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A Merry Christmas and



A Happy New Year

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Mines Team Ends Successful Season

After Poor Start Spurt to Strong Finish.

Football Review by "Nig" Warren.

The Miners got off to a poor start, dropping their first three games. The fans in Logan, Utah, branded the light Mines team as the wildcats from Butte. They dropped a 29-0 defeat at the hands of the strong Rocky Mountain contenders. The team has the honor of cherishing an everlasting alliance with the Utah Aggies due to the clean sportsmanship for which the Mines is known. Coach McAuliffe obtained an early season line on his boys in this game. Twenty-one men made the trip and every man had the chance to show his stuff.

The 6-0 defeat by the Anode Independents will always be history, for the services of a civil engineer were required to verify the touchdown. The accumulation of beef on the Anode line figured easy picking but every man on the Anaconda team realizes the scrappy spurt showed all season by the Midgets.

Lady Luck smiled on Helena's fighting Saints by informing them of the one weak spot the Mines possessed at the opening of the season. The Saints pierced, cut back and ran the Mines' ends until they had piled up a score in the first half that could not be overcome after Coach McAuliffe straightened the difficulty. On instructions received from the Mines' tutor the second half was a different story. The Mines staged a comeback only to meet defeat with a few tough breaks at the wrong time by a 21-12 score.

In the fourth and first home game the Miners ran wild. Intermountain realizing that the Mines could not as yet boast of a victory intended to continue hanging up a string of defeats for the Mines. At the half, Intermountain was on the long end of the score and then Coach McAuliffe instilled in his team the real Ore-Diggers' spirit. The Midgets came back

and came back strong and administered to Intermountain a 27-16 defeat. It may be well to mention here that the Mines team possesses a letter from the Intermountain Panthers admiring the team for their clean sportsmanships in the game with them at Clark Park.

Spokane University journeyed from the Washington city with a series of victories tucked away. They were all set on another but the Mines still cherished that spirit which their coach had put over in their last game. The Midgets handed their heavier opponents a 14-0 defeat.

The Miners used the second string against the Teachers from Dillon and handed them a 14-0 defeat. Practice before the game had been light, since the Ore-Diggers were at a serious loss awaiting the recovery of their coach, who was ill. Steve Sullivan of Butte Central, was called upon to handle the situation and endeavored to make the last game a victory. Steve was well rewarded for his work, since the subs brought in the season's last bacon.

Silver Crisis Threatened

India May Cause Downfall of White Metal.

India, that British-ruled Asiatic nation, with her millions of people, her fine spices, her precious jems; and because of this, ever the goal of the early adventurers and merchants, today, has much the same command over precious metals as she formally had when foreign ships visited her ports to partake of her wealth. Her command over precious metals is in a different form than that it once was, however.

India is the largest buyer of white metal—silver—in the world. Her monetary system is based on a silver standard—her coinage is largely silver. During periods of great market depressions and exceedingly low silver prices, India never lost faith in the white metal, but remained a consistent buyer. But we are now con-

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INTERSCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME THANKSGIVING DAY

NORTH BUTTE COMPANY GIVES SLIDE COLLECTION AND FILMS.

The North Butte Mining Company has presented a collection of 1500 lantern slides to the Montana State School of Mines. The slides are the result of a safety first campaign conducted by the mining company some years ago. To illustrate the right and the wrong way of doing everything around the company's properties it was decided to make the slides. They represent an original cost of several thousand dollars, much difficult photography and careful study of mining conditions.

The slides represent all kinds of scenes under ground and above ground and illustrate proper methods of stopping, breaking ground, timbering, handling ore cars, operating chutes, handling explosives and other details of mining.

After using the collection for a number of years the management found that it was not being used to any great extent, as most of the employees had seen and studied the slides bearing on their work. The management then decided to donate the collection to the state school of mines, realizing that it will be of great value in teaching mining engineering.

The collection also includes twenty rolls of movie film and two teaching models of square set timbering. The films illustrate various mining operations.

A. S. S. M. MEETING

A meeting of the A. S. S. M. was called November 5, for the purpose of transacting business which had arisen since the previous session. Electing a president and a secretary-treasurer to the Dancing Club occupied the major part of the business meeting. Mitchell and Wirak, respectively, were chosen to fill these positions. After the first elections, ballots were cast for two cheer lead-

Mines Sponsors High School Football

During the last of October and through November, the School of Mines became very much interested in high school football, largely because the interscholastic eliminations for the state of Montana are worked out under the direction of a faculty committee of the School. Professor Scott as director and President Craven and Coach McAuliffe as the other members of this committee handle all the adjustments necessary in securing district champions, inter-district victors, and final contestants in the championship game held at Butte on Thanksgiving day.

The season just past wound up with Havre from the Northern district pitted against Missoula from the Western section. After a contest filled with thrills for the spectators, Havre left the Clark Park field with a 39 to 19 triumph safely stowed away as the result of the first time a team from that city has gone into the finals for state honors in any sport. A fast, hard-fighting collection of ball hounds made their own breaks, smashing the 13 to 13 tie with which the fourth quarter started by clever work, and later piling up a wider margin by seizing opportunity when it was offered by their heavier opponents from the Bitter Root. The quality of football displayed was not always high class but there was no doubt that it was pleasing to the four thousand fans who were present.

The Northern eleven won its way to the semi-finals by a surprising 9 to 0 victory over Great Falls the last Saturday in October. Out in the Eastern district Custer County of Miles

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ers to officiate at the Mines-Intermountain Union game which was to be held the following day. Miss Winchester and Howard Dunn were elected after a close contest.

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CONCERNING CLIQUES AT THE SCHOOL.

There is no denying the fact that there are too many factions in existence at so small a school. The reasons for this state of affairs are numerous and may be summed up in the following manner: In the first three places a majority of our students lack a sense of humor—and by a sense of humor I do not mean the type that laughs at another person's misfortunes — in the respect that they fail to see anything in life to laugh at or with.

We have succeeded in keeping fraternities out of the School of Mines, but the fraternity spirit has crept in and endangers our success in co-operating for the best interests of the school. Fellows, this is really a sad state of affairs when one hundred and some people cannot get together on the proposition. Perhaps some of our men have too much political ambition. Perhaps we are the types that do not care for friendly associations; but whatever we are we are making a hash of the job.

If you need instances of our factions, look around you. There is not a student in school who has not a particular group of cronies. An agitation was made last spring to try the possibilities of locating a fraternity at the School. Why try to install a fraternity? We have them already in the sense of superficial attitudes towards each other.

At one time in our school history we had the name of being like one big family. Today we are more like the League of Nations, with our politics, our cliques, and our lack of a friendly spirit towards each other. The Christmas holidays are approaching. Let us attempt some sort of an old-time reunion spirit. (Did I say reunion? Well, why not? We are as far apart as the north and south poles.)

Our student association is in debt. We cannot hope to lift this debt unless we have the co-operation of every

man in the School of Mines. We need better attendance at the social affairs, more support at the athletic contests, and a little more friendly attitude towards the co-eds. Suppose we set aside a day when we will forget all petty quarrels and try it out for the period of a few hours. If it works well we can adopt the attitude of goodfellowship in the contacts of our daily life here.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

There is an intangible quantity which should be found in every college—it is known as school spirit. The success of the school in every line of student activity is directly dependent on it. No athletic team can be without a number of men willing and ready to sacrifice their own personal pleasures and desires to a large extent for the good of the school. No athletic team can make a success on the field of contest without the united, hearty backing of a spirited student body, ready and willing to put school affairs ahead of other considerations, and support the team at every opportunity. The same is true of every other school undertaking, for the successful college is the school in which activities are balanced, each one, athletic, social, or forensic, supported by the full strength of the student body. School spirit, then, consists of more than just boasting noisily of the virtues of your school, or of shouting when one of your school's teams win a victory. School spirit is the spirit which prompts every individual in a school to forget his own petty affairs in the interest of the common good, and to put his shoulder to the wheel in an effort to make his school one worthy of pride.

Just how much school spirit have we at the School of Mines? If you have not paid the student activity fee; if you have not supported the teams; if you have not supported the dances; if you have not in very possible way tried unselfishly to better the school, then there is need for an improved spirit. Let us work together until it can be said that there is no school in the country with better spirit than the Montana State School of Mines.

THE FUNCTION OF THE NATIONAL STUDENT FEDERATION OF AMERICA.

The country is filled with organizations. Is there a real need for a Federation of students? What can it contribute to American education? Is such a Federation merely a paper society with indefinite aims and vague methods? Are the activities of such a Federation merely redundant? Do other existing organizations fulfill in an adequate manner the aims of the National Student Federation? Wholehearted and intelligent support of the National Student Federation must be predicated upon satisfactory answers to these questions.

The National Student Federation of America purposes:

1. To achieve a spirit of co-operation among the students of different

colleges throughout the country to the end that the experience of one shall inure to the advantage of all.

2. To develop understanding between the students of America and foreign countries.

3. To further an intelligent student opinion on questions of national and international importance.

The National Student Federation of America would effectuate these purposes in the following manner:

1. The Annual Congress will provide a means of acquainting each delegate with educational problems and progress in other colleges of the nation. This will enable each college to have the experience of different institutions in divers sections of the country with the resultant attainment of a more profound viewpoint upon its own difficulties.

2. The National Student Federation has established connection with the American Association of University Professors and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Learning. Through this connection, Federation members will have at their disposal, articles, interviews and bulletins prepared by these organizations. We aim to perform the same service for undergraduate life that these societies undertake for teachers. The intercollegiate news service during the year 1927 will issue bi-weekly articles by expert educators and leading students regarding important contemporary problems of undergraduate life, such as, i. e., Freshmen Rule in Athletics, Cooperation of the Student Council with the Faculty, the Problem of the non-Fraternity Man, Means of Achieving more Intimate Contact between Faculty and Undergraduates, etc., etc.

3. The Open Road is acting as our travel agent in arranging tours of American students to various European countries. These tours consist of twelve or fourteen students and a leader. Cooperation by the National Unions of European countries secures entree into government circles and private homes. During the summer of 1927, approximately five hundred students will travel under these auspices.

4. A special group of official student representatives will travel to Europe to study student conditions. These tours will conform to those of the English Speaking Union and will, in most cases, require a knowledge of the language and the country visited.

5. The National Student Federation will act as host to parties of European students coming to America and will provide hospitality and entertainment for them at the different American colleges and cities.

6. By arrangement with the Pan American Union, probably in the summer of 1928, student groups will visit Latin American countries and likewise Latin American students will come to the United States.

7. The National Unions of European countries have offered the use of a number of private homes for American students during the summer. By the payment of a small sum American students may live with Eu-

ropean families and thus enjoy the opportunity of obtaining personal knowledge of the language and customs of the particular country.

8. At the request of the German National Union, the National Student Federation will send to Germany in the summer of 1927 several coaches and directors of athletics. They will instruct German teachers in the practice and spirit of American competitive sports. This service will be a gift of the students of America to their co-workers in Germany.

9. The institute of International Education under the directorship of Dr. Stephen P. Duggan is furnishing the National Student Federation of America with a list of foreign students in the different American Colleges. The local Federation committee will have charge of the entertainment and care of these students during the year. This will enable the foreign students to become an integral part of the college and obtain a clearer view of American Institutions.

10. Through the help of the National Unions of Europe as well as that of the International Federation of Students, Americans studying at European universities will receive introductions to leading European students and educators. This arrangement is similar to that mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Shortly after the Michigan Congress, information will be sent to all members regarding the various summer courses offered by European Universities.

In no manner would we be merely another organization. The National Student Federation of America is a group of individuals dedicated to the vitalization of American education and the furtherance of fellowship with students of other countries. We would achieve this aim, not by words or pious utterances, but rather through such practical measures as outlined above. In the consummation of these ends we would maintain the best traditions of American education.

Mr. R. G. Skerrett, editor of the Compressed Air Magazine, and several associates, made an inspection of the School of Mines early last month.

Mr. Skerrett is making a tour of the United States to familiarize himself with the multitude of new uses to which compressed air is being put. It is needless to say that he found several novel ones at the school. The last innovation being the temperature controlling system recently installed, which depends on compressed air for its operation.

Both Senior and Junior classes heard of unique applications of compressed air in solving engineering problems from Mr. Skerrett. Members of these classes now realize that the field of uses of compressed air is vast, and more, is expanding at a rate comparable to such mushroom industries as radio.

There is a young fellow named Groh; Said he was bashful, you know,

Then a girl came along;
 Where's the bashfulness gone?
 He's quite a fast Shiek, is this Groh-

High School Championship

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City and Dawson County of Glendive, played a scoreless tie in their first encounter of the season. After Dawson eliminated Wolf Point, the two met again, Custer this time winning a decisive title to the district honors. Havre and Miles City tangled with each other at Great Falls on November 13, with the Northerners making the breaks to win 27 to 6 though Custer made greater yardage gains.

The races in the Southern and Western districts were confused considerably by the withdrawal of leading elevens because of ineligible men. Billings, always a prominent contender in the South Montana section, was suspended last year. Dillon, Anaconda, and Butte Central each in turn found that they had been using one or more ineligible and withdrew. Just before the championship game Billings protested a Missoula player and thus unearthed the fact that there were two culprits on that team. This protest came too late to force Missoula out of the final game but added to the difficulties of the School of Mines in arranging the eliminations.

Butte in the Southern district won a clear title by defeating Dillon 3 to 0 and by squeezing out a bare 7 to 6 win over Livingston. The Purples also had a long run of victories over Western district elevens of the class of Anaconda and Central. In the Bitter Root section of the Western district, Missoula emerged a winner and then triumphed over Whitefish which cleaned up the Flathead sector. The successive withdrawals of Anaconda and of Butte Central threw Missoula against Philipsburg for the district title and the Bitter Rooters made it a runaway. Against Butte in the inter-district game at Missoula, the field was snowy and slippery, the weather being particularly wretched. Neither team could score, but, according to Prof. Scott of the School of Mines, Missoula had a clear margin in yardage made and so went on into the finals against Havre.

Bad weather early in the week and the question whether Missoula might not withdraw in favor of Butte agitated the days preceding Thanksgiving. Havre arrived in Butte the Sunday preceding and Coach Morris, Principal Shirley, and the eighteen members of the team were royally entertained by various Butte people. Missoula came the day before the championship contest and could join in only a theater party given by Manager Billy Sullivan of the Rialto.

Thanksgiving proved to be a fine day for football, but the crowd at Clark Park ran smaller than usual. Good sized delegations from both Havre and Missoula made the trip to Butte, both running special trains to accommodate their rooters. Butte fans were pulling largely for the Northerners, this result coming partly from the natural sympathy for the smaller institution and partly from the argument over Butte's chance to go into the finals.

The first quarter started with Mis-

soula driving through the Havre line for a touchdown in short order. Then Havre rallied to hold down the line plungers. A break early in the second quarter allowed Goggins at end for the Northerners to make a touchdown on Meeker's failure to fall on a bad pass which went over the goal line. Later Missoula booted a field goal and left the gridiron at the half leading 10 to 6. The third session saw Havre scoring an earned touchdown and converting the point to take a 13 to 10 lead. Soon thereafter Missoula put over another field goal and tied the count at 13 to 13. Both elevens held during the remainder of the period but as the final session started, Dow for Havre, dashed over sixty yards to put his team again in the lead. Twice Missoula almost scored, being held once for downs almost on the Havre goal line and the second time a potential touchdown turned into an opponents' score when Mayer, Havre end, took a pass intended for a split buck and ran 97 yards to a counter. Action the last two minutes was fast and hectic. Within one minute and forty-five seconds by the timer's watch, three touchdowns were made, Havre getting one on a forward pass completed and the other on an intercepted pass while Missoula tallied on a clean pass. Few games in Butte have had so much action and interest in them as had this one. Both Coach Morris of Havre and Coach Stegner of Missoula deserve praise for the training their men received, for the exceptionally fine sportsmanship displayed, and for the high class entertainment they gave the fans.

Thanksgiving evening after the game the players of both teams, the coaches, the officials, Pat Kelly of Livingston, Dr. Wilbur Beal of Anaconda, and Supt. E. A. Hinderman of Whitefish, and a few others gathered at the Finlen Hotel for turkey and all the trimmings. After everyone present was forced to discontinue eating for lack of space, Prof. Walter T. Scott informally presented the trophies for the year. To Havre went the pigskin used during the game. To Miles City and to Butte went silver cups emblematic of their district honors. Missoula received a much larger cup given for the district showing and for winning the inter-district game. Finally Havre received the big silver trophy of a football player in action which goes with state championships each year. Then eighteen Havre players and Coach Morris were awarded the gold football watchfobs that they may wear henceforth to show that in 1926 they belonged to the leading eleven in Montana high school circles.

The game this year was the fifth that has been held under the general supervision of the School of Mines since the district plan was adopted. While the attendance fell below the usual expectations, in every other respect the 1926 contest was handled as credibly as were those of previous years. Both Havre and Missoula expressed themselves as being well pleased with the School of Mines management of the game and with the courtesies extended to them.

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The remainder of the meeting was conducted as a rally for the coming football game. Since both of the cheer leaders-elect were freshmen it was necessary that someone who was acquainted with the School of Mines yells should take care of this first rally. After some persuasion "Smiggs" Murphy, last year's yell king consented to do this; and together with Archie McPhail put over a very peppy rally. Then, after an inspiring lecture by McPhail upon the need of supporting the team, the meeting was adjourned.

THE SHIFTER

There's a spirit that hovers in the depths 'neath the ground,
Where the carbide lamps glimmer
and the copper is found.

It slips up through manways; it glides down the drifts;
And the miners watch for it through powder smoke rifts.

Now the trainmen are startled when it steps off the cage,
And they start up their motor, with much work to engage.

Its voice is like thunder, and horribly bold
To muckers discharged in the winter-time's cold.

Tho it is not malignant, and its help is not grudging,
Still we fear when our work must by the spirit be judged.

As men in a mine, on the underground crew,
We all watch our step when the Shift Boss comes through.

—The Bear Grass Kid.

Sophomore Bluffs Bandit

Bluffing, that essential part of a modern education which is the despair of the professor and the doubtful ally of the student, has at last been proven of definite value. When a bandit presents the muzzle end of a tough looking automatic for the inspection of a Mines student he is vanquished before he starts, as was shown a few weeks ago when a thug who later

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drew headline space in the Miner as a "tender hearted bandit" attempted to hold up the "lad in greasy overalls" who has charge of Russel's filling station. We maintain that the bandit was not tender hearted, at all, but that he was outwitted by the superior intellect of the student, who, through long practice at the School of Mines, has acquired unusual skill at the bluffing game. Why accuse the holdup-man of tender heartedness in failing to take money from the cash register, when he was bluffed into believing that it was not there? Why lower his professional standing by saying he was too kind to blackjack his victim, when he was led to believe that the victim's head was far too hard to be cracked? It is obvious from the facts of the case that the bandit has been misnamed, and that our classmate, Byron Wells, deserves a citation for using his technical education to the best possible advantage in an emergency.

SENIOR NOTES

With the consent of President Craven and our Profs. the Seniors spent several afternoons in the federal courts listening to experts testify on the geology of Butte, particularly with reference to the disputed area of the Badger State and Elm Orlu mines. This was during the Clark vs. Anaconda suit. We have all picked the sure winner but wait until the decision comes out before we give it to you.

The next trip of interest was to the sale of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. They cheated us out of a turn to bid, or the general offices would now be at the school.

Christmas is coming so will somebody please buy Wendel a watch, get Mayo a girl, give Goddard articles for the paper, and give Johnson enough work.

At the recent A. I. M. E. meeting the seniors were asked by the board of control to serve the hot doggies. Thanks to the aid of several Juniors who assisted the Seniors the feed went over big. We thank the faculty also, whose willing appetities proved that the Seniors do not lack culinary skill.

The mid term grades rather disappointed some freshmen, but not us. We always did have to step on it the last lap to make the final dirt come out and bring in the pay slip.

The seniors are not having a basketball team this year, because the other teams refuse to be limited to two men.

We always knew Wendel was vain but the final proof came when we caught him spending an entire met. lab. period looking in the mirror.

We wonder why Mayo wears a black cat on his sweater.

All members of the class plan on spending the Christmas vacation at home. After all, there is no place like home.

MINES MIXER

The School has developed some box-fighters and wrestlers, among whom we have a few state amateur champions. Clarence Cote and Jake Brunner won gold medals in their class at the recent state championship bouts held under the auspices of the Elks' club. Don Mitchell, heavyweight, was awarded a silver medal after he downed last year's champion, but lost to Gunderson on a hairbreadth overtime decision. Mitchell carried the fight the entire three rounds and overtime period, and had the big boy groggy many times, but Gunderson connected with a hay-maker just before the final bell that slowed Mitchell up for a few seconds and lost him the decision.

JUNIOR NOTES

As the New Year is sliding around, a few Juniors have taken the resolution idea seriously and are making appropriate promises to go into effect the morning after New Year's eve. A few of these as heard around the halls are as follows:

Juney and Nora have sworn off the Bite and Gulp shop for an indefinite time. A malted milk a day keeps the shekels away.

Eno's afternoon classes are no longer to be held around the Co-eds' lunch room. He won't have to come to school in the afternoons now.

Mitchell has promised the girls that his other laughing eye will be in good smiling condition after the holidays. All other shieks take warning.

Most of the class have taken the Christmas spirit in an economical way. Those individuals are the ones who have quarreled with their girls.

The Juniors have elected their Annual staff, which is to be led by C. Becker Hoskins as editor-in-chief. James J. Shipley was elected the assistant editor and Harry J. Hinrichsen was chosen for business manager.

Hoskins has not made public the complete list of the staff members at present, but they will be chosen shortly and assigned to their respective duties.

The entire school is urged to help make this Annual the best the school has ever issued. All students are requested to turn in snapshots, poems, humorous articles, and other collections or originalities at an early time. As soon as each page is arranged, we intend to get it to the printer, in order to cut down any last minute struggle to get the book out.

Francis O'Toole is ill with inflammatory rheumatism at the Murray hospital. The Juniors have been without their president for the past month. We look for you back, "Red," to give us a start for the new year.

The "Miners" of the Junior Class made an inspection trip thru the manufacturing plant of the Hawkesworth Drill Bit Company recently and found many items of interest in the line of making drill steel.

SOPH NOTES

As this is the Christmas number a few remarks concerning the holiday season should be in order. We hope that the boys who travel to L. A. during the vacation will be sufficiently sobered to return to school for the final exams the last part of January. None of the Sophs have written letters to Santa Claus this year; that, along with the wearing of green caps, being a privilege reserved for the Frosh. After a tempestuous fall season of Calc. and Physics problems, hard boiled theme assignments, difficult lab. experiments, and quizzes the members of the class are preparing

for a quiet, restful vacation, that is, all except those who plan to spend the two weeks working in the mines.

Frank Jones, one of the most prominent and popular men in the class, has quit school. Jones held down a night job in the assay laboratory of the Black Rock mine, but found, after more than a year's trial, that the added pressure of schoolwork was too great. Besides being President of the Sophomore class, he was Secretary-Treasurer of the A. S. S. M.

Prof. Scott: "Noah, use the word, cavort, in a sentence."

Gershevsky: "Sure, that's easy. Every morning for breakfast we use a ca-vort of milk."

Ray Connole has been elected Sophomore Dancing Club Representative to fill the place of Russell Wirak, who was elected secretary-treasurer of the Dancing Club. Fred Johnson has been elected class President, filling Jones' place.

We're still waiting for the finals in the Chem. lab. "Liter Club" tournament. Surely someone can drink a thousand C. C.s of water in less than fourteen seconds.

Anyone doubting the interest and value of the Mines Surveying course would do well to look over the Topographic Maps of the Sophomores, most of which are nearly completed. The farm at Maiden Rock is complete-

ly shown, with buildings, miles of fenceposts and streams, not to mention acres of brush and fields, as well as the railroad. The brown contour lines, and the blue streams give the maps a pleasing touch of color.

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FROSH NOTES

At a meeting some time ago, the Freshman Class decided to hold its dance December 15. Another meeting was called for December 2, to decide all the necessary arrangements for the affair. At this meeting arrangements for disposing of the bids were discussed, and the necessary committees were appointed. Those appointed on the different committees were: General, Bjorgum, Ryan, R. Larsen, Whelan; decorations, Miss Winchester, Miss Gordon, Gleed, Foster, Hintalla; orchestra, Miss Scovil, Foster; punch, Dunn and Matter; bids and program, Miss Scovil and Miss Winchester. Miss McGregor, Miss Steels and Miss Culbertson were appointed to see about presenting the members of the faculty with their bids, and Miss McGregor was also to look after the publicity end of the dance.

Since the method that had been selected for dispensing the bids was altogether unsatisfactory, President Dennehy called another meeting December 6, to reconsider this. After a good deal of discussion, a plan that seemed satisfactory to all was adopted as final, and the committees were given instructions to complete their work as soon as possible. Judging from the amount of labor and discussion that have been spent in the preparation of this dance, it should be an unqualified success.

The following teams have been selected in the Freshman Class to participate in the basketball tournament: First term: Dennehy (captain), Coyle, Bjorgum, Whelan, Gleed and Hintalla. Second term: Foster (captain), Matter, Knight, Steber, Talpt and Tiddy. Third team: Marron (captain), Cassidy, Hard, Wilson and Bonner. In the first round of the tourney, the first team will be paired with the Sophomores, the second team with the special team, and the third team with the Juniors.

CO-ED NOTES

The Co-Eds are going to have a basketball team. This was definitely decided at a meeting held just before Thanksgiving. Mr. Scott has agreed to lend his supervision, and Miss Hubbard and Mrs. Converse, both of whom are familiar with the game, have been asked to coach the team. Anyone else who would like the job of Co-Ed coach may make applications at once. (We hope nobody will be injured in the rush.) Most of the girls are intending to turn out, and although none of them have played basketball before, we expect to develop a team that can "lick its weight in wildcats" after it once gets going.

Leah Torrey has been ill, but is reported as improving. We are all very sorry to hear of her illness and hope that she will soon be back to school.

Jean McGregor has a birthday this month. She is not so very old even at that. The other day she made the remark that she was going to give a surprise party for herself. We expect to get murdered for exposing her like this.

Since the last issue of the Acropolis a few things have happened. In particular, the Sophs became hard-boiled and forced the girls to wear green caps just like the rest of the Frosh. We had to do as we were told, because, while boyish bobs are still rather fashionable, yet the "prison bobs" with which we were threatened would not have been quite so fetching. From our vantage point we watched several chastisements, and from out the struggle these words drifted back to us: "Why don't you paddle the Co-Eds for not wearing their caps?" Sophomores are generally respected, but from the Freshman viewpoint they are particularly poisonous.

Apropos of nothing, it may be an insult to be called a "hen," but just the same, some wise person has delivered himself of the observation that the hen is the only animal that can lay around all day and make a living at it.

We will sign off now, hoping that Santa Claus will be nice to all the good little boys and girls at the School of Mines.

A STORY WITHOUT A POINT

Once upon a time there was a Big Sheik. About the same time there was a Dazzling Blonde (always Blondes—Gentlemen just can't resist them.) The Big Sheik, having broken innumerable Hearts, saw the Dazzling Blonde and fell flat on the floor just like linoleum. He said "Blonde be mine." And the Blonde said "Big Boy, go polish your shoes or I can never be yours." So the Big Sheik went to the city and spent the last fifteen hard-earned Yen that he had for a shoe shine, in which he could see the handsome contour of his ears, and returned to the Dazzling Blonde, saying: "Blonde, gaze upon yon shoe-shine. It has demoted me fifteen Yen and consequently you must now be mine." The Blonde, being haughty and disdainful, looked the Big Sheik over, beginning at the shine on his shoes, and ending with that on his hair, and snarled in her gentle, sweet voice: "Big Boy—that does not suffice. If you would win my favor, you must not wear suspenders." The Big Boy, wishing to secure the everlasting favor of the Dazzling Blonde, immediately gave his suspenders to the Salvation Army, but alas! he had spent his last fifteen Yen for a shoe-shine and was unable to buy a safety pin with which to hold down his vest. And alas! too, there were no hairpins due to the hairpin famine which had devastated the country some years before. MORAL: There isn't any Santa Claus.

A. I. M. E. MEETING

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The fall meeting of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers was held at the School of Mines. A business meeting was conducted in the chemistry lecture room, after which Professors Perry and Manslow addressed the Engineers in turn. Mr. Perry gave an interesting talk on oil geology, and Mr. Manslow a talk on the order of a travelogue. Mr. Parker of the Elm Orlu Mining Company gave an interesting account of the Columbia Meeting of the Engineers at Spokane, and Mr. Leggat told of the Kimberley Mining Company in British Columbia, and exhibited some remarkable specimens of ore taken by him from that property.

After the meeting the members were shown through the buildings. Particular interest was shown in Mr. Haley's model mill. The Engineers were then served with a luncheon.

Coach McAuliffe Back.

Coach McAuliffe has completely recovered from his recent illness. Mr. McAuliffe was confined to the Murray hospital for nearly two weeks with a serious attack of pneumonia, during which time the students and faculty kept close watch on the bulletin board for daily reports of his condition. The coach is now resuming his duties and is busily engaged in whipping a crack Mines basketball team into shape.

This Month's Bad Man.

Fellows, we wish to introduce our latest candidate for the "More Rock" club—Professor Gray. Although only a Sophomore the Professor has made a wonderful start toward success in the teaching profession, in fact, we have a whole Sophomore English class who will testify that he has pulled one of the most effective exams of the year. The next time Professor Scott is absent, however, we shall demand better credentials from anyone trying to take his place.

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Dobeus	Left Tackle	Montana State
Ario	Left Guard	Montana State
Ostrum	Center	Montana University
Murphy	Right Guard	Montana Mines
Whitcombe	Right Tackle	Montana University
Truckner	Right End	Mt. St. Charles
Kelly	Quarterback	Montana University
Dennehy	L. Halfback	Montana Mines
Babcock	R. Halfback	Montana State
Davis	Fullback	Montana University

We have tried to pick a real team and can offer no alibis for any real football player not being placed on the above team. If a man is of all-state caliber then he belongs on the team.

We don't think there can be a second all-state team for if this were true there could be a third team and then so on until even the water boy must be picked. For those who believe in a third team selection we draw for "Cub" Coyle of the Mines and "Dick" O'Connell of Mt. St. Charles for the titled position in carrying the bucket.

In explanation we may say why some of the real men did not make the selection.

Keys and Ball of Montana State were alternating at end at the extremity of the line from their all-state man Glynn and were undoubtedly in the class of Fogarty, consistent end from Missoula.

Good of Mt. St. Charles and Thompson, Montana Mines, backed Kelly's field generalship and his all-American qualities but were just as shifty on their feet as Wellington and Grady, the two Bozeman pilots.

In the tackle berth the two have been picked that upheld most the title of their position. Did you need an adding machine to count the touchdowns over these two men? In-

termountain offered a pair of men that held up the choice of selection but they lacked an important essential—experience. We hope that they will profit by the pointers given them and find their way to sportdom's hall of fame—The Acropolis.

Again, who helped the pivot man feel sure of his passes—(If he had them on his team) any better than Walter Murphy of the Mines and "Big Jim" Ario of the "Bobcats." There may be another pair of guards that Ostrum would rather have had but, remember O of Ostrum, M of Murphy and A of Ario means nothing more than "Over Mates, Again."

We are sorry that Gregory of Bozeman did not keep up his early-season whirlwind tactics. He allowed Davis from the Garden City to slightly surpass him in consistency and stellar performance. These two giants were on a par at their annual in Butte.

Ritter and Chincke lacked their past form and Babcock on his dependability was given the berth. Dennehy, the shoveler, from the Mines, was in a class by himself and has received the title from several critics as the "touch-down kid."

Dillon, a well-coached team, lacked experience and not one man was able to compete with the older veterans for even a mention.

JOKES

Prof. Scott: Can you give me the derivation of Auditorium?

Frosh: From Audio to hear, and Taurus, bull; a place where—

Prof. Scott: That will do, that will do.

Little Willie: Mama, is Papa going to heaven when he dies?

Mother: Why, son, who put such an absurd idea into your head?

Tourist: Is the water at this hotel pure?

Guest: Not very. We frequently find traces of coffee and other substances in it.

"Don't you speak to him any more?"

"No," replied the scholarly girl. "Whenever I pass him I give him the geological survey."

"Geological survey?"

"Yes, that's what's commonly known as the stony stare."

"Sure, mum," said the new cook, suddenly appearing in the doorway, "could I be afther borryin' the boss's safety razor for a little whoil?"

"Safety razor?" echoed Mrs. Boggs. "What for, Maggie?"

"Sure, mum, I want to shave that rabbit before I stew him."

"Haven't I a wonderful voice?"

"Well, it's sort of grateful."

"How grateful?"

"Oh, a few clinkers now and then, you know."

It's a wise soda jerker that knows his own pop.

In: Why do they call Alice "Third Rail?"

Sane: I guess it's because she can't be touched.

Auto Tourist: I clearly had the right of way when this man ran into me, and yet you say I was to blame.

Local Cop: You certainly were.

Autoist: Why?

Local Cop: Because his father is Mayor, his brother is Chief of Police, and I go with his sister.

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

"Yes, sah," heplied Rufus. "I did oversleep myself, sah."

"Where's that clock I gave you?"

"In my room, suh."

"Don't you wind it up?"

"Oh, yes, yes, I winds it up, sah."

"And do you set the alarm?"

"Every night, sah, I set da alarm, sah."

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

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

Lady: Billy Sunday is marvelous. He has already converted thousands since he started preaching.

Gent: He isn't in it with Henry Ford. He shakes the hell out of millions every day.

No, fellows, Pokey claims he's not a poor gambler—he's just generous.

Pa Perey says: "Rock is what you wear out a shovel with."

Dear Santa:

We, the stupids of the School of Mines, in view of the fact that we have been so good and the honorable Prexy is wearing a constant smile, rise to ask the following favors from the land of ice and snow:

Send one Tim Dennehey the smiles of Martha; his temper is none of the sweetest since football season ended.

Let Powell and Winnie exchange the gifts of love—they don't need your help.

Johns would like a bill for night letters to Missoula.

The Frosh want good weather, that they may wear the caps the big-hearted Sophs bought for them.

Prof. Scott asks for the following articles: The book, "How to Avoid Being Lynched," by Jack Dillon. One box of cigars; one bottle of Scotch Humor; and a little appreciation from the folks he is accommodating.

Prof. Koenig asks for nothing—give it to him with our regards.

Harrie asks for one package of chewing gum.

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ZINC BECOMES AN IMPORTANT MINERAL

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(From "Mining Truth.")

Zinc, formerly the despised metal that was tossed aside as worthless, is rapidly assuming a formidable position in the metallurgical field. In 1925 zinc sales in the form of ore, slab zinc, pigments and concentrates amounted to close to \$250,000,000 and, from the record of the first six months of the year 1926 it now is apparent that the volume and the amount of zinc sales this year will eclipse those of 1925.

Zinc ores are widely distributed throughout the world, but owing to higher industrial development the United States produces and consumes more zinc than any other country. The district known as the Tri-State, at the junction of the states of Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri, produced one-third of the zinc concentrates of the world in 1925 and the value of the product was \$45,000,000. For the first six months of 1926 more than 60 per cent of the zinc concentrates converted into slab zinc in this country was produced by the Tri-State district.

Big Foreign Demand.

In 1925 over 40,000 tons of zinc concentrates were shipped to Europe from the Tri-State district while other zinc producing sections of the country shipped about 25,000 tons to Europe. These shipments were to countries that formerly obtained their supply from the Broken Hill district of Australia. Exporting of zinc has practically ceased lately owing to the British strike diverting Great Britain's Australian ores to the continent.

The zinc smelters of this country are credited with a production of 320,000 tons of slab zinc in the first six months of this year, an increase of ten per cent over last year's rate of production. According to monthly shipments there was less than two weeks' supply of zinc in the hands of the smelters at the end of the six months' period of the year.

Where It Goes.

In 1925 one-half of our domestic slab zinc was used for galvanizing purposes, 28 per cent in the field for alloys such as brass making, etc., 12 per cent for use in roofing, automobiles and the radio industries and the remaining 10 per cent in the manufacture of French oxide, zinc dust and casting and for desilverizing lead.

One-half of the 1600 listed alloys contain zinc. With the exception of 67 zinc base alloys zinc loses its identity in its union with other metals. The copper cent contains 95 per cent copper, four per cent zinc and one per cent tin.

The use of zinc was originally confined to the fields of brass-making and medicine until two Englishmen discovered in the early part of the last century that zinc could be made malleable by heating to a certain temperature. Heated slab zinc may be rolled or worked into sheets, strips, plates, rods and tubes and finished to

retain the natural color of zinc.

More than a century ago European builders discovered the value of zinc in weather-exposed construction, especially roofing. Many roofs in Europe, covered when zinc was first used, are still in good condition today. A large percentage of European zinc is used for roof construction.

In Paints.

Oxide of zinc forms a white metal which is extensively employed in the manufacture of paints and is considered in some respects to be superior to white lead as a base.

To illustrate the uses to which zinc is adopted and how intimately we are associated with that metal, the houses in which we live are probably painted with a zinc-base paint and may be roofed, guttered and spouted with rolled zinc. The brass beds that are so common are one-third zinc. The fixed and movable equipments of kitchens and dining rooms contain zinc, as do oilcloths and linoleums on floors and the shades on windows. Automobiles contain 4 per cent of zinc in metallic form and zinc oxide is used to increase the strength and toughness of auto tires.

Zinc enters into nearly every activity of life. In the late war zinc played an important part in the manufacture of munitions and the smoke screens raised by the ships were a product of zinc dust.

It is the general opinion within the zinc industry that the outlook is most promising as the blight of over-production is gradually being overcome as a result of more intelligent analysis of markets and the uses of zinc.

Support Needed

Why aren't School of Mines' activities supported by Butte people? Is it the fault of the School of Mines students or of the townspeople? The School of Mines is rated very high among other schools of its kind in the United States. Butte people should be proud of it, and express their appreciation of it by attending the school's football and basketball games. But they don't support these games, which means that they must not appreciate the school.

In some cases the school is to blame because some of the games have not been sufficiently advertised. But even when they are well advertised the support is missing, so poor advertising cannot be the cause of poor support. The football team played three games in Butte last season, all of which it won. People who did see these games all agreed that they were high class games and that the School of Mines team furnished plenty of thrills to make the games worth the money.

This brings us down to the cold facts that the townspeople know when the Mines' games are to be played, know that they will be good games

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and yet, they will not attend. Last year there were thirty-five out-of-town students attending the School of Mines. These students, as well as the many professors, patronize the Butte merchants and thus help their business. Therefore, the business men should take more interest in the activities of the School of Mines and help to promote them. They can do this by attending the school's football and basketball games, thereby lending their financial aid. They can also greatly help the school by boosting for it and thereby lending their moral support.

There will be many basketball games played in the large Mines' gymnasium in the coming months, and it will be greatly appreciated if the townspeople will attend. They can be assured of seeing fast, hard-fought contests every time they attend.

SUPPORT THE TEAMS

Basketball season is here. Soon the School of Mines team will be playing off their schedule with other colleges both inside and out of the state. The team will do their best to win the victories which mean so much to the school, and to each individual student who attends the Mines. Will the student body do as much for themselves? Every student who can possibly do so should attend every home game, but that is not all, for every student attending a game should come prepared to cheer for his team. Next to the team itself, good cheering is an essential to every good collegiate game. The Mines has a collection of peppy yells which would do credit to any college in the country, and it is essential that every student know these yells, so that he can give real support when the cheer leader calls for them at the games.

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ALUMNI NOTES

A. R. Templeton, '25, is in Tooele, Utah.

Ben Adelstein, '22, is the proud father of a baby boy.

Ray Stanaway, '22, has returned from New York and is visiting in Butte with his family.

Chester Steele, '16, geologist for the Anaconda Company at Butte, gave expert testimony during the recent litigation concerning the Poser and Badger state claims.

W. B. Carroll, '22, has a son born November 14, 1926.

C. C. McGreal, '25, of the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co., Knoxville, Tenn., is seriously ill in the hospital at that point. He is suffering from blood poisoning brought on by infection of a severely burned arm.

Maurice Taylor, '21, is on leave of absence from the International Smelting Co., Tooele, Utah. His health is not the best just now and he is going to Mayo's, Rochester, Minn., for an examination. His visit in Butte and at the Mines was greatly appreciated by his many friends.

Al Healy, '23, Engineering Department, Butte & Superior Mining Co., Butte, read a paper upon contract methods before the Montana Society of Engineers at Butte, recently.

A. L. Engel, '19, is now at Taxco, state of Guerrero, Mexico, where he is the superintendent of a large mill for Belgian interests. The mine is operated by the International Ore and Smelting company and is one of the large silver-lead properties of the southern republic. Since graduating he has been engaged in Chili, Arizona, and different sections of Mexico. Until a year ago he was connected with the Guggenheim interests.

Ed McCool, '13, met death October 25, 1926, in the act of safeguarding the lives of his men. While informing miners on the 2,800-foot level of the Steward mine to timber at once some unsafe ground, he turned to step from the place when a fall of ground struck him. The miners at once carried Mr. McCool to the station and he was brought to the surface and rushed to the hospital. He had suffered a broken back and internal injuries and a few hours later he died.

McCool was born in Butte. After graduation from the Mines, he was employed by the A. C. M. Co., and due to his ability he was made a shift boss at the Diamond mine. Later he was promoted to the position of assistant foreman of the Bell and Diamond. About a year ago he was appointed foreman of the Steward mine. He was one of the most popular foremen in Butte.

Ed was especially prominent in athletics during his student days. He was 36 years of age and graduated from the Butte High School in 1909. Four years ago he married Miss Augustine Grunert of Butte, sister of

August Grunert, '10, and is survived by the widow and a daughter, Colleen McCool.

Silver Crisis Threatened

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fronted with the avowed purpose of the Indian government to sell 700,000,000 ounces of silver—to put back on the market her silver in exchange for gold. She no longer wants a silver standard but a gold standard.

Think what this will mean; a release of 700,000,000 ounces of silver to the world's markets; the conversion of the world's largest buyer of white metal into a seller. It will disturb the financial equilibrium of every nation, by reducing to a pitiful amount the value of the hoarded wealth of millions of people. It will bring on a rise in gold with its consequent era of falling prices; an era when creditors will gain and debtors lose, since it will require more of commodities to pay off a debt than was required when the debt was incurred. It will impoverish the great mass of humanity. Gold will go sky high in value; silver to the sump.

Any drop in the price of silver levies a toll upon every person in America. Silver is an important by-product of mining. It bears annually \$100,000,000 of the costs of the production of copper, lead and zinc. Reduce the price of silver and the costs of other metals must mount accordingly.

There are three methods of procedure whereby the world will not suffer a silver crisis: Prevent the threatened action of India through the use of America's position as a financial leader. Already, our chief financiers realize the importance of maintaining the value of silver. Secure the cooperation of the European nations which view any further reduction of the world's gold supply as the greatest of misfortunes. In return we should guarantee to Great Britain and India any recurrence of the rapid rise of silver to a point where it pays to melt the "rupee", and sell it as bullion. Producers of the U. S. could agree, should an emergency arise, to sell silver at a figure fixed by the government, not higher than the melting point of the "rupee," which is about 96 cents, and not less than 70 to 75 cents.

The other remedies for the situation are to increase the use of silver for subsidiary coinage and in the arts.

To these ends every silver producer, every legislator, every banker, must co-operate to save silver from a situation never faced before in its history.

School of Mines Battle Song.

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