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A Merry Christmas

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A Happy New Year



To _____

From _____



THE "Star" wishes to extend to its subscribers the most sincere and cordial Christmas Greetings. We truly hope that the New Year will usher in a period of the greatest happiness and the most perfect contentment to them.

We are convinced that the year 1923 will bring about a most gratifying change in the history of our beloved Houghton and we wish to join most heartily in wishing our constituency and our President the greatest success in their undertaking.



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The Meaning of Christmas

Do we, as a nation, know what Christmas means? When the twenty-fifth of December draws nigh, do many of our millions of people take time to think, even for a moment, that this, the greatest day in the year commemorates the birth of the One Whose life is the "Light of Men", or do we think of it simply as a day on which we are compelled by tradition to exchange either worthless or useless gifts with our friends or attend the latest motion picture. In these days of the dance, movie, the comic opera, the immoral magazine, in this great age of commercialization and money-making, when our great newspapers are bulging with murder, scandal, theft, and vice of every sort, people's minds do not easily turn, even on the birthday of the greatest Man that ever lived to thoughts of the life which that day ushered in. In times like these, when the great, new, ethical code which was brought about by the life and teachings of Jesus has become so twisted and when the human conscience, especially in the younger generation, has become so seared that people no longer look upon the breaking of the law with abhorrence but speak of it with a laugh and a jest and consider the participant very clever if he "gets away with it", is it any wonder that the youngsters find it almost impossible to "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth."

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Chesbrough Challenges Houghton

Plans For Debate Well Under Way

Houghton is awakening. After many years of silence we are again about to defend our laurels in the field of interscholastic debate. The student body has decided to accept a challenge from their old opponent in the debate field, Chesbrough Seminary.

The history of interscholastic debate in Houghton is somewhat brief but also somewhat interesting. Some years ago, in the winter of 1913-1914, to be exact, we had the good fortune to defeat Chesbrough in two debates, one held in Houghton and the other held in Chesbrough. Some time later we also defeated Alfred University in a single debate. And so although our record in the debate field is rather short, nevertheless in three debates we have scored three wins, which leaves us a fine precedent to uphold.

Prof. Smith Still With Us

One of the greatest reasons why we predict success in our coming debate is because we have with us one of the best, if not the best, debate coach in western New York. Prof. H. R. Smith, A. M., who heads our English Department, the same wizard of debate who coached us to victory in all of our other contests, will endeavor to do so again.

Plans Well Under Way

Chesbrough proposed that we hold two debates on the same evening, one at Chesbrough and the other at Houghton, and that one of the teams should

debate on the negative and the other on the affirmative, of the same question. As this seemed the most fair method, Houghton readily agreed.

Our worthy opponents also proposed three questions for the debate of which we were to either choose one or submit three others to them, from which they could choose. We did the latter, sending questions which were practically restatements of those they had proposed. As we go to press the question has not yet been fully decided.

First Try-out Already Held

The preliminary try-out for the team has already been held with a goodly number of competitors. Each contestant was compelled to appear before a committee composed of five members from the faculty and five from the student body, and deliver a five-minute speech on either the affirmative or the negative of the following subject:

Resolved: that the United States should inaugurate a movement to start reforms in Turkey.

After a lengthy debate the committee decided that Mr. Donald R. Schuman of East Aurora, N. Y., was entitled to first place. We consider the committee's final judgment the very best and we wish to congratulate them on their choice as we know Mr. Schuman to be the man for the place.

Second place was taken by Keith Farner of Machias, N. Y.; third place by Earl H. Tierney of Wallace, N. Y.; and fourth by Ruth Kellogg of Houghton, N. Y.; fifth by Matthew Gosbee of Jersey City, N. J.; sixth by Clair Carey of Polk, Pa.; seventh by Arthur Crandall of Clayton, N. Y.; and eighth by Madeline Waldherr of Union Hill, N. J.

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Jesus Christ, the greatest Man that the world has ever seen or ever will see, the Redeemer of mankind, who gave His life that we might be saved and Who came "not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." was born upon Christmas. Is that not reason enough for us to celebrate that day, not by a useless exchange of gifts but by taking time to remember just the reasons for which we are observing it, and then, by taking a new breath and endeavoring during the coming year to do all that is within our power to propagate the principles of Jesus Christ upon this earth. Don't think that because the gospel has been preached for nineteen hundred years that by its preaching the race must automatically be saved. A little slackening of effort, a little moment of self-satisfaction and the momentum gained by years of work is lost. The world moves more swiftly today than ever before in its history and even at the moment of your self-content the silence is shattered by the trampling of new feet. "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few". What better time can we find to start anew than Christmas and the New Year.

Christmas day issued into this old sin-cursed world a life which is the "Light of Men." No person can deny this statement and still profess to believe the teachings of the new Testament. Jesus Himself expressly stated it to be a fact. In the immortal book of St. John He says, "I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Again He says, "As long as I am in the world I am the

light of that world", and once more, repeating closely the first reference, "I am come a light to the world that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." The life of Jesus Christ is the light of life. It is, if you please, "The Measure of a Man". His life attained the highest known quality of greatness not alone in the spiritual realm but in all phases of life combined.

Whenever we wish to acquire a conception of the material size of an object with which we are not familiar, we invariably compare it with an object the size of which we do know. If we wish to learn something of the mighty power of Niagara, we may compare it with the falls at Portage. If we wish to know the size of our great United States, we measure it by a certain number of miles and then we almost feel the mammoth size because from long experience we have come to realize just how long a mile is.

And so it is with our lives. When we wish to measure the quality of a man we hold them up beside some one's life, the quality of which is already known and is an established fact. We measure them by using as a yardstick some life in which the quality of greatness and goodness is fixed and then if we are completely unbiased our ethical judgment will tell us exactly where we stand. All of us have our idols, humans by which we measure our lives and although we may not realize it we are constantly comparing ourselves with them. If, however, we would use the life and teachings of the man of Galilee as a guide we would never go wrong. Humans may err, Jesus never does.

And so on next Christmas day let us

rein ourselves up with the life and works of One, the quality of Whose greatness is an established quantity, and One Whose teachings have never failed as a model, obtain a fresh start for "the race which is set before us".

Our Motto

Dorothy Meade

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." The radance of God's sunshine is not only filling the outside this Sunday morning, but in our hearts is an overflowing sunshine. Beware! it is contagious. It is now 8:30 and we must away to the upper room, where God will meet us. Our expectations were gratified and each one received a special blessing that will enable us to keep that great commandment, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Sunday School is proving to be one of our most effectual means of grace. It is in the Sunday School that we have principles planted within, that will color the remainder of our lives. To-day we are to have the privilege of hearing our students preach. Praise God, we are proud to possess such spiritual students. We have a pastor that truly walks with God and knows what is best for the students of Houghton Seminary. If you want to see the blessings of God showered upon his saints, present yourselves at classmeeting and young people's service. It is a time when salvation gets into your voice, hands, feet and radiates your whole being.

Tuesday evening has arrived and we are again privileged to meet God in a student prayer meeting. This meeting

is always conducted by a student who is filled with the Holy Spirit and abounding in the love of God. The same is true in the Thursday morning-watch at six o'clock. In these meetings we claim this promise: "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be given unto you." We claim this in the first person singular and apply it to our daily lives. You who do not attend these meetings are missing the land of corn and wine, where all His riches are freely given.

Mission Study Class! God bless our leader, Sister Clark. She is indeed a capable teacher. In this class we are receiving such good things from God, all because we are interested enough to seek for them. This inspires us to be real missionaries of the cross every day of the week. The privilege of being a foreign missionary is not granted to all, but our lives can be permeated by a burning passion for the lost souls at home, and even in our very midst.

Visit our family worship in the evening, immediately after supper, and I'm sure you'll say that the Houghton students are indeed seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness first and that all these things, charter, wisdom from on High, both in the spiritual and mental realm, are being added unto us. Praise His Name, for 'tis sweet to have these wonderful privileges of communication with our immutable God, the God of Jacob, and our God.

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RADIO!

Radio Receiving Station in Houghton Seminary Chapel

Royal Woodhead

This is prophecy, but not false prophecy. The prophecy is soon to be fulfilled. For some time it has been whispered about that Houghton Seminary should have a radiophone and now our dream is to be realized in the near future.

When this idea first began to spread among the students it seemed quite out of our reach; but at last a home student purchased one of his own. This served to stimulate the desire already growing stronger. The young man living in advance of his time is Arnold Pitt.

President Luckey then brought us the news that Harold Luckey, who is proprietor of a radio store in Allentown, Pa., would furnish one to the school at cost and also come and install it.

Still the question of money stood in the way. For it would cost nearly \$300.00 at that. But after the assets of the school had been studied for a little time it was found that the Union Literary Association had about \$200.00 that could be used for that purpose. So the problem is solved all but the last round of the ladder and that can easily be climbed by charging a small admission to the numerous concerts that can be picked up from Pittsburg, New York, and places farther away.

All who know Houghton are willing that we should say that she is the best school we ever attended and she is getting better. Is that right, Alumni?

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Julana Woods

On that first Christmas night, when the Glory of God shown down upon the humble shepherds, tending their sheep on the lonely hillside, what inexpressible happiness must have been theirs! Those wonderful words, "Peace on earth, good will toward men" that gave such comfort to them have gladdened millions of hearts all down through the ages.

Peace! Good will! How the words thrill us, but what fills us far more and means much more to us is the Holy Life whose kindness, patience, long-suffering and above all whose infinite love gives the only true happiness mankind has ever known.

God so loved that he gave His Son. Christ so loved that He gave Himself. Ought we not so to love that we give ourselves for others? And will not the

spirit of giving bring abiding joy to each one of us?

It is only as we truly live a life of sacrifice and sincerely give our lives to the work to which God has called us, feeling deeply for humanity that we can attain any true happiness. When our lives are filled with the spirit of Christ, the first longing of our hearts is to serve others. Just as a cheerful person gives sunshine to those around so does the blessing of a life that is full of the riches of God flow out to gladden hearts. It is a christian duty to be so filled with the fullness of the love of Jesus Christ that they can give forth true Christmas Spirit. This little poem should be on the lips of every earnest Christian.

Lord, help us to live from day to day,
 In such a self-forgetful way,
 That even when we kneel to pray,
 Our prayer shall be for others.

Help us in all the work we do,
 To ever be sincere and true;
 And know that all we'd do for thee,
 Must need be done for others.

Let "self" be crucified and slain
 And buried deep: and all in vain
 May efforts be to rise again,
 Unless to live for others.

And when our work on earth is done,
 And our new work in heaven's begun
 May we forget the crown we've won
 While thinking still of others.

Others, Lord, yes, others,
 Let this our motto be,
 Help us to to live for others,
 That we may live for Thee.

Let us arise! forget self, live life nobly, and have a Christmas spirit of kindness, of thoughtfulness, of sincere love that is given to us by letting Christ radiate our hearts so that we will inspire and bless the lives of others.

"ATHLETICS"

PURPLE-GOLD Series to be Played During January. "Dopists" Pick Purple to Win.

Purple Has Last Year's Complete Line-up. Gold Loses Kitterman and White

Kenneth Gibbin

We are all looking forward to the PURPLE-GOLD basketball series to be played during the month of January. These games promise to be a whirlwind of passwork and plays with a lot of basket-work in the bargain. As usual each side predicts an easy win and each one of them is equally confident that their team will be in the best shape by the month of January.

The schedule for the games is as follows:

First	Jan. 5, 1923
Second	Jan. 10, 1923
Third	Jan. 12, 1923
Fourth	Jan. 19, 1923
Fifth	Jan. 26, 1923
Sixth	Jan. 31, 1923
Seventh	Feb. 2, 1923

Practice Shows More Pep Than in Years Gone By

Each of the teams is practicing to the best of its ability and each, of course, is confident that its plays and passwork will be superior to that of the other side. Every one knows or at least ought to know that it is the practice of science that makes a good game. As this is the case people who are privileged to attend the game will see some wonderfully fast and clever playing during the series.

However, the quality of the game does not depend entirely upon practice and science but more than a little upon

the pep and spirit put into the game both by the players and the spectators. A team is certainly getting the old "pep" when they get 12 men out to practice before breakfast in a gymnasium in which there is no heat. We are confident that the spirit, quality and character of the games will so increase in the near future, it will soon draw many people to Houghton to witness these games.

The School "Dopist" Predicts

The school "Dopist" predicts that the line-up for the series will be as follows:

PURPLE	Position	GOLD
Burt	(Captains) F	Howland
Steese	F	Baker
Russell	F	Clark
Farner	C	Hussey
Morse	C	Lee
F. Bedford	G	Reese
M. Bedford	G	Williams
I. Enty	G	Henshaw

With the exception of Mark Bedford, who is something of a dark horse, the Purple will, without a doubt, present the complete five which came so near winning for them last year. Burt, the captain is better than ever before and is playing a wonderful game. Steese is fully as good, if not better, than before. Russell has improved much in his passwork while his class work at the basket still draws great applause from the

crowds. Mark Bedford has already distinguished himself as a stationary guard while Fred is doing fast work. Any one who is at all interested in athletics at Houghton needs no introduction to the versatile Irwin Enty who has flashed across the courts at Houghton as a floor guard for four or five years, and this year we are able to detect no reversal of form in him. Neither do Morse or Farnar at center need to be introduced; they are old men and fine centers.

The Gold are starting the year with a great handicap. They miss the cannonball passwork of White and Kitterman, but no handicap seems able to quell their enthusiasm. Howland and Baker are known men. Although Baker is light he is a wonderful shot at the basket and Howland is, beyond doubt, the fastest running forward in Houghton, if not in this part of the state and is also an excellent basketeer. Clark (Tubby) was not seen on the court last year, but despite his two hundred and fifty pounds or more, is coming back with some very clever passwork. Reese and Williams are old guards and as they have shown fine form this year they will probably be on the team. Henshaw is a new man here in basketball but is a fine guard and will make good. Hussey and Lee at center are both good, Hussey being perhaps the highest jumping middle man in school.

With all this in view the dope seems to point to the Purple as the winning team this year and they are certainly hoping for one in order to somewhat regain their self-respect lost in the crushing defeat administered to them by the Gold last year.

How "Dopisters" Figure the Games

1	First Game	-	27-21 Purple
2	Second Game	-	31-24 Gold
3	Third Game	-	18-15 Purple
4	Fourth Game	-	38-27 Purple
5	Fifth Game	-	26-25 Purple

Watch the January and February "Stars" to determine how near the "Dope" is correct.

The January "Star" will be devoted to Athletics. Don't fail to come to the games and don't fail to read the January "Star".

GIRLS' PURPLE-GOLD SERIES

Will Play Five Games.

The girls' Purple-Gold basketball series will consist of five games, the same as last year. They will be played upon the first five nights of the boys' series preceeding the boys games. The games will be carried on not according to boys' rules as have been the case in years gone by, but according to what might be termed semi-boys' rules. It has seemed almost impossible for girls while playing under boys' rules, to play basketball that is at all scientific. This might have been remedied by very strenuous practice but as this was almost an impossibility, it was decided to play by modified rules, hoping that this would bring about less fouls and better basketball.

Gold Favored To Win

Although the games will be much more hotly contested than last year, and although the Purple are favored to win at least two out of the five games, still the Gold is, beyond a doubt, a shade the best, and will, so the dope says, capture the series. The loss of Mrs. Kitterman proved an almost irre-

pairable loss to them but with Steese, Clark, and Williams, all oldsters as a backbone for the the team with several very good utility players they will prove a very formidable quintet.

The Purple, although much stronger than last year, are working under a great handicap for the want of enough forwards. Ackerman, their star, it is rumored will return next semester, but will be too late to play more than one game with them. The old guards, Jones, Mattoon and Carsons are as good as ever and are well supported by newcomers, Holtz and Rickard. The forwards are excellent on the basket work but rather weak on passwork and seem somewhat light for the flashy guards of the Gold. Nevertheless a "never say die" spirit counts much and we expect Misses Ackerman, Lapham and Foster to give a good account of themselves. Miller at center is new to the courts in Houghton, but the dope says she is good.

Extra Special!

Gold and Purple Choose Men

F. Arden Burt, Captain of the Purple side said yesterday that he had definitely picked the men who would represent the Purple on the courts this year. He said that, in his opinion, the eight best men that could possibly be picked to play this year were as follows: Farner, C.; Morse, C.; Burt, F. (capt.); Steese, F.; Russell, F.; M. Enty, F.; F. Bedford, G.; I. Enty, G. Mr. Burt, although he refused to talk much concerning the games, admitted that he had also chosen the quintet which would defend the Purple in the first game of the season to be played on January 5th. He let it be known that himself and Maurice Enty would hold down the forward position with George at center and the Purple's fastest guards, Bedford and I. Enty for a

defense. Mr. Burt is confident that he will win the first game by a decided score.

Just before we go to press, Mr. Howland, Gold captain, said that he had chosen the men who would play for the Gold this year. For guards he will play Henshaw, Williams, Reese and Crandall, for center Hussey, and for forwards, Clark, Baker and himself. Mr. Howland admitted that his team was rather light but he also qualified his statement by adding, "Their speed will make up for their loss in weight." He also said that he expected the teams to be very evenly matched with no decided advantage on either side.

Students Hold Service in Fillmore

Cecil Huntsman

On the evening of December 3rd one might have seen by the bright moonlight a small procession making its way toward Fillmore. It was a body of students accepting the kind invitation of Rev. T. S. Alty, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to hold a Sunday evening service. Although it was Thanksgiving vacation it was found, on their arrival, that nearly a hundred students were present.

After a short song service the meeting was opened for testimony and a large number of students earnestly witnessed to the power of Jesus' blood in saving and sanctifying them.

The spirit-filled song given by Floyd Banker and Irwin Enty expressed very beautifully the joy and peace of a holy life.

In the message of the evening brought by Joseph Clinefelter, using the fifth chapter of Daniel, he warned us against drinking of the wine of carnal security, thus getting a false sense of safety, and in the end, being found wanting. He showed us that our only hope was in getting Jesus into our lives so that when we were weighed in

God's balances, He would step on with us and we should not be found wanting.

Surely, we do appreciate these opportunities of putting into practice the things we learn in church and classroom.

Henry Lawrence Southwick Lectures

Students Sit Spellb und

Mr. Henry Lawrence Southwick, the president of Emerson College of Oratory, lectured in Seminary chapel last Monday evening. His subject was, "Some practical lessons from the life of Theodore Roosevelt, American."

To say that it was a great lecture would in no way convey a conception of its quality. Mr. Southwick's appearance was charming, his voice pleasing and well-pitched, his gestures smooth, and his oratory almost matchless. He is a speaker of marked literary talent possessing powers of expression such as are very seldom seen on the lecture platform. All this, combined with the force of his pleasing and magnetic personality served to hold his audience spellbound through the whole lecture. He left a good impression and we are certain that we are right in saying that we were privileged to hear on last Monday night, the greatest lecture that has been or will be delivered on the lecture course this year.

The subject presented, although perhaps distasteful to some, was received by all in the sympathetic manner in which it was presented, and everyone left the chapel with a better understanding of Theodore Roosevelt, American. Mr. Southwick held that the

life success of Roosevelt was neither due to his immense wealth, nor to his fine education, nor to his ancestry; but rather to his rugged honesty, his ability to love greatly, and his wonderful courage and will-power.

Speaks in Tuesday Morning Chapel

Mr. Southwick consented to speak again to the students during the chapel hour on Tuesday morning. His thoughts on "The Art of Public Speaking" were fully as interesting and instructive as his lecture the evening before.

He mixed more humor with his work than in the evening, but he chose stories that illustrated his points in the best possible way. In the perusal of any art one must first have a message, and then he must learn how to say what he wishes to say in the most pleasing manner,

Gosbee's Lament

The hours I spend with thee, dear
socks,

Are, O so very sad to me.

If I can't sell you, I'll be on the
rocks,

My hosiery, my hosiery.

Whene'er I try to sell a pair,

I find that bus'ness is so bad,

Altho' I seem quite debonair,

I'm really very sad.

O, memories of days long past,

When selling hose did not mean
loss!

Must I keep plugging 'till the last,

And bear my cross, sweetheart,
and bear my cross?

Air--"The Rosary"

"Here, There and Everywhere!"

Matthew Gosbee

We read recently an account by General Rachewsky of the Polish army of a new asphyxiating gas invented by the Germans. This gas is reported as being so powerful as to render gas masks useless as a protection against it. This news need cause no surprise. Has there not been issuing from Germany for years a gas which is even more deadly than this new invention? Paul Rader has most aptly named the theology which Germany has been giving to the world for many years "German gas". When compared with the gas used in war the latter becomes but a child's plaything beside it. No gas mask is protection against it and while the asphyxiating gas can but destroy physical life of a man, this deadly poison destroys that which is far more precious, the spiritual life. There is a protection against it, however, and only one, and that is a good old-fashioned religious experience based on the Word of God and the witness within that one has been born again.

When our fathers were drawing up the Constitution of our country, little did they realize how well they were building. It is said that when they were returning to their homes upon the completion of their task, it was with misgivings as to the wisdom of the measures they had taken and with fears that their creation would not accomplish that for which it was created. How it would have rejoiced their hearts had they been able to look down the years and see that august

assembly known as "Prof. Wright's Political Science Class", earnestly discussing the merits and demerits of the noble document which those good men of a century and more ago gave to us. Had they been able to hear the verdict rendered by eminent scholars which make up the "Political Science Class", namely, that the old fellows gave to the world a "gem of rarest lustre", "a masterpiece in its realm"; no doubt they would have been so overcome with joy as to utterly incapacitate them for service for some time. With this decision rendered by so worthy a body and backed, as it is, by that of Miss Fancher's "American History Class", why need the world even consider the matter again? Is it not settled once for all?

"Woman elected to the supreme court of Ohio." Far be it from us to question the wisdom of the choice made by the people of Ohio or, even for a moment, to question the ability of a daughter of Eve to fill a position of responsibility, but when this headline met our gaze, we could not help wondering what would become of the dignity of the court if a mouse should appear on the scene while that most dignified body was in session.

There meets our gaze, as we raise our eyes from our paper, a placard which is to be the adornment of our humble dwelling. At first glance one would probably declare it to be an inoffensive-looking card, but upon closer

scrutiny there is found something which causes a chill resembling nothing if not the dreaded chill of the prison cell (see note) to spread over one's anatomy and great drops of perspiration to ooze from one's pores and splash upon the table. At the top, in heavy type, is "House Rules" and, in type scarcely less noticeable, there is seen below this and at intervals of about an inch or so clear down the sheet, such expressions as the following, "Penalty 5 Black Marks" or "Penalty 10 Black Marks" and then, worst of all, at the very bottom, in type of the same size, "One hour K. P. for every 25 black marks." These rules are for the well-known hostelry, which is dignified by appellation, "Waldorf Hall," and are the product of the fertile brain of our worthy brother, Prof. Lee after an extended study on his part of a vast collection of books on penal regulations and the "Spanish Inquisition." (At least the inmates of Waldorf Prison think this to be so.) There are two misdemeanors upon which he neglected to place penalties, namely snoring and the wearing of ready-made bow ties. Outside of these slight omissions he has covered everything. Note--The writer has only the testimony of others as to the nature of the chill mentioned as the "prison chill," but he is inclined to believe this testimony, having, as he does, no desire to investigate for himself in order to prove the truth of their statements.

This may sound heartless, but we cannot help hoping that thousands will "see 'Stars' " in the near future.

M. Clemenceau, who is now touring this country in an effort to bring about

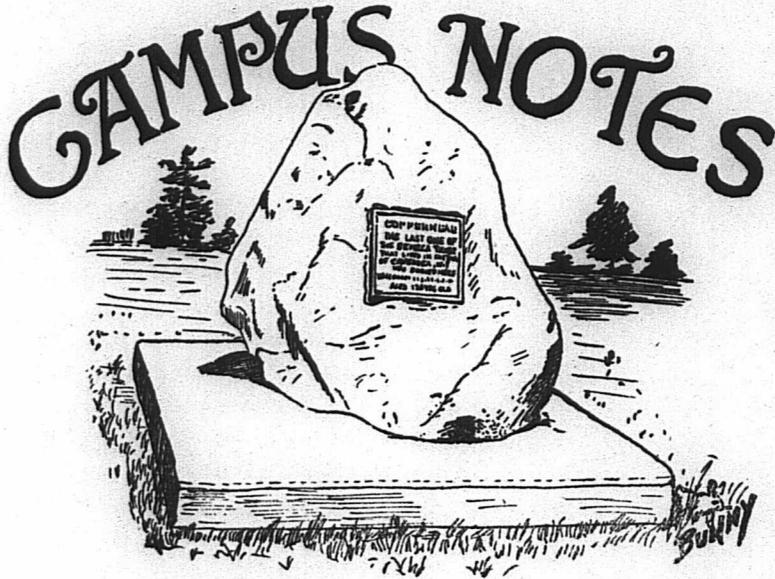
a more friendly feeling between this country and France, says in defending the attitude of the latter nation in still maintaining a large army, that the military party in Germany is preparing for another war, and gives an official French statement showing that large numbers of guns and much ammunition and other war supplies have been found hidden in Germany since the war. Moreover he says that Germany, Russia and Turkey are working together and may fight against the allies in another war" (Current Events). What has become of all the literature which was written a few years ago and which proved conclusively that the world had become so far advanced in civilization that a war of any magnitude was an impossibility? Possibly the authors are looking about for means whereby they can turn their improvised plowshares and pruning-hooks back into their former shapes. It may be possible that by now, even they have been persuaded that the sword and the spear, or at least its offspring, the bayonet, are still useful if not altogether oramental articles.

Be sure you have the spirit which should go with this season of the year. We trust that no one in quoting us will make the terrible mistake of adding an "s" to spirit.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Henry Ford makes \$264,026.41 a day. We are glad we are not Henry. We would never have nerve enough to take a day off.--American Lumberman.

Prohibition has come to stay. The people who say it won't last used to talk the same way about grape fruit and now they like it.-Toledo Blade.



Fred Bedford

During Christmas vacation the heating system of the girl's dormitory is to be repaired to make it heat evenly throughout the building.

Saturday night, Dec. 9, a bunch of college fellows had an oyster supper at President Luckey's. The best of times and eats were reported by all.

A few students are going to stay in Houghton over Christmas vacation. Well, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, but we would rather go home.

Miss Ruth Luckey and Miss Dorothy Peck spent Thanksgiving vacation at home in Houghton.

During Thanksgiving vacation, Mrs. J. S. Luckey and daughter went to the city of Rochester to spend the day shopping. Mr. Fred Bedford drove the car (Ford).

The January issue of the "Star" will be devoted to athletics and written by athletes. Look for it.

"Tubby" Clarke went to Fillmore

some time ago to sell brushes but the people showed him more brushes than he could show them. Too bad "Tubby."

The windows are all in the new building now.

Christmas is here. We believe that Christmas carries with it a thought of home and friends. Don't let us think of presents, but let each of us do kind deeds and think kind tho'ts. Live for the world and do good.

The Purple and Gold basketball series will be played in the month of January. Every person in Houghton and especially students will be there if they have the least bit of interest, enthusiasm, pep, or ambition. Will **you** be there?

Thanksgiving vacation is over and Christmas vacation is here. Let us all have the best of times in the best way.

Still the fine weather continues. It reminds us of spring although there has been ice enough on the cove for fairly good skating.

Belfast, Houghton, Fillmore Debate**Another Interscholastic Debate
in View**

Royal Woodhead

High School Department of Houghton Seminary, here is a chance for you to show the surrounding neighborhood what you are made of. Yes, I know you have never taken debate, but there are lots of people who have, that don't know anything about it. The debate at Chili may bring honor to the school but it will not bring any particular honor to you although you are represented. The college will take all of the credit and you will get all of the blame.

The principal of Belfast High School has proposed to President Luckey, that a debate be staged between the high schools of Belfast, Houghton, and Fillmore some time this winter. There have been no set arrangements made as yet and it may dropped where it is, unless you get up and show that you are capable of bringing honor to the school.

You have bragged that you were able to compete with other schools on the basketball floor but do you not think that you are as good mentally? Sure you are, and here is a chance for you to distinguish yourself unaided. What are you going to do about it, High School?

MY CHUM!

He stood at the crossroads all alone,
With the sunrise on his face;
He had no fear for the path unknown,
He was set for a manly race.
But the road stretched east, and the
road stretched west,
There was none to tell him which way
was the best;
So my chum turned wrong and went

down, down, down,
Till he lost the race and the victor's
crown,

And he fell at last in an ugly snare,
Because no one stood at the crossroads
there.

Another chum on another day,
At the selfsame crossroad stood;
He paused a moment to choose the
way,

That would lead to the greater good.
And the road stretched east, and the
road stretched west;

But I was there to show him which way
was best;

So my chum turned right and went on
and on,

Till he won the race and the victor's
crown;

He came at last to the mansions fair,
Because I stood at the crossroads there.
Since then I have raised a daily prayer,
That I be kept faithfully standing
there,

To warn the runners as they come,
And save my own or another's chum.

Selected.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Out of a manger the Saviour
Came from a lowly birth,
Despised and rejected of many
He yet gave light to the earth,
When the souls of the many sinful,
Had broken his heart for their worth.

Out of the hills of Judea
Keeping watch through the night
Shepherds first heard of the Christ-
child,

Of Christ, the giver of light;
When an angel brought the good tidings
That message of love and delight.

Out of the past may be gleaned
Stories which ne'er grow old,
Read and repeated though often
The tale of the Christ-child is told;
With a newness, with beauties of
thought.

That stand out like nuggets of gold.

—Lynn Russell.

"JUST JESTS"

—Stanley Orner—

Father: Well, how do you like school?

Daughter: Not very much; every question they ask is, "Find the common denominator!"

Father: Huh! haven't they found that yet? They were looking for it when I went to school.

Miss Fancher in Algebra class to Ed Peck: What do you multiply this x squared by?

Ed: Why— (y)

Miss Fancher: Absolutely right.

Chauffeur: Madam, it sounds as though there's a cylinder missing.

Madam: What next won't people steal.

"What kind of monkeys grow on vines?"

"I'm stuck on that one."

"Gr - apes (Gray apes)."

"When can a horse eat the best?"

"I'd never guess."

"When he hasn't a bit in his mouth."

Abe, looking at his deceased friend, Jake Goldsmith and speaking to a fellow mourner: Don't Jakie look fine?

Fellow-mourner: Why wouldn't he, he was at Palm Beach last winter.

Whipple: I put my whole mind into that poem.

Farner: Must be blank verse.

We always laugh at the teacher's jokes,

No matter what they be;

Not because they're funny jokes,

But because it's policy. —Ex.

"Say, dad, wouldn't you be glad if I saved you a dollar?"

"Why yes, Oliver," replied the delighted parent.

"Well, I saved it for you all right. You said that if I brought a good report home from school you would give me a dollar; but I didn't."

He: Are you deaf to my pleadings?

She: I am.

He: But what if I were to offer you a diamond?

She: Oh! I am not stone deaf!"

"This is the fourth morning you've been late, Rufus," said the man to his negro chauffeur.

"Yes, sah," replied Rufus, "I did ovahsleep myself, sah."

"But don't you hear the alarm in the morning, Rufus?"

"No sah. Dere's de trouble, sah. Yer see, de thing goes off while I'm asleep, sah."

Henshaw: I want a date tonight!

Hudson: Oh, I got some Dromedary dates down at the room.

Henshaw: Well, but I want a dormitory date.

An Irishman on hearing of a friend having a stone coffin made for himself, exclaimed: "Be my soul, and that's a good idee. Sure a stone coffin 'ud last a man's lifetime."—Ex.

An Irish judge said, when addressing a prisoner, "You are to be hanged, and I hope it will prove a warning to you."

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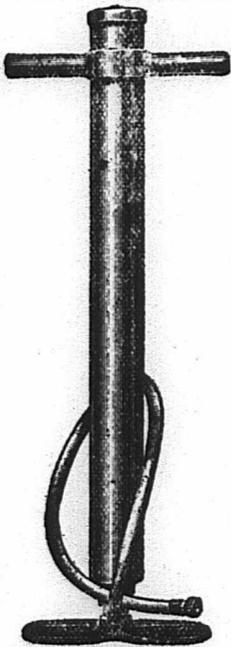
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