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FOOTBALL SONG.

Tune-Wabash.

O'er the g idiron rush the boys of the 'Var From the distance flock the teams to meet their fate.
But, ains lboys, you will find us ever ready To meet you, and we'll prove to be your mate.
But one thing there is missing from the gridfrom.
Many faces of the team of %d.
But we expect to do you just the same

And you'll find that you'll be in the same CHORUS.

O'the sun will oft' shine bright upon the gridiron. Where you'd find the boys of blu- and boys of green, With the "brownies" in their trouser's pockwith the "Brownies to the 'Variety.

For the boys of the 'Variety.

ALL SKRENE.

A TRAGEDY.

W. L. U. Goes Down Before the V. M. I.

The Rubicon has been crossed, but no victorious legions have returned to adorn the athletic history of their alma mater with the records of their achievements. The gates of Janu have been opened, but we have no spoils of war with which to decorate the walls of his temple ! the dogs of war have been enloosed upon the gridiron, but they have come home with their tails between their legs; we have met the enemy and we are theirs.

Great is the power of habit ; greater still is the influence of custom. So many times have we met defeat at the hands of the Cadets ; so mmny years have witnessed our eleven vanquished on the gridiron, that we seem to have fallen into the habit, almost the custom, of expecting no other result. We have come to look upon our annual defeat as something similar to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. It was a great disappointment this year, for we expected great things. 'Some of us had even dared to hope that the time-worn custom would be reversed and that we would be able to begin the year by turning over a new leaf and debtiing the V. M. I. with a couple of touchdowns. Instead, however, we are compelled to place the inevitable goose-egg opposite Washington and Lee and give the Cadets credit for 39 points.

The force of habit and custom is

great but greater even than these is the power of well-played football. We cannot explain away Wednesday's slaughter by attributing it to a passive resignation to the influence of habit. In our inability to find a nice word to express something disagreeable we must say that it was due to "rotten" playing on our part. We were out-generaled in all parts of the game. Our tackling was too high, our interference very poor, and our blocking bad. Our team work, if any one discovered any, was slow. The Cadets, on the other side of the ball, exhibited a sharp contrast. Their interference was strong and their team work almost perfect. They ran hard, tackled low and blocked our plays excellently.

Lee was the star player of Wash ington and Lee, and Bledsoe, Moore and McNeil also played a good game. The Cadets were all stars. but Gatys and Montgomery outshone the rest of the team in the glory of their hard bucking and long

Although the score was somewhat against us, the game has been of infinite benefit to our team. It has shown us our faults and made us alive as to our necessities. The playing of our men has convinced us that we have good material and that almost every man played hard in his position, but it has also brought a great conviction of our lack of organization and team work, of bad tackling and blocking. A movement has, therefore, been started to correct the evil, and if successful, we will soon have one of the finest coaches in the country to take charge of the team. With his assistance and the material on hand. defeat will be soon turned into victory and this will be the best football year W. and L. has ever had. Let everyone help the good work by a liberal subscription.

THE GAME.

If the weather had been colder Wednesday would have been an ideal day for football. The sky was cloudy and the air scarcely stirring. An unusually large number of town

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Law Debating Society.

The liability of a common carrier for mis-delivery of goods as exemplified by the Massachusetts case of Samuel v. Cheney was the subject of discussion Thursday night, and if a parallel case comes up before a Washington and Lee graduate when he attains a judgeship, there is little doubt but that the carrier will get his deserts and not be compelled to establish a mind-reading department for the protection of "gulled" consignors.

The president appointed the court as follows: Mr. Gish, chief justice. and Messrs, Lloyd, Hickman, Throckmorton and Miller associates. Mr. Harrison then opened for the appellant in an able and well delivere I address, followed by Mr. Dillard for the company. The speech of the second counsel for the appellant, Mr. Senft, would have been more forceful if it had been spoken instead of read. It showed a close study of the question and careful preparation. Mr. Skyles closed for the company by endeavoring to break down the array of authorities cited by the appellants and was answered by Mr. Harrison, Volunteers were then called for andMessrs. Bushong, Glass, Martin, Theobald, Chew, Ellett and Powell responded to the call, Mr. Chew being the only one to speak for the appellant, and even he changed his opinion when the question was put to the house. The court by a unanimous vote decided in favor of the carrier. each judge giving an able opinion, and the society concurred with only one or two dissenting voices. The President then gave his opinion in a very studied address, contrasting the cases apparently in conflict and showed he was of the same opinion as the large majority of the society. Mr. Crow of the academic department, then closed the meeting with a few happy remarks which, although not strictly on legal subjects, brought in "special pleading" in such a way that one of our dignified

that overspread his smiling countenance was ample proof that professors are not always thinking about boys, nor lawyers about their dusty volumns. Real property, special pleading and domestic relations are not at all in the same line of teaching but that does not conclusively show that because a man happens to teach the first he has no knowledge of the other two.

Literary Societies.

The "Wash." met as usual on last Saturday night and carried out an entertaining program, consisting of an oration by Mr. Senft, declamations by Messrs. Moore and Smith, and a spirited debate, the features of which were the masterful argument of Pres. Ott for the negative, and the excellent extemporaneous. reply of Mr. Hartman.

The interest of the society was na ifested by the large number of voluntary debaters, who waxed warm over the question of whether or not Admiral Dewey should accept the house built for him in Washington.

Mr. H. B. Graybill, having resigned from his position as secretary, a vote of thanks, was tendered him for his efficient services, and Mr.W. C. Moore was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Hartman was elected critic of the society. There being no further business, the society a ljourned after signing up several

Graham-Lee.

The debate last Saturday night was upon the much discussed question of "Imperialism." It was decidedly the best one of the year and many good hits were made by different members in answering one another. Powder and shot Christianity, the moral duty of one country to the other, and other well known phases of expansion were thoroughly gone over. The declamations this year have been unusually good, and Mr. Causey, a new man, made a very favorable impression by his declamation last Saturday. .

The debate next Saturday night professors was forced to take a case is on "Trusts," and should be an of dry grins and the roseate flush unusually interesting one.

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pointing but ought not to be discournging. We were not beaten by the V. M. I. team, for our team almost man for man was better than our opponents, but we were beaten by superior training.

The whole trouble is that we are behind the times for every team today which attains or aspires to any importance is trained by competent coachers. Only the other day one of our professors remarked that there was no reason why we should not have a first class team without the assistance of a coach and cited an instance the famous team of '96, It is true that in '96 we did produce a winning team without coaching but what was possible in '96 is no longer possible today. This is an age of specialization, an age in which it is the fine points that count. We must keep up with the procession or fall to the rear. No amateur boxer can hope to defeat a trained and experienced prize-fighter, no amateur baseball team can compete with the tried and experienced National League teams, and no green football team can hope to win from a team that has had the benefit of the experience and training of a first-rate coach.

The V. M. I. rubbed it in pretty hard but they did it in a clean, sportsmans-like way and we must take our dose like men, making up our minds, however, to get back at them next time.

Chapel Exercises.

The life of the Boers in Southern Africa has been a veritable "hard luck" story. Ever since they established themselves there, seeking Devoted to the Interests of the Students a life happy in religious freedon and of Washington and Lee University. isolation from foreigners, they have felt the grasping hands of aheus, seeking a hold on the natural advantages of their country and on their constitution.

President Wilson chose the unfortunate quarrel of England with these people, which is today an issue of paramount interest, as the topic by the equally brave Englishmen. for discussion last Wednesday.

When England, he said, acquired J. Randolph Tucker, Va., . Editor-in-Chief. Southern Africa from the Dutch, sl.e found there a people descended from have been received by theRING-TUM the Dutch but who now had cut PHI: George Walter, Ga., Win. J. Lauck, W. Va. loose from all European customs and desired to be known only by spent upon them, but freshness the appellation of Afrikanders. In time they developed into a strong, The game Wednesday was disaj - slave-holding, narrow people.

In 1833, when England emanci-1 ated the slaves, the Boers organiz- is, practically, a more elegant rendied themselves into a grand trek and tion of that old saying that 'all wandered into Southeast Africa, work and no play nakes Jack a away from the English, where they dull boy.' There are a number of could live according to laws of their students in this college who are, own making. The result of this apparently, of the opinion that bemigration was the establishment of cause their name happens to be the Transvaal Republic.

England looked with much disfavor upon this attempted secession, and the enmity of the two people my hearing that several of the stubroke out in frequent fights.

that a delegation of Boers waited though they would have enjoyed upon the English and requested that seeing it mightily, they could not the Transvaal be put under English spire the time. Now a game of rule. When the English flag be- football would consume just about come the dominant emblem of the an hour and a half and the natural that this was unsatisfactory to the to a man who cannot take that majority of the Boers. Gladstone much time off once or twice a week took up their cause, and notwith- for recreation is that he is lacking standing the defeat of the English in mental requitites and cannot be at Majuba hill by the Boers, and taught, or else he has undertaken the popular cry for vengeance, he more than he can master and is on dared to do right and restored to them their rule.

Diamonds and gold were soon discovered to exist in great quantities not to come to college and the latter in this new land. The result was should forthwith lessens their lamost disastrous to the Boers. A great influx of adventurers began to pour into these rich fields. These immense throngs opened the mines, acquired property and built the thriving town of Johannesburg. The Boers resented this intrusion. They had, it would have won. allowed the strangers to take no part in legislation, and the strangers,

who had now become residents, on their part, demanded representation in the government that levied on them heavy taxes. It was inevitable that a struggle sould soon begin for a recognition of political rights, and the disenfranchised atpealed to England The negotiations between that country and the Transvaal is what is now engrossing the newspaper readers of the world.

If it is to be war, the one disastrous result can be readily foreseen. The intrepid Boers, brave, obstinate and willing to fight to the death, will be completely crushed

Communications.

The following communications

"Success in studies is not time while 'pursuing them.'-President Wilson's Speech, Wednesday morning, Oct. 11th. Nothing truer than this has ever Leen expressed, and it Tom, Dick or Harry the rule does not apply to them.

"The above was called forth by dents gave as a reason for their not Things finally came to such a pass attending our last game, that Transvaal Republic it was evident deduction to be drawn with regard the point of breaking down his health, eventually to land in a hospital or an insance asylum.

"Moral: The first class ought ROOTER."

' A MISTAKE.

The mistake was that our "lit-tle Spartan band," as President Wilson very properly calls it, did not play the V. M. I. band; if it Yours grievingly,
WILLIE.

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Personal Mention.

'Miss Willis of Racine, Wis., is with her brother, Prof. Willis.

Miss Ellen Glasgow has returned from a visit to Washington.

Mr. James Tucker of San Francisco, Cal., is the guest of Prof. H. St. G. Tucker.

Prof. H. D. Campbell has as his guests his sisters, Miss Virginia Campbell and Mrs. Dabney.

Miss Rosa Tucker has returned from an extended trip to Pennsylvania and New York.

Miss Janet Allan is in Pulaski attending the meeting of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans to which she was appointed a "ponsor.

Mr. E. A. Quarles of Louisville, Ky., an alumnus of W. 1. U., is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. James A. Quarles.

We are glad to learn that both Prof. Willis and Mr. Phelps are getting along very well. Dr.Quarles will have charge of Prof. Willis' Economic class during his sickness,

A New Scholarship.

The law department will have a new scholarship this year to take the place of the Crenshaw Law Scholarship which has been discontinued.

This scholarship is given by Mr. Isaac Witz of Strunton, Va., in memory of his son, Louis A. Witz, an A. B. and B. L. of Washington and Lee, who died some months

Those who knew Louis Witz during his collegiate career here will need no surer reminder to keep his memory green in their hearts, but with such a memorial as this, his name will be known and respected by generations to come and this monument more precious than granite or marble will stand for years as an evidence that his young life was not lived in vain. What grander mausoleum can any man have than the hearts of those who love him?

Fields & Hanson's Minstrels.

The Fields and Hanson Minstrels, which will be here on Monday night, is one of the best shows of the kind on the road and all who love good singing, good dancing and all round good minstrel show cannot afford to miss it. From everywhere that it has been come testimonials commending it and Lexington is lucky to get such an attraction.

Y. M. C. A:

Dr. C. W. Ottley, travelling secretary of the Student Volunteer movement, and Mr. G. M. Smith, state college secretary, are here this week in the interest of the University association. They will both be present to address the students Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. hall. Every student is invited and urged to be present. Remember the time, 4 p. m. sharp.

Wash. Society Program.

SATURDAY, Oct. 14, 8 p. m. Orators-Hartman and McDowell, Declaimers-Graybill and Goshorn. Debaters-Affirmative, Senft, Smiley and Jones; negative, Bledsoe, Smith and Boogher.

Question: Resolved, That the English forces should withdraw from the Transvaal.

E. D. Orr, President. W. C. Moore, Sec'y.

The V. M. I. is having an epidemie of typhoid fever, thirteen cases having developed in the last few days,

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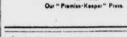


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A Tragedy.

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people showed their interest in the goal. The Cadets in all made four game by collecting on the parade touchdowns, but failed for goal ground of the Institute at an early hour, while the Students had turned out almost en masse, and if the outcome of the game had depended on "rooting," there would have been another tale to tell.

The game was promptly called at 3.30, and Washington and Lee having won the toss, Moore kicked off' to the 10 yard line. After a fumble the full back advanced the ball to the 30 yard line where he was tackled. The fates, however, were against us, for then, sad to relate, by the aid of excellent interference, the Cadets broke through our line and carried the ball the entire length of the field for a touchdown. McCabe kicked goal.

Washington and Lee again kicked off to 10 yard line and the V. M. I. returned the ball ten yards. The work was now slow as our team did good defensive work, but by short gains through the line and around the ends the Cadets forced the ball into our territory. On a fake play a gain of twenty yards more was made and the full back took the ball over the line. McCabe kicked goal. The result of the game was no longer in question, but our boys warmed up to the work and fiercely contested every inch of ground. The superior team work of their opponents, however, was too much for them, and the Cadets scored another touchdown and goal During the rest of the half our boys played better than at any other part of the game. Bledsoe stopped the return from the kick off by a pretty tackle and the Cadets lost the ball on a fumble. After gaining about twelve yards we also lost on a fumble. V. M. I. fumbled on a pass for kick, but advanced ten yards. Here is where we had a chance for safety and missed it. The V. M. I. again lost ball on downs and we failed to Job Work Done With Neatness and Dispatch. gain. V. M. I. punted twenty-five yards and Lee got the ball. Time was then called, V.M.I., 18; Washington and Lee, 0.

The last half of the game was worse than the first. If it had not been for the diversion caused by several prospective "scraps," the sight of the Cadets making touchdowns would have grown monotonous. A special feature was Montgomery's

run of the length of the field on a run of the length of the field on a lake play for a touchdown and OWEN HARDWARD CO. three times. Score : V. M. I., 39 ; W. and L., 0.

Line-up of the teams : W. L. U.

Allan McConnell

Position. Right guard Left guard Right tackle

MeNettl Left tackle McPheeters(Cap.) Wight end Quarter back (Capt.) Mont Sloan

Right half-back Miller, Bernard Left half-back Full back Kirk Umpire-Mr. Offert of Princeton. Refered -Captain Marrow, V. M. I. Linesman-Powell, W. L. U., Roller, V. M. I. Timeksepers-K Hinger, W. L. U., Marshall, V. M. I. Time

V. M. I. Wright. Rice.

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Dyal, Marshall.

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Biscoe McCabe

Football Scores.

haives, twenty minutes.

Princeton 5, Annapolis 0. Penn. State 16, West Point 0. U. of Penn. 6, Brown 6. Cornell 12, Williams 0. Harvard 29, Williams 0. V. P. I. 21, St. Albans 0. U. Va. 10, St. Albans 0. U. Va. 16, Episcopal H. S. 6. U. Pa. 33, U. Va. 6. Princeton 12, Lafavette 0.

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