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MINES HOLDS BALL

TWELVE TWO-MAN TEAMS ARE ENTERED

There has been so much enthusiasm shown in handball since the opening of the new gymnasium that it promises to hold an important place in the favored sports of the school. The handball courts are worked to capacity. So great has been the interest shown in handball that it is hoped to determine who are the best players in the school.

There are twelve two-man teams entered in the tournament. A "round-robin" series is to be played. Each team entered in the tournament plays every other team. The winner of each contest will be decided by playing to win two out of three games. If one team fails to make an appearance, a forfeit will be recorded. If one team makes an appearance, the game shall be played in full. If conditions will permit, a ball club will be organized every year, and it is possible that in the future baseball will become one of our major sports.

Although little progress was made in baseball last year, Coach McCauliffe seems to think that he has a team that is the equal of the previous one. The members of this organization have promised to lend their services to the athletic department of the school. The tournament should be a success.

THE MONTANA STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

PROF. SIMONS NAMED FOR COMMITTEE ON MILLING METHODS

Word has been lately received that Prof. Theodore Simons of the Montana State School of Mines has been appointed a member of the committee on Milling Methods by the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ORGANIZED

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The Board of Control formally recognized the Conference basketball standing as being Montana State, first; Mount St. Charles, second; Mines, third; Intermountain, fourth; Normal, fifth. Since no formal protest was entered, the Board declined to take action about a disputed score between the Mines and the Normal. The rules plainly specify the course of action to be taken when such a disagreement arises and this course confirms the Mines in claiming the game.

Soon after the first of March, Prof. W. T. Scott issued a call for men to go into the contests in oratory, which are a part of the spring work of the School of Mines. His announcement stated that there would be a School of Mines Oratorical Contest about the middle of April to determine who would represent the Ore Diggers at the state contest. If there are five or more contestants, the department of English will offer a full set of medals, gold, silver, and bronze, for the first three places. If there are four contestants, gold and silver medals will be offered; if two or three contestants, a gold medal.

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Mr. Sales presented a very interesting and entertaining discussion of the geology of the Butte district and the geological conditions that produced these deposits. He also detailed the processes that resulted in the formation and occurrence of these deposits in the manner peculiar to the Butte district. Mr. Sales also gave a short discussion on the work of the geologist and the duties attached to the successful practice of that profession. In order to make his talk more clear and impressive, Mr. Sales answered various questions that were asked by those hearing his talk.

This banquet was better attended than the previous one, due possibly to an increased interest in the society by members of the student body, the quality of speakers at the banquet, and to the vital engineering subjects discussed.
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SCHOOL SPIRIT AND STUDENT SPIRIT

It is the common notion among students that school spirit manifests itself in sport enthusiasm. It is thought that a person is properly spirited if he shows a tendency of patriotism toward the home team. He must let out a lot of noise at the advent of every football or handball game or he is labeled a "dead one". Outside of this, school spirit appears in such activities as dances, parties, debates, clubs, and various scholastic contests. We are not attempting to change that notion. It is stated truly by those who are spirited and know whereof they speak. The fact that their definition is a limitation proves that it does not cover the other emotions of school life, such as intellectual enthusiasm or student spirit. Yet, studiousness proves that it does not cover all of things—did you ever see a first-class therapist stay in the same place? What goes up, must come down. Look out, fresh.

Last week the junior class held a meeting and decided to take a trip to the smelter at Anaconda. The trip was held Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27. The trip proved very interesting. The class saw the various processes used in copper smelting with their own eyes, which heretofore had been gleaned from lectures and text books. Prof. C. Wilson accompanied the students and is held responsible for the success of the trip.

Sophomore Notes

The sophomore class in English wishes to announce the discovery of new and hitherto unnoticed talent displayed by several of its members in presenting engineering reports that are what Professor Scott terms "fool-proof propositions."
CO-ED NOTES

The Co-ed Club is always doing something or has always just done something. This time it has just done "It" was a Mah Jongg party at Mrs. Adam's home, with Mrs. Adami and Mrs. Rosch as hostesses. There were prizes, too. Dorothy Cohen captured first prize at Mah Jongg and Mrs. Scott was lucky at bridge. We had delicious refreshments, too.

Can you imagine a Co-ed staying away from school for almost a whole week? Neither can we. But—It has happened. She is back now though, and “every day in every way she looks better and brighter.” Three cheers for Jane!

We are going to disclose a great secret, so be all ears. The ponderous question to be answered is, “What do the Co-eds do to keep fit?” Now, boys and girls, as you are asking so earnestly, let us have contests—intelligence tests, in fact. The last one was given when Ruth Fomgren and Lucia Evans entertained at Ruth’s home. And who do you think won first prize? Why, Catherine Arthur, of course. After proving that ignorance is not always bliss, they fed us to try to make amends.

The unexpected will happen! You’d never guess what it is. Perhaps, tho’, if you’d think of the thing that you thought farthest from possible, you’d have it. Ah! The Co-ed’s book-case has been cleaned. It’s a fact, really.

Have you heard the latest? Great excitement! The Co-eds are going to have a stag party. And it’s going to be a plunger party, too. And at Gregson, too. And an exciting ride on the bus, too. Variety is the spice of life, so remember, Co-eds, next meeting in the water.

We are ready and waiting to start work on the big Co-ed and Dancing Club dance. A suggestion, we crave, if you would be so kind.

Two Scotchmen decided to become vegetarian, but Thomson thought it best if they had one bottle of whiskey to put in the cupboard in case of illness, so the bottle of whiskey was put in the place mentioned.

After three days, Sigler could bear no longer and he said, “Thomson, I’m ill.”

“Too late,” said Thomson, “I was ill all day yesterday.”

We hear that Ted sat down at a table in a cafe recently and, looking up at the breezy waitresses, he said, complacently, “Do you serve fish here?”

“Oh, yes,” she replied, “they come in occasionally.”

The Freshman Frolic was a thing of the past this time last year. Why not call the second Freshman meeting of the year, Bob?

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COACH ATTENDS BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Coach D. C. McAuliffe attended the State Basketball Tournament at Bozeman on March 6 and 7, getting there in time to see part of the second round and all of the semi-finals and finals. All of the other college coaches in Montana were present, enjoying the games and keeping in touch with the new ideas of play brought out by the high school mentors. Several Mines students also made the grade for the games on Saturday. Among them was Tommy Lanphier, who attended a certain young lady who was attending the tournament.

TAILINGS

Bull-Snake: “You girls would just as soon date with one of those conceited big men on the campus as the others.”

Cow-Snake: “What do you mean—others?—ill. Siren.

A pessimist is a man who thinks a woman means it when she says, “No.”

1: “Give me a quotation from the Bible.”

2: “Judas went out and hanged himself.”

1: “And another one?”

2: “Go thou and do likewise.”—Princeton Tiger.

Chem. Prof.: “What are the commercial uses of salt?”

Frsh.: “Well—salted peanuts.”—Tiger Cub.

Bashful Soph. (?)—“Am I the only man you ever kissed?”

Deb.: “Yes, and by far the best looking.”—Vanderbilt Masquerader.

Wifie: “A little birdie told me you were going to buy me a diamond brooch for my birthday.”

Hubby: “It must have been a little cuckoo.”—Pit Panther.

“Is it right that he gets by with the ladies?”

“Na, it’s not right, but he does.”—Johns Hopkins Black & Blue Jay.

Econ. Prof.: “What was one of the evil effects of the World War?”


Jilted: “Away with women!”

Jilted Also: “I wish I had it!”—Oklahoma Whirlwind.

“Say, are you going to the post-office?”

“Uh-huh.”

“Then will you mail my letter?”

“Sure.”

“Wait just a minute till I finish it.”

“All right.”

“Got a stamp?”

“Yeb.”

“Pit it on here.”

“Uh-huh.”

“Say, what’s your girl’s address?”—The Log.

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INTERCLASS MUSIC MEET

Some time in the near future, the exact date to be announced later, the Acropolitan will conduct a competitive interclass music meet.

The contest will include both instrumental and vocal numbers, although the entrants in the instrumental contest will be restricted to the use of Jazz's harps and harmonicas. Each class may enter as many contestants as they wish in both events, and the class receiving the highest number of points will be awarded a banner donated by the Acropolitan. All contestants must enter their names and specify the events in which they wish to compete. This is to take place before April 10. Entries should be made with Mr. David Moore, who will have charge of the contest.

The judges will be Miss Charlotte Sulz, Professor Bowersox, and Mr. W. B. Carroll.

MINERALIZED ALASKA

President Coolidge's recent appointment of George A. Parks to the Governorship of Alaska, and the hardy teams of menaces and huskies which braved the frigid climate in order to cover the 500 miles of deep snows with life-saving antitoxin to save Nome from the Black Death, and numerous press reports concerning the land which lies "north of 35°", are contributing circumstances which have aided in placing Alaska again before the public eye. Newspapers and magazines have devoted copious columns to the praises of the Northland, so that today it stands in political and domestic circles as one of the most vital among the topics of the day. While such press reports are, more or less, vital to the public at large they should be especially interesting to students who expect to make the mining industry their life work; knowing where, plus the ability to do, are necessary attributes which make the chase of wealth and fame much easier.

While the West is rightly called "The Land of Opportunities" and opportunities in the mining industry should not be more plentiful than they are in our own fair city, which is the largest mining camp in the world, still we cannot be blinded to the facts which are published by the Federal Government concerning Alaska and its industries. Men, equip with a sound knowledge of scientific mining, who enter that country will include the pioneers in a land which will soon come into its own, and this will bring them wealth and that inward satisfaction that they have helped to better a land for generations yet unborn. The glory and fascination similar to that of discovering the mother-lode of a rich quartz deposit in a virgin county is waiting for those who go into Alaska determined to uncover the masses of hidden wealth which are concealed in mountains and valleys.

The vast region, claimed by people in a position to know, is the richest on the globe and is a population of only 50,000 people, so it is evident that the pioneering has hardly begun. A detailed narration of the natural wealth of Alaska would call for figures so large that they cannot be comprehended. Virtually all the minerals are to be found there, the most important ones in greater abundance than anywhere else on the continent. The world's greatest mining fields are within the Alaskan area. There are millions of acres of hardy timber yet unmarked by the wood-chopper's ax. The climate in much of the territory is no more severe than that of the northern states, which are rich in grains and grazing lands for large herds of cattle.

Since 1915 the Federal Government has spent more than $75,000,000 on a railroad extending from the coast nearly 500 miles into the Territory in order to ship products from the territory into the States in 1920 had a value of $83,911,122,—more than 29 for each man, woman and child residing in that country. During recent years the commerce of the territory, both import and export, has amounted to about $100,000,000 annually.

Most Alaskan business is carried on by big corporations own and directed from the States. Nearly all the mining operations are being financed by what is known as the Morgan-Guggenheim interests. They own and operate what is reputed to be the richest copper mine in the world at Kennicott, Alaska, a mine which they have built and operate at a profit over their cost by selling their ore with the minimum expense they have built their own railroad to the coast and operate their own steamers into the States. This is the richest of the copper mines in the world and is operated by a company whose capital is about $100,000,000. All your favorite magazines, out-of-town newspapers and writing materials at

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The Mines Alumni Association held a meeting on Tuesday evening, Feb. 24, 1925, at the New Fimen Hotel, Butte, Montana. The guests of the evening were Dr. C. H. Clapp, Dr. Clapp spoke on "Thinking and Success" and, referring to the necessity for men to defer to the opinions of employers and for students to observe the opinions of teachers, told an amusing anecdote from his own experience. It seems he studied for his doctor's degree at "Tech" under "Rocksy" Crosby, an uncompromising believer in the theory of lateral secretion for all ore deposits, and he chose for his thesis work an area about Newburyport, Mass. The field disclosed to Clapp a deposit formed, he thought, by magmatic solution, but he realized that this other method, the one approved by Crosby, the deposit appeared as if the deposit had been formed by the method of magmatic solution, but of course this could not be and it must have been the result of some other method, the one approved of by Crosby.

Mr. Simons was given a hearty welcome by his many friends. His many friends were present, and everyone was interested in his lecture. He spoke pleasantly and with much feeling of the pleasure of being with us again. He said that with only one or two exceptions every alumnum present had attended a class of his in past year.


A Handball Tourney

A trip to the gymnasium would prove to one that the handball courts are the most used of all the gymnasium courts. Crowds of fellows are found waiting for a chance to get a chance at the "winners." The handball courts are worked to capacity, and we find that the two courts cannot keep all of the enthusiasts going. We have many real good handball players—many others are still in the stages of development. It is hard to tell just who is the best player. We hear of challenges after challenge; the loser plays the winner game after game—there is no elimination.

A few years ago, when the engineering building was somewhat of a gymnasium—anyway, it served as that—handball held an important place in the favored sports of the school. Handball tourneys were held at both doubles and singles. Then came the elimination contests, which proved to be real exciting and enjoyable to everyone concerned.

Let's hold a handball tourney some time in March? What do you say, fellows? Let's hear from you.

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THE CURRICULUM

Several months ago the alumni of the Montana State School of Mines were invited through the medium of this page to register their opinions regarding the curriculum at their alma mater. They were further asked in what manner the present courses could be improved or augmented. To date replies are disappointingly few in number.

There is, naturally, a tendency to see this matter from one's own point of view. The man now in mercantile pursuits thinks we should have more economics and business administration. This request, by the way, has already been met very largely in recent years by giving courses in economics and industrial history. The draughtsman suggests more drawing, the mathematician more mathematics, the metallurgist more metallurgy. The last request has been complied with in later years by the institution of a course leading to a degree in metallurgy. The geologist thinks the school should give more geology.

So it goes—every man quite naturally viewing the matter through his own glasses. Many of our graduates want to see a variety of subjects given, and recommend that only the strictly mining course be given, no matter how small our school remains or becomes. One of the older men now in the teaching game thinks the present course is just about right and all that can be given reasonably in four years. Certainly it has been the experience of many of us that a thorough grounding in the essentials has been the best training and that the superstructure erected in later years depends greatly upon the foundation laid during undergraduate years.

PANNINGS

Alex McDonald, '22, was re-elected Secretary of the Montana Chapter of the American Institute of Mining Engineers at its recent annual meeting.

W. Elmer Caldwell, '24, who is teaching at Lima, Montana, brought a game basketball team to Butte for the Mining District Basketball Tournament. He seems to have instilled the old Mines' grit into his youngsters.

Charles H. O'Connor, '11, was accidentally shot while out skiing back of Columbia Gardens by a boy who was rabbit hunting. O'Connor had to ski two miles to reach aid and suffered considerable pain and loss of blood. He has been pronounced out of danger.

James R. Evans, '99, has been on his way from West Africa now for a month and is due to arrive in Butte for a visit next week.

ARNOLD ROWE

F. A. Rowe, '21, has resigned from the A. C. M. Co., Engineering Department, Butte, and is now chief engineer for the Carson Hill Gold Mines, Inc., Melones, Calaveras Co., California. "Caramel" writes in his usually breezy style and it is evident that he has been inoculated early. He tells all about the climate and the roses in the front yard. His letter deals with the general geology and deposits of the district and the mining methods employed. While brief, it is certainly most interesting.

He says Thomas F. Collins, '17, is about thirty miles from the California big trees, and about ninety miles from the Yosemite National Park, in a rather mountainous area with a stream about the size of the Big Hole River flowing in the valley. "Caramel" left a host of friends in Butte and they all join in wishing him and his family the best of success and happiness in their new home.

CLAUDE ALLEN

Claude Allen, '22, is with the Maza- pil Copper Company, Aranzazu, Concepcion del Oro, Zacatecas, Mexico. He wrote some time ago very interestingly about a banquet at Concepcion del Oro, which he attended New Year's Eve. "Tuille" always was pretty good at banquets. He says Thomas F. Collins, '17, is employed by the same company, but on another property some five miles distant. They get together every once in a while to have a chat about the school and old times in Butte.

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