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# The Ring-tum Phi.

## A New Department for Washington and Lee.

President Wilson declared in his inaugural address that it was his wish and purpose to establish at an early date a school of political science.

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Besides the instruction given by ext-books and lectures, a special feature of the mode of instruction will be the assigning of special subjects which will require original research and original papers on them, thus affording every encouragement towards reaching independent conclusions.

The course as outlined suggests it once a complete study of the field undertaken. The department is designed to offer not only undergraduate but also graduate work in the branches comprised in it.

The regular staff of instructors in his school will be President Wilson, lecturer on representative government; Dr. J. A. Quarles, political economy; Dr. H. A. White, history; Professor H. St. G. Tucker, government, constitutional and international law.

In addition to the regular course, from time to time others will lecture upon important topics.

It is a great gratification to the friends of the University to know that this step is being taken to materially increase the usefulness of old Washington and Lee.

## At the Gymnasium.

The Gymnasium was better attended during the month of January than at any time heretofore this year, and it is not an uncommon sight to see the men, dumb-bells in hand, stretched from one end of the room to the other. In addition to those who take part in the regular drills at 5:15, there are a dozen or more who amuse themselves in the early part of the afternoon playing hand-ball, tumbling in the air—sometimes only partly in the air—performing feats of daring on the horizontal and parallel bars, preparatory to an exhibition which does not seem likely to occur in the near future, judging at the rate at which they progress. There are others who are supposed to be of studious habits who come into the room in a quiet, business-like way, and pull the chest weights up and down with an eye to the improvement of their condition and physique. They are laughed at now but their time to laugh is not far off.

Of late the game of basket-ball has become popular, and after the regular classes are over the remainder of the time is spent in this way. From a spectator's point of view, this is the most interesting and certainly the funniest part of the exercises. There is one man who has attained quite a reputation as goal keeper, and when he hits the floor, as he frequently does in his zeal and activity, the whole building shakes in sympathy. By the end of the session he hopes to weigh less than 200. May the good work go on.

Perhaps many students who would like to, have never seen the notice which is on the bulletin board regarding basket-ball. The Washington Basket-ball Association has offered a guarantee of all expenses to a team that will come up there before May 1, to play a match with their best team. If six or eight were organized now the best one

could have this honor and pleasure as soon as it gets into good enough form. It is a healthful and interesting game and all the students would find a great deal of pleasure in it if they were to play.

## The Hawks Entertainments.

As arranged Mr. A. W. Hawks gave the first of his "lecturottes" last Saturday night at the Opera House. We believe that no one who heard him on "Sunshine" could repress the laughter which this highly humorous lecture provoked. During almost all the hour and a half the people were kept laughing. Now and then a pathetic anecdote relieved from the humorous but even the many could hardly refrain from laughter at the very thought of what was to follow. Contrary to arrangement the second of his lectures was on Tuesday night instead of Monday night. While not quite as humorous as the "Sunshine" lecture, no one failed to enjoy the "Noses Ninety Minutes Long." In both his lectures Mr. Hawks amply bore out the title of "The Laughing Philosopher," for interspersed with his humor were wholesome serious thoughts.

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## Books Received.

THE FEDERAL JUDGE. By Charles K. Lush. \$1.25. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., New York and Boston.

Of the late novels *The Federal Judge* has been very cordially received and well does it deserve its popularity. Not only has the story been interesting to the great mass of American readers, but it has favorably passed through the hands of our great cities. The *North American Review* gives a most complimentary account of the book and presents a picture of the young newspaper man who has lately entered the field of fiction.

To be sure this novel does not rank among the first; but it is a highly interesting and fairly well written story. The style is clear and concise. The plot is strong and and its conception shows the great powers of the writer.

The story brings out the social and political conditions of our country and the power of money is not exaggerated. Elliot Gardwell is a great railroad magnate of the West and his indomitable will and pleasing manners are irresistible. A farmer sues the great railroad which Gardwell controls and he decides to attend the trial and try his seductive power on the circuit judge. He finds Judge Tracy Dunn a man of impeccable character and a hater of corporations. He finds that his hobby is the collection of butterflies and having studied purposely about this subject he soon wins the friendship of the judge. He is also impressed with his daughter Harriet, and finds a rival in Robert Emmersly, who saves his life in a runaway accident. He returns to the city and in a year Judge Frezett of the Fed-

eral-bench dies. In the meantime Robert Emmersly goes to Congress as the Populist candidate. Gardwell now begins to play his cards. He sees that his railroad must go into the hands of a receiver and he secures the appointment of the rural judge of the Federal bench. He still pretends to be a butterfly enthusiast and the judge is won. He makes him join the club and it is interesting to watch the effect of environments. The plot now becomes complicated, but the final outcome is the marriage of Harriet to Emmersly and the death of Gardwell from overwork. The judge returns to his country home.

## Marriage of Lieutenant Robert H. Allen.

The following account of the marriage of Lieutenant Robert H. Allen (W. & L. U. 1888-'92) at Vancouver Barracks, State of Washington, is taken from the *Portland Oregonian* of January 6, 1898:

The wedding of Miss Minnie Anderson, third daughter of Colonel Thomas M. Anderson, commander of Vancouver Barracks, and Lieutenant Robert H. Allen of the Fourteenth infantry, was solemnized last night at the post chapel at Vancouver barracks. The chapel, which was decorated in the national colors, was crowded with the officers of the post and their families and invited guests from Portland.

The wedding was a military affair and all the officers were in full uniform. The band of the Fourteenth infantry, which was stationed near the chancel, played several airs before the ceremony. The decorations were unusually beautiful and striking. From the centre of the flags hung a huge cannon ball of white chrysanthemums, under which the ceremony was performed, and which did duty instead of the conventional wedding bell. Around the sides were hedges of ivy, interspersed with bunches of snowberries and candelabra, which were lighted during the ceremony.

At exactly 8 o'clock, the band struck up Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," and the bridal party entered the church. The four ushers in full uniform, led, followed by the bridesmaids—Miss Carrie Merriam, Miss Alice Montgomery, Miss Anderson, Miss Bessie Anderson, the maid of honor, Miss Ermengard,

Anderson, and the bride on the arm of her father. At the altar they were met by the groom, Lieutenant Learnard, the best man, and Chaplain L. R. Groves, who performed the ceremony. The bridesmaids on one side and the ushers on the other, and the bride and groom in the middle, all with the background of the Stars and Stripes, was a beautiful and impressive sight.

The bride wore her mother's wedding gown. It was of white satin duchesse with muslin de soie trimmings and a court train. Her white tulle veil was caught back by a spray of hyacinths and she carried a large bunch of them. The maid of honor, Miss Ermengard Anderson, looked very charming in white organdie over pink silk. She carried a large bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were dressed alike, in white organdie over white silk with pink sashes. They carried large bunches of pink carnations tied with white ribbons.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Colonel Anderson's home. The guests were received by Colonel and Mrs. Anderson and the bridal party, standing before the flag of the regiment.

The refreshment table was presided over by Miss Wolvertine, Miss Butler and Miss Houghton of San Francisco.

The bridal party of fourteen sat down to the wedding feast shortly after, and the bride cut the cake with her husband's sword.

## Miss Semmes Entertains the Card Club.

Miss Lulu Semmes, at her home on Institute Hill, on Thursday evening gave a progressive euchre party complimentary to the members of the "Young Ladies' Card Club" and a number of friends.

There were four tables with sixteen players in all, and from 8 to 12 o'clock the game progressed with ever increasing enthusiasm. During the course of the evening the charming hostess ordered a cessation from hostilities and decreed a period of general relaxation. During this period a daintily prepared "spread" was served upon the tables, at the close of which the game was renewed.

There was much skillful playing and no little bit of excitement when, after the last game, it was found

that three of the young ladies, Miss Annie Jordan, Miss Baylor and Miss Semmes, had tied for the first prize. In the game to decide the tie Miss Miss Annie Jordan was successful. The first prize for the gentlemen was won by Mr. Freeman of the Virginia Military Institute.

Captain Spillman of the Virginia Military Institute, and Mr. McBrayer Moore of Washington and Lee, divided the honors equally on the "booby". Both ran well at the start but "closed up like a knife in the stretch."

Cards, held at the corner by a ribbon, and on which were engraved the name of the hostess, served as "markers." These, with the punched holes, indicative of the number of games won, will be kept as souvenirs of a most delightful and enjoyable evening. Those present were:

Miss Annie Jordan with Mr. McBrayer Moore.

Miss Louise Baylor with Mr. McSwen.

Miss Leila McGuire with Mr. Batchelor.

Miss Bettie Clark with Captain Voorhees.

Miss Rosa Brooke with Mr. Freeman.

Miss Virginia Letcher with Captain Spillman.

Miss Lizzie Jordan with Mr. Hamner and Mr. Nelson.

Columbia has 297 professors, instructors, lecturers and tutors.

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The Harvard-Pennsylvania dual track games will not be held this year.

The gun clubs of the Universities of Virginia will hold a shoot next March.

Columbia now allows ten minutes for students to pass to and from recitations.

Every State in the Union and fourteen countries are represented at Harvard.

The new photograph of the heavens which is being prepared by London, Berlin and Parisian astronomers, shows 65,000,000 stars.

Prof. Chandler (in the geography class)—Mr. Lewis, what is the principal production of the Southern States?

Lewis—Niggers.

## BASKET-BALL CONTEST.

### Blue Hotel vs. Bledsoe Ranch.

GREATEST CONTEST OF BRAIN AND SINEW SEEN ON THE BASKET-BALL GROUNDS THIS SEASON.

Great was the excitement that filled the crowd which had assembled last Saturday evening to view the basket-ball game between the Blue Hotel and the Bledsoe Ranch when Referee Pratt blew the whistle and put the ball in play between the two lines. Long before the time for the game to be called the crowd began to assemble, and the grand stand was filled early in the evening. Captain White of the Blue Hotel Reserves first brought his team upon the field, and he was greeted with wild applause by the spectators. Several men in the grand stand became so energetic in their demonstrations that they lost their equilibrium and were precipitated from their high estate. The Blue Hotel yell was blurted forth from such a multitude of throats that it made the welkin ring, and the echo died away at the foot of House Mountain. The writer would fain print this yell for the benefit of the numerous readers of the RING-RUM PHI but maiden modesty makes us refrain.

The Bledsoe Ranch team was not slow in following her opponents to the field, and headed, by Capt. Mason, their made quite a fine showing as they marched in front of the grand stand to receive the plaudits from their admirers.

The line up of the two teams was as follows:

#### BLUE HOTEL.

Centre—Roark.  
Goal Guards—White and Tucker.  
ALVAN—Palmer and Joyner.

#### BLED SOE RANCH.

Centre—Ed Bledsoe.  
Goal Guards—T. Bledsoe and Mason.  
Advance—Graves and Lee.

At 4:30 o'clock sharp, the shrill whistle of the referee was heard, and the long-haired champions faced each other in battle array. From this time to the end of the game the seething, struggling mass of humanity rolled first to one end of the enclosure and then to the other, while ever and anon wild enthusiastic bursts of applause from the grand stand might be heard, which incited the players to fury. The admirers of the Blue Hotel became less and less noisy as the game progressed,

and it was easy to discern that Capt. White's valiant crew were being worsted in the fray. The Captain's wiry form might still be seen above the rest, however, and his words of encouragement and exhortation might be heard above the din of battle. The admirers of the Bledsoe Ranch grew wild with excitement. As their goals were scored one by one, the crowd waxed madder and madder almost to a frenzy. There is no telling but that some of them would have had their eyes popping out, but just at this moment Referee Pratt blew his whistle and the great contest was over. The score stood 11 to 1 in favor of the Bledsoe Ranch.

#### Local and Personal.

Mr. L. P. Dillon of Indian Rock, is home for a few days.

Miss Mildred Myers has returned home from Washington where she has been on a visit to friends.

Miss Leila McGuire of Winchester, is visiting the family of Mr. Morgan Pendleton on Institute Hill.

Mrs. M. L. Graham and her two daughters, Misses Margaret and Elizabeth, are occupying the new house on "Graham Terrace."

Messrs. N. S. Fitzhugh, Robt. Nelson, Cecil Burke, John W. Garrow and Chris Smith have been initiated into the society of Theta Nu Epsilon.

The members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity were entertained by Mr. Charles F. Myers at his home on Wednesday evening. Besides the members of the fraternity, their friends of the fair sex were largely in evidence, and a delightful evening is reported by all who were present.

#### Willoughby Reade.

The entertainment which Mr. Reade of the Episcopal High School, at Alexandria, gave in the College Chapel on Monday night, was well attended. It was for the benefit of athletics. Mr. Reade's selections were rendered in a masterly way and were heartily applauded. Passing from pathos to humor and back again to the pathetic he did not fail to please all by the wonderful power he manifested.

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**The Albert Sidneys.**

On Wednesday evening the Albert Sidney Boat Club met in Prof. Nelson's lecture room in accordance to a provision in the constitution of the General Athletic Association. Although the meeting was small there was plenty of enthusiasm.

The following officers were elected: C. W. Guthrie, president; J. W. Garrow, vice-president; J. R. Tucker, Jr., secretary and treasurer.

Guthrie, coxswain of '95, and Nelson, coxswain of '07, were chosen to select the crew for this year.

It is their intention to start the training earlier this year and in a few days the candidates will be at work in the "Gym" under Mr. Pratt.

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