduces Maritana to the Marquis and Marchioness De Montefiori, and they, being his dependants, agree to present her to the King as their long lost niece. The King makes warm and passionate professions to Maritana, and Don Jose promises to ensure their meeting at an appointed hour. As the King retires, Don tries to introduce the ugly old Marchioness to Don Caesar as his bride. Don Caesar is horror-struck. He repudiates her, but still believes himself deceived; and hearing the voice of Maritana, he is confirmed in his belief. He becomes enraged, and demands his true wife. Don Jose, orders his arrest, and also that of Maritana, and these two are born away in different directions as the second acts ends.

The unhappy Maritana now pines in a villa belonging to the King, and Don Jose still secretly carries on his base designs against her honor, so that the King's fidelity may serve him as a stepping-stone to the Queen's favor. But Maritana is pure, and disregards all the King's proffers of wealth and luxury. Don Caesar again arrives, at a fortunate moment in search of his wife, and encountering the King, whom he does not recognize, an amusing interview follows. The King is called away in haste, and Maritana and Don Caesar meet, their love is mutual, and the plot of Don Jose is overthrown. His treason to the King, and intended villainy to the Queen becomes apparent. Don Jose falls beneath Don Caesar's sword. Don Caesar secures his bride and an appointment as Governor of a distant city, beyond the reach of his creditors.

Chili has been threatened with a civil war between its Army and its Navy. This ought to interest General Mitchell and Admiral Moffett.—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.



MISS LOVELL

Miss Lovell took up her work as head of the Expression department last September. She also has charge of productions of the Histrionic club.

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Some are enthralled at the sight of a beautiful picture. Others are enraptured while listening to classical music. Others are enchanted by expressive literature. But not me! I am spell bound by nothing more or less than a storm. The same one that sends quivering hearts to cyclone caves expresses some feeling sympathetic with my soul. It reaches the inner most parts of me that no one understands.

My room is on the top floor, right under the eaves. I love—yes love—to lie on the bed with my head at the window and watch the forces of nature vie with each for supremacy. The air changes. It seems charged with strength and vigor. Swift, sharp flashes of lightning light the sky one moment. The next, complete darkness invades the air. Soon a rolling roar of mighty thunder shows the universe what it can do. First a few big drops of rain, then a torrent! Great sheets of rain come slashing through the air. The drops beat upon the roof—a music—enchanting to my ears. From my window I can see the drops crowding each other out of the rain trough.

The vines cling to the porch, heave and sigh as though they were weary of life. The pine trees in the yard send back an answering, mournful sigh telling us that life is too heavy. The blades of grass lift their thirsty mouths to the rain. They are glad and so they dance and sing in the water. They toss the drops of water back into the air again as soon as they catch them.

Suddenly, the rain stops. Strange calm and peace controls the earth. All nature rejoices. The sun shines brightly to make up for lost time.

But something is lacking. I know not what. I do not try to explain. I just call it "My Hobby."

LOIS RASP.

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