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## CADETS ON HUNTS

### They Take Advantage of the Snow and Hunt for Rabbits

On Tuesday, February 28th, a party of cadets, with Major Ganssle in charge, started out toward the North Pole Mound on a hunting expedition. The snow was falling fast and was gradually becoming a heavy sleet. The party divided into four groups: Major Ganssle and Captain Bernard in one; Phillips and Oehlman in another, Pooley and Lichty in another, and Bert Hughes and Conklin in the last.

After walking about an hour with the blinding sleet freezing their faces they decided to go for the school truck. So Captain Bernard and Pooley went ahead. They walked about an hour and stopped at the North Pole Mound, without having seen the truck, so they started back in the direction of the school. Captain Bernard was rather cold and swore that he would never go on another hunt. Going back however was much easier than going north, for the wind was not in their faces which allowed them to walk more briskly.

As they approached the rest of the party it was plain to be seen that there was something up, for Chester and Bert were tearing brush away for all they were worth. A rabbit was soon brought forth and killed. Phillips and Oehlman succeeded in bagging two. After a short rest the whole party started for the truck. Pooley was walking along naturally when suddenly he dropped into a large hole. Major Ganssle began to laugh and make fun of Pooley, when he suddenly fell into a hole himself. When he tried to get out he fell into another. His facial expression was of the kind which is very rarely seen, and of course the joke was on the Major.

Finally they arrived at the farmhouse where they had left the truck, and then started on their journey back to school. The snow was so deep in one place of the road that it was

necessary for all to get out and tramp a path for the truck. After a great deal of effort by both the truck and the boys they finally arrived back to school, very tired and cold. But after a nice warm meal that Mrs. Mercer had prepared for them, all felt fine and declared that they had had a very good time.

On the following day a bunch of five in charge of Captain Shideler went on another hunt. They succeeded in bagging five rabbits. A phenomenal stunt was the shooting of a rabbit in a tree by Captain Shideler.

The next time, boys, take Scouty along. He can hunt as well as sing.

### Boxing Class at St. John's

The art of boxing was until recent years looked upon as prize fighting, and not an art of self defense. But now that the people are beginning to realize the importance of acquiring the art, it is being encouraged and taught in schools and all sorts of organizations. And in due respect to this fact, a class has been organized at St. John's.

The class is made up of about 25 boys who are eager to become efficient in the art, and who are very attentive and show much interest while being taught the proper position of the body, how to place their blows, and various foot movements that are very essential.

The class is being instructed by 'Red' Ivy, physical director at the Y. M. C. A. He is a graduate of Kansas University and was champion heavy weight while there.

### Phi Delta Sigmas

The Phi Delta Sigmas are holding a session next week in order to plan their annual party, which will be given at the end of the school year. This is an important affair, and much elaborateness is necessary in order that it be given in form. It is not doubted in the least that the party will be a great success. Grant was pledged into the fraternity last week.

## END OF BASKETBALL SEASON

### St. John's Finishes Season With Eight Won and Nine Lost

The finish of the basketball season was by no means a poor season if the season is taken as a whole, because Salina was defeated, a task that the cadets have not been able to do in the preceding three years. Minneapolis defeated us early in the season but when we had our second chance with them we hung up the victory ourselves.

The loss of the tournament was a hard blow for the cadets, but they were beaten, and as the season is now over we can do nothing except to offer excuses which in the end are of no avail.

The following are the summary of the games and players:

St. John's 21—Kipp 18.  
St. John's 88—Bavaria 15.  
St. John's 27—Solomon 18.  
St. John's 12—Minneapolis 20.  
St. John's 25—Hays 18.  
St. John's 26—Hays 18.  
St. John's 14—Abilene 31.  
St. John's 35—Hope 25.  
St. John's 19—Salina 14.  
St. John's 11—Solomon 22.  
St. John's 31—Minneapolis 21.  
St. John's 17—Hays 14.  
St. John's 11—Ellsworth 22.  
St. John's 21—Assaria 31.  
St. John's 13—Salina 19.  
St. John's 20—Ellsworth 27.  
St. John's 14—Abilene 27.  
St. John's 9—Enterprise 13.

Total—St. John's 389.

Total—Opponents 353.

St. John's Players	FG.	FT.	F.
Pattison	61	74	29
Condon	25	0	17
Lippencott	8	0	21
Shiney	1	0	32
Hill	3	0	13
Dalton	0	0	1
Putnam	23	1	7

**S. J. M. S. THIRD TEAM WINS**

Besides playing the first and second teams the third team has played a few games of its own. The Lincoln school third team was nicked for 25 points, while they only succeeded in making 3. This game was fast and interesting for players of their class to be playing.

The work of Grayson, Parker and Linville stand out for St. John's, while Magee played well for Lincoln.

The line-up was as follows:

St. John's	FG.	FT.	F.
Hyde	0	0	1
Grayson	5	5	1
Parker	3	0	1
Linville	1	0	4
Schaffer	0	0	0
Thompson	1	0	0
Barnett	0	0	0
	10	5	7

Lincoln	FG.	FT.	F.
Small	0	1	1
Magee	1	0	3
Walston	0	0	1
Bartleson	0	0	1
Ninemier	0	0	2
Wynck	0	0	0
Jay	0	0	0
	1	1	8

**Enterprise Too Fast for Cadets**

The first game that cadets played in the tournament was the last. The loss was due to poor team work and lack of fight during the first half of the game. However, the cadets came back strong in the second half and out-played the Enterprise quintette. The game ended 13 to 9. Enterprise got 5 points in the last half while the cadets ran up 9.

Enterprise played a stalling game and this kind of play handicapped the cadets on the big floor.

St. John's	FG.	FT.	F.
Pattison	1	3	1
Condon	1	0	0
Lippincott	1	0	2
Shiney	0	0	3
Hill	0	0	1
	3	3	7

Enterprise	FG.	FT.	F.
Hoesington	1	3	0
Dilly	2	0	3
Moffatt	1	0	0
Engle	0	0	0
Herman	1	0	0
	5	3	3

**ABILENE VS. ST. JOHN'S****Abilene Defeats St. John's in Return Game**

The St. John's warriors suffered defeat at the hands of the Abilene quintette in the Wesleyan gymnasium. This game was fast and exciting, but better team work cinched the game for Abilene at the beginning of the second half.

Oliver's playing stood out well for Abilene, while Hill played well for St. John's.

St. John's	FG.	FT.	F.
Pattison	1	6	3
Condon	3	0	2
Shiney	3	0	2
Shiney	0	0	4
Lippincott	0	0	2
Hill	0	0	4
Dalton	0	0	1
	4	6	16

Abilene	FG.	FT.	F.
Byers	5	0	2
Oliver	0	7	1
Fraelic	3	0	1
Dayhaff	1	0	0
Carnine	0	0	7
Guen	1	0	0
	10	7	11

Referee—Mackie, K. W. U.

**March's Lion Approach**

During the past few days the weather has been bad for the cadets. Inside formations help to make up for the wet weather, as the cadets prefer the warm halls to the windy swept drill fields. The snow started to fall Monday morning, February 28th, in very small dry flakes; by noon the fall had increased and it had grown colder. Monday night there was quite a snow falling, driven by a sharp wind from the north. Tuesday was much colder with a steady snow driven by a strong wind from the northeast. Wednesday there were seven inches of snow, and the weather was warmer.

A few days later a more severe snow storm swept over Salina and vicinity, delaying train service and shutting off Salina from the outside world.

Let us hope it will warm up very soon. These storms may be all right for the farmers, but not for the cadets, who have to pony up a large bit of their allowance for taxi service.

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## ST. JOHN'S LOSE TO ELLSWORTH

In the last scheduled game of the season Ellsworth defeated St. John's 27 to 20. The game was fast and very well played. There were brilliant displays of teamwork by St. John's in the first half and Ellsworth in the last half. The first half ended 14 to 7 in the cadets, favor but at the beginning of the second period Ellsworth got the jump and Coleman of Ellsworth dropped in several baskets in succession. He played the best game for Ellsworth while Lippincott played a fine game for St. John's.

Pattison for St. John's was not in his form and missed quite a few free goals.

St. John's	FG.	FT.	F.
Pattison	2	4	3
Shiney	0	0	2
Condon	3	0	1
Lippincott	3	0	1
Hill	0	0	1
	8	4	8

Ellsworth	FG.	FT.	F.
Prochaska	0	0	1
McCay	3	3	4
Coleman	5	1	2
Schmitt	2	0	2
White	0	0	1
Albrighn	0	0	1
	10	4	11

## Salina Shriners at K. C.

The Shrine Directors' Association of North America met in Kansas City February 20-21, 1922.

Major Ganssle, High Potentate of the Isis Temple of the Shrine, Salina, attended. The delegates from here were the directors, assistant directors and potentate. All the local officials made the trip from Salina together.

This meeting was one of the largest of its kind ever held, there being representatives from one hundred and twenty Shrine temples in North America. The importance of the meeting was due to the fact that it covered such a scope of territory, Canada, United States, and Mexico.

The meetings' largest issue was the planning for work and the discussion of new ideas to be brought into the work. The Ceremonial work that was put on by these Shriners from various parts of our continent was the largest and most elaborate ever put on in Kansas City.

## TRACK SEASON BEGINS

Just before the last snow storm covered the track a number of aspirants were out warming up and training for the various events that are open to men on the track team. Now that the track is too wet for use the gymnasium is used instead.

By the looks of the material St. John's is bound to have a successful season. It has been several years since St. John's has had a track team, but this year St. John's has decided to place one in the field.

Salina High, St. John's rival for athletic supremacy in Salina, will meet the latter sometime in April. The various events and the cadets who will try for them are as follows:

50-yard Dash—Pattison, Sanders, Sawyer A.

100-yard Dash—Pattison, Sanders, Sawyer A.

200-yard Dash—Pattison, Sanders, Hill.

440-yard Dash—Hill, Dalton, Freeman, Lichty.

880-yard—McCracken, Grant, Grayson.

1 Mile Run—McCracken, Grayson, Conklin.

120-yard High Hurdles—Lippincott, Aldous, Lichty.

220-yard Low Hurdles—Pattison, Lippincott, Lichty.

High Jump—Lippincott, Sanders, Broad Jump—Sanders, Lippincott, Pattison, Aldous.

Pole Vault—Sanders, Pattison, Grant, Putnam.

Discuss—Hill, Shiney, Freeman, Pattison, Lippincott.

Shot Put—Shiney, Pattison, Freeman, McDonald.

## Spanish Courses Nearly Completed

The first year Spanish class has been progressing under the direction of their instructor, Captain Allen. Their work in Grammar text is nearly finished, and two more weeks will see them started on a review for the

final examination at the end of the year.

The first year class is somewhat larger this year than last, probably due to the fact that some of the members heard the boys of last year's class speak in Spanish. A new reader has been prescribed this year by Berge Soler and Hathaway, which gives an interesting account of a trip taken to South America by a Boston business man and his family. The book has created keen interest in the class and enhanced the practical value of the course.

Captain Allen's second year class has progressed even more rapidly than the first; their work in grammar is already completed, and several books have been read. The novel "El Capitan Veneno," written by Alarson, was very interesting and helped to create considerable enthusiasm in the class. From now on the students in the second year class will be required to speak in Spanish at all times during the class, unless designated by Captain Allen to translate into English.

Hasta luego mis amigos.

## Benefit of Radio to St. John's

Rumors have been circulating about this school in the last week that St. John's is to have a radio in the near future. The rumors are founded on rather unsubstantial facts to be sure, but there is a bare possibility that vague intentions may materialize, and the school will become the proud possessor of a complete radio outfit.

The benefit to the school would more than offset the expense incurred, would enable the cadets to listen and enjoy the concerts, addresses and sermons, music of all kinds from cities and towns within a radius of 700 miles at a small expense. Let us hope that some "go getter" will devise a means of providing such an outfit at St. John's.

Those who wish to be placed on the regular mailing list to receive the "Skirmisher" throughout the year will kindly sign and mail the slip hereunder, enclosing \$1.50 as their subscription.

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To the Editor of The Skirmisher,  
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DEAR SIR:

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## PERSONAL NOTES

Cadet Shirk spent the week end at his home in McPherson.

Cadet Shiney was kept pretty busy during his week end visit at Hutchinson.

Lippincott captained the basket ball team during the remainder of the season.

The Skirmisher deeply regrets to hear of Mrs. Wier's illness and hopes she will soon be well.

Rev. F. W. Ryan, who at one time was a "live wire" teacher at St. John's is now engaged in the active ministry of the Methodist Church.

Cadet Barton White has returned to school after being called to his home in Colorado on account of the serious illness of his uncle.

Cadet Winger returned Thursday from a visit to his home in Herington, Kansas. During his leave he spent several days at Wellington, Kansas.

The Skirmisher wishes to acknowledge the check of Jay F. Fleming, Jr., of Denver for subscription. Would that more lusty and interested St. Johnites followed his noble example.

Cadets Wood and Armantrout spent the week end at the latter's home in Wichita. Orris, of course was busy most of the time, but many are wondering if T. M. left his class pin in Wichita.

Captain and Mrs. R. R. Shideler recently entertained Mrs. W. G. Melton of Tecumseh, Kansas. Mr. Melton came up for a week end. Mr. and Mrs. Melton are strong boosters for St. John's.

Cadets Conklin and Bowen have returned from a visit to Dodge City, Kansas, the home of Bowen. They report a very pleasant visit, and their only regret is that their stay could not be longer.

Lieut. Condon was a strong rooter for the basket ball team of the Geneseo High in the recent tournament. Some cadets are wondering if these players were pals of Harold on the section gang.

Cadet Freeman has returned from a week end at El Dorado. While there he was down with a severe attack of tonsilitis. He is feeling like himself again, and can lift the fifty pound dumbbell with the ease of Sandow.

Marion Daugherty of Dodge City, Kansas, who attended St. John's last year, is now enrolled in the Dodge City High School. He is playing in a very popular dance orchestra. While here he was a member of the bugle corps and played in the band.

Ralph Muir, 1920, is now attending Kansas Wesleyan University. For a year and a half he attended the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan. Muir played right tackle on the St. John's teams of 1917-18-19-20, and was captain of 1920 team; played on the 1919 and 1920 basket ball teams and was captain of the 1920 team. During his last year he was generalissimo of the Army.

A very pleasant party was given last week by Mrs. Mercer for the boys in the lower school. Prizes were won by Cadets Ginden and Moe. Delightful refreshments of ice cream, cookies and candy were served. Those present were Cadets Moe, Corpeny, Russell, Walters, Badger, Woulf R., Herman, Hartnett, Bovill, Ginden, Frederickson, Pickering, Houser, Pratt, Beasley, Shirk, Nettleton, Nelson, McMurtrie, Lieser, Gay, Robertson, Wright; Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Mercer. The boys had a bully time and hated to leave when tattoo blew.

## Saving Him Pain

Boy to his Dad: "Dad, can you sign your name with your eyes shut?"

His Dad: "Certainly."

Boy: "Well, then, shut your eyes and sign my report card."—The Boys' Magazine.

Lieut. Tale: "They say Captain Jinks was very calm and collected after his accident this morning."

Col. Spin: "Yes, yes, quite calm—he's still being collected, however."—Sun Dodger.

## NORTH CENTRAL ASS'N MEETS

### Major Ganssle Attends Annual Meeting in Chicago

Major Ganssle has been in Chicago most of the week attending the annual meeting of the North Central Academic Association, which is being held at the Hotel Lasalle.

Many interesting and vital questions are being discussed by the ablest authorities in secondary education. The following are some of the papers to be presented: "How We Shall Interpret Intelligence Tests," Stanley C. Ross, Headmaster of Wayland Academy; "Length of School Year," R. W. Newhall, Shattuck Military Academy; "Directing Study for Creative Thinking," H. L. Miller, Principal of University High School, Madison, Wis.; "Advertising from the Parents Point of View," Vernon C. Beebe, American Schools' Association; "Education for Personality," Prof. E. C. Hayes, University of Illinois; "Visual Education in Teaching of English," Captain Edward Gifford, Morgan Park Military Academy; "Extra Curricular Activities That Have Proven Valuable," Harry N. Russell, Headmaster of Howe Military School; "North Central's Representation on the College Entrance Examination Board," Wendell S. Brooks; Round Table Discussion, (a) "Means Which Have Been Useful in Improving Scholarship;" (b) "Interscholastic Athletics Meets for Private Schools."

The purpose of this organization is to study academic problems and promote mutual interest and good fellowship among the various private schools. It includes practically all of the private, boarding and day schools of the Middle West.

The love birds sat in ecstasy.

The moonlight sifted thru the trees.  
He begged her his fair bride to be  
And won her heart with seeming ease.

He murmured more in love's sweet code,

In triumph he caressed her head.  
The farmer came along the road,  
"Dad rat those noisy owls," he said.  
—Babler.

Freeman, in the Q. M.: "Gimme a pair of socks, Abe."

Abe: "What number?"

Freeman: "Two, you poor dumbbell. Do you think I'm a centipede."

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A Continued Story by M. L. Jackson  
PART II.

Grayfield tells a story.

For sometime the discourse in Grayfield's office had been running along various lines, but finally the topic nearest the detective's mind slipped out. Mr. Alfred Pixley, the detective's closest friend and partner in many a previous death defying exploit, eagerly espoused and encouraged a continuation of that thought, namely the \$100,000,000 mystery.

"Well, Mr. Pixley," began the new enthused narrator, after a moment's hesitation, "in all my career as a professional criminal investigator I have never gone through a more weird, barbarous experience. I came to about three hours later, and after that gentle tap I had received I knew that the lawlessness I was dealing with was no amateur adventure. As the natural course of events suggested, I called into use all the technical skill and knowledge of crime I possessed. After gaining consciousness I lay quite still for sometime, thinking hard and even praying to the Divine Creator to guide me to the best advantage in pursuing the plan that had formed itself in that first few moments of my wakefulness. I opened my eyes slowly and gazed around the room. Darkness was fast falling; seeing distinctly was beyond question. Thinking myself alone and safe I arose slowly to my feet, and there is where I made my greatest mistake, for, as soon as I changed my position, I saw directly across the room two flaming balls of fire staring at me. I thought them to be made by the eyes of a dog or cat, so approached towards them with outstretched hands. Scarcely had I moved before the eyes sprang at me and I was borne to the floor by the impact of a heavy body of fur, which proved to be that of an ourang-outang. It struck me as being above the average size and intelligence of such an animal. I kicked, fought, bit and scuffled, but all in vain, for soon those grim talons had closed my throat and choked me into unconsciousness. And again before I lost consciousness that snickering laugh, full of triumph, reached me. A door slammed, then darkness overcame me.

"The second time I emerged from my stupor I found myself securely bound and gagged. I had lost all semblance of time, but from general appearances I judged it must have been

very late at night. I was fatigued almost beyond human endurance, I thought my head would surely split, and my throat was parched and swollen. I swooned. How long I slept I do not know, but it must have been for hours, for when I opened my eyes the merry sunshine was streaming in on me. I lay on my back in a tomb of ancient design. Some forty feet above me was a small window covered with iron bars. This and a heavy oak door at the other end of my room were the only openings in my prison of stone. The odor of the place was stifling. To make matters worse the floor was entirely covered by hoards of scurrying rats. They kept running over my body and frequently sharp pains in different parts of my body showed me that they were becoming most familiar. Probably starved they seized upon me as a choice morsel. Suddenly I was aroused in my thoughts by a muffled creaking. With much exertion I turned my head in the direction of the sound, and blinked my eyes in speechless wonder, for with much grating and scraping a portion of the wall swung outward, disclosing a cell not unlike my own. From this came sliding and squirming myriads of serpents, their weird tails turning and twisting on the cement, their crayon tongues shooting out in rapid succession. On and on they came, slowly but surely inch by inch toward me. If I could have risen to my feet and fought these evil things, all would have been well. But I had to lie and let them slowly entwine me to death; I could make a single attempt to free myself.

(To be Continued)

Captain Shideler: "If I cut a beef-steak in two and then cut the halves in two and cut the quarters in two, what will I have left?"

Corpeny: "Eighths."

Captain: "And then again?"

Corpeny: "Sixteenths."

Captain: "Again?"

Corpeny: "Thirty-seconds."

Captain: "Again?"

Corpeny: "Hamburger."

Can you tie this? Punkun, punken, punkeum, puncan, punkin, punpkan, pumpken. This is the result of a spelling match held in the lower school.

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**Doings of Latin Classes**

The Cicero Class at present has completed the four orations against Cataline, and is nearly through the Manilian Law. The class is also fairly well advanced in the composition exercises. When these are finished, the remainder of the year will be devoted to review. The class is especially anxious to finish before camp, so that that period will not have to be spent with Cicero in one hand and mess-kit in the other, as it were, in an eleventh-hour effort to complete the course.

The Caesar Class, too, is very well advanced in the year's work. The members have read very nearly all of the first four books of Caesar, and have done a fair share of the accompanying composition exercises and grammar drill. They, too, are eager to "get thru" before camp time for the same potent reason as above mentioned.

Captain Allen, the instructor of the Spanish, French, and Latin Classes, feels encouraged at the manner in which the students are taking hold of the work. All seem to be interested in the courses, and in most cases real effort is being put forth to master the subjects.

**Junior Class Meeting**

The junior class held a meeting the other night for the purpose of electing officers, and talking over plans for the junior-senior prom, which is to take place the latter part of April. No definite date was decided upon due to the fact that the class was uncertain as to when it could secure the Elks' hall, where it hopes to hold the prom.

The election of officers was as follows: President, Hill; treasurer, Hyde; secretary, Aldous. Poindexter was appointed by the president a committee of one to find out about the hall.

The members of the class are showing a fine spirit and are determined to make the prom the best that has ever been held in the history of the institution.

Aldous, on a visit to the country: "Well, my pretty lass! How is the Milk Maid?"

Country Girl: "Oh you old spoofer. It ain't made; the cow gives it."

The Chickering is a nice piano.  
Yes, but isn't the Steinway grand?  
—Exchange.



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#### Famous Sayings

Aldous: "Let's cut up somethin' ridiculous."  
 Bowen: "Me."  
 Smith E. "Also."  
 Linville: "Going to Evylen's."  
 Shaffer: "Oh Gee! Oh Gosh!"  
 McCracken: "Be a gettin' next to yourself."  
 Manion: "Let me see."  
 Captain Bernard: "Put that chair down on the floor."  
 Winger: "Give me a drag."  
 Ryberg: "Haint got any gas."  
 Armantrout: "Yes, sire! Capen!"  
 Russell: "Thay thargent."  
 Dalton: "Might as well pull it now."  
 Lippincott: "Oh fudge!"  
 Schlesinger: "No trust."  
 Grant: "GIMME!"  
 White F.: "I'll be glad when I can have seconds."  
 Freeman: "Hot doggies."  
 White B.: "Oh Boy! Sure had a wild time."  
 Putnam: "I'm sorry."  
 Major Wier: "Now, Ignatius, tell us this."  
 Captain Shideler: "Take off your cap."  
 Hill: "Too much bother."

#### Harsh Sentence

Abe Cory brought the following story over from New York the other day:

A negro charged with stealing a watch had been arraigned before the court. The judge was not convinced that he was guilty and said:

"You are acquitted, Sam."  
 "Acquitted," repeated Sam doubtfully. "What do you mean, judge?"  
 "That's the sentence; you are acquitted."

Still looking somewhat confused, Sam said: "Judge, does dat mean I have to give the watch back?"—  
 Christian Evangelist.

Panhandle Pete: Hank, how can we get somethin' t'eat?

Hungry Hank: Dunnow; but wait, I have an idea. Let me give you a black eye.

Panhandle Pete: What for, are you crazy?

Hungry Hank: Well, then you can go over and ask that lady to give you some raw meat to put on it.

Capt. Bernard: Armantrout, have you got a knife?

Pony: Just out of knives, but we have some nice shoestrings.

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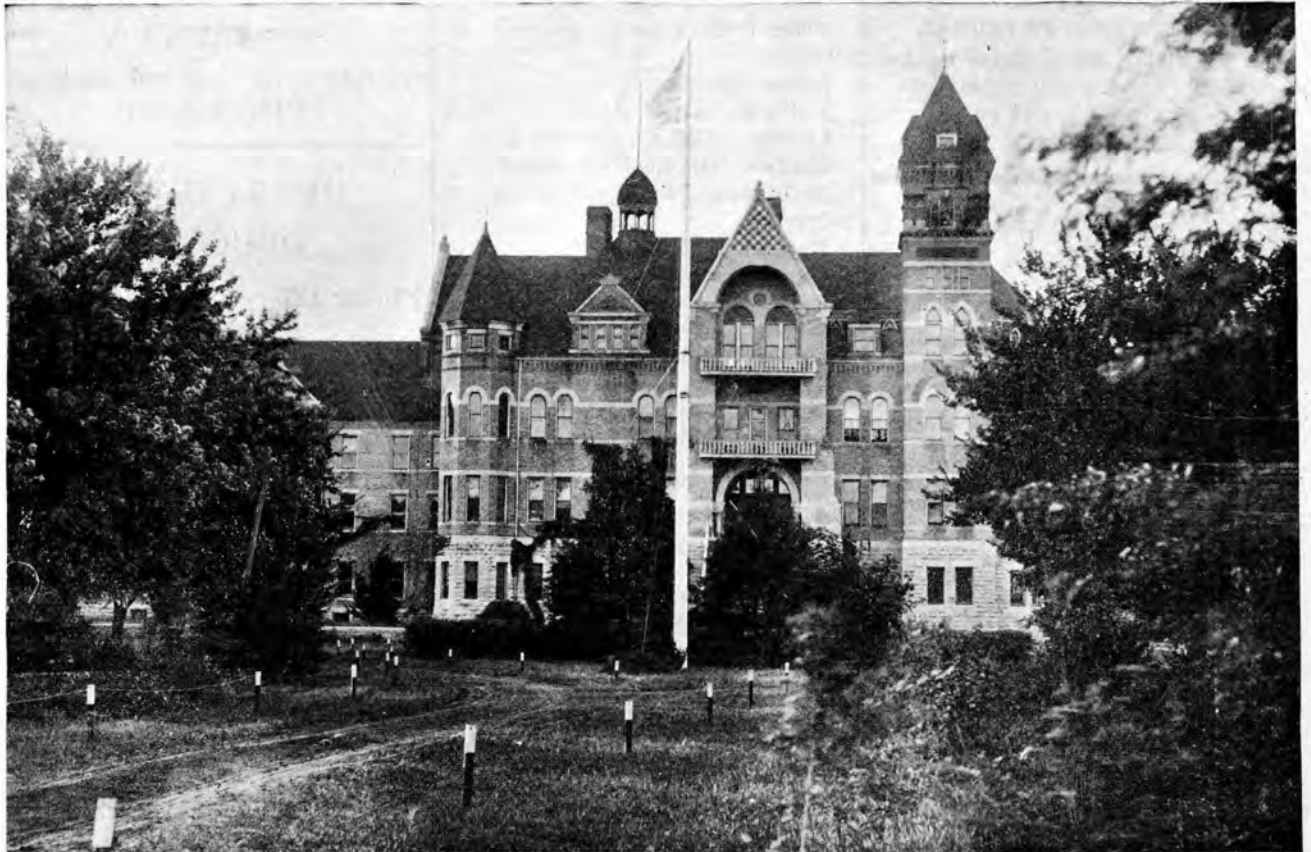
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