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THIRD TEAM VICTORIOUS

Defeats Y. M. C. A. Intermediates

A game played a few days ago at the "Y" resulted in a victory for the "Y" players. The tables, however, were turned by St. John's team when the "Y" quintet played in the St. John's gymnasium. The game was fast and remarkably free from foulings. The interest was kept up throughout the game, for first one team would take the lead and then the other.

St. John's scored first, and a moment later the opponents scored. The score at the end of the half was 8-10 in favor of the "Y" team. The final score was 11-10 in favor of the cadets.

All five of the St. John's team must be given credit for their work, as there were no individual stars. Walker and McLean played well for the "Y".

St. John's	FG	FT	F
Grayson	2	0	0
Linville	1	0	0
Artusse	2	0	0
Parker	3	0	2
Thompson	0	0	0
Shaffer	0	0	1
	8	0	3

Y. M. C. A.	FG	FT	F
Barneck	2	0	0
Sanburn	0	0	0
Walker	2	2	0
Perry	0	0	1
McLean	2	0	1
	6	2	2

Timkeeper—Gus Shiney.
Referee—Pattison.

Survey of Civics Class

Following the talk by Dr. S. T. Blades on the fly pest, the members of the civics class made a survey of the St. John's grounds and out-buildings. The motive was to ascertain if there were many breeding places of flies. The results were compiled and typewritten.

ST. JOHN'S NEW ADDITION

Assumes Control of St. Barnabas Hospital

At a recent meeting of the Chapter of Christ Cathedral arrangements were made with Major Ganssle to turn over the St. Barnabas Hospital building and grounds to St. John's. A lease was then signed, which will become operative at the opening of the fall terms.

As previously stated, this new addition will mean much to St. John's. It will enable the school to have separate quarters for the boys of the lower form, and take care of 30 to 40 more boys. These boys will have their own officers, their own study hall, and probably their own dining-room.

In addition, St. John's will have the use of a large field in the rear of the hospital for all athletic contests. This will do away with the necessity of going to the other side of town, where all such contests have heretofore been held. One condition of the lease is that the chaplain will be relieved of teaching a good many miscellaneous subjects, in order to devote his time exclusively to religious work among the boys and the teaching of sacred studies.

The hospital is a three story, brick structure, and contains all modern conveniences. It was built by the Episcopal Church in the days of the Rt. Rev. S. M. Griswold, D. D., who is now Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, and was run by the members of the Order of Consolation.

The Skirmisher is free to state that Captain Newell A. Barker, who at one time was connected with St. John's and who is now teaching in a private school near Philadelphia, will probably return next year in the capacity of headmaster of the lower school.

The whole community regrets and deplores the fact that the hospital had to close, but the members of the Chapter deemed it advisable to do so.

St. John's is certainly very fortunate in securing it.

Activities of Field Artillery

St. John's has been interested in the activities of the 130th Field Artillery of the K. N. G. for some time. This interest has been incurred by the fact that Major J. L. Wier, U. S. M. A. Commandant of St. John's, is captain of a unit in the organization.

Complete uniforms, surveying and observing apparatus, field pieces, vehicles and paraphernalia have been procured from the government, and the batteries are now in shape, and can be assembled with complete equipment. One of the most interesting facts concerning the equipment is that, among its various sections, is a complete wireless and radio outfit. This alone would be a possession for any unit to be proud of.

The two batteries, "A" and Headquarters, are now competing for a cup, which is offered by a Salina business man for the best unit that scores the highest progress along military lines. Attendance, drill, military courtesy, and inspection are to be considered in this grading.

The Salina organization is one of the most complete and efficient in the State. We wish it luck.

Mark of Virility

"You don't mean to tell me your boy is effeminate?"

"I wouldn't go so far as to say that," replied Mr. Cobbles, "but he does take to a lot of these new-fangled fads farmers' boys wouldn't have had any use for when I was growin' up. It would hearten me considerably if Henry would quit botherin' so much about keepin' his hair slicked down an' take a man's size chew of tobacco occasionally."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

True Two Ways

One way to get on your feet is to sell your motor car.—Kansas Gazette.

PROFESSIONALISM IN FOOTBALL

"Big Ten" Coaches Rap "Pro" Football

(By Donald Pattison)

Coach Yost of Michigan, who is probably one of the best known coaches of today, has made innumerable statements concerning the "pro" evil. The game when professionalized tends to make the players unwilling to play the game for their own benefit or for their school's honor. It robs the game of the exhilarating inspiration of achievement merely for achievement's sake, and destroys the ideals of loyalty, self-sacrifice and whole-hearted devotion to the cause.

The greatest cause of the professional sport is attributed to the alumni and students because of their critical attitude towards the players and coaches, who represent them in athletic contests. This is ingratitude because the players are striving for the university, and give forth their greatest efforts, which is a great deal more than what their critics are doing.

President Lowell of Harvard and Walter Dill Scott of Northwestern University have made public statements, that long trips are detrimental to the college players. Intersectional contests take the players away from their scholastic work for several days at a time, and consequently the time is lost. Although these teams usually have an instructor with them to whom they daily recite, it can be easily understood that they cannot possibly have the conveniences and equipment of a modern college.

Summer baseball is a sport that many football players enter into, in order that they may keep in condition. But since the professional ruling is strict the men are liable to become professionals, and still not realize the fact until some rival college digs up the history of the individual players, in order that it may disqualify them if possible. The result is that the opposing team is generally weakened.

When two schools, which have different rules in regard to residential requirements of their athletes, meet, the contest is unfair. It is unfair competition if one school permits freshmen to play on varsity teams and the other does not; if the time allotted to practice differs in the opposing schools, or if the opposing teams vary in the number of games played each year.

A football team with a schedule of eleven games has an advantage of

more than 50 per cent over teams with a schedule of seven; and if on the same team freshmen are allowed to play, the advantage is more than 100 per cent, for the reason that the total number of games engaged in by a player, during his college career, would be on the one hand 44, while on the other it would be 21.

Coach Yost deplored the recruiting of athletes, because such an action tends to make a young man's athletic ability a marketable commodity rather than a source of recreation.

The question now is, how to combat the "pro" evil. Many coaches in different parts of the country have expressed their opinions. Some of them are against summer baseball, while others favor it in a non-professional way. Stringent rules must be made and all schools must live up to them, in order that football—demoralized as it is—may again become the best and foremost, red-blooded sport of America.

A typical example of what "pro" football has done to our intercollegiate athletics is the game staged last fall between Taylorville, Illinois, and Carlenville, Indiana. The Taylorville's coach brought nine players from the University of Illinois to play for him, and the coach of Carlenville immediately retaliated by enlisting the services of some of the players of Notre Dame.

This example shows that immediate action must be taken, so that football can be resurrected back to pre-war times. The game is beneficial to students, but they are up against unfair advantages and overwhelming odds when they are required to play against professionals, who have had wide and varied experience in the game.

Senior Pins Arrive

The seniors have received their pins. The pin is of a very pretty design; it has the American eagle, the monogram of the school, and the class numeral which is surrounded by thirteen pearls.

The remarkable thing about the pin is that the pearls represent the number of the class. In years to come they will enable each cadet to recall the pleasant associations he had with his class mates.

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Worries of English Study

As a general rule the active, growing, husky boy does not enjoy the study of English, especially when he has to dip into the history of its past usage. Then it becomes bore some to him—indeed a real mortification of the flesh—and then is the time when he is not at all backward in expressing his wrought up mind about “such bunk.”

Well, this was the feeling of the majority of the members of the senior class, when they began the study of a text entitled, “Twelve Centuries of English Poetry and Prose.” They fumed, grumbled—perhaps said a few unprintable words under their breath, when they had to hand in a paper—and exclaimed that they would be glad when they could put aside this study for good and ‘junk’ this musty, old volume.

As time wore on and as their attention was more and more drawn to the study of these “dry-as-dust” writers and their works, the feeling of opposition on the part of the seniors wore off. They found Chaucer just as human as the big “copy men” they read about today. They have enjoyed Spencer, Marlowe, Ben Jonson, and others. They are beginning to appreciate the fact that the historical study of English Literature—as a good many of them have said—enables them to see how the language they now use was made. Before the close of the school year, it will be safe to say, that nearly every member of the class will want to retain in his library for good the “musty, old volume,” which he is now studying.

Results of Basketball Season

St. John's ended the basketball season with the K. W. U. tournament at the Wesleyan gymnasium on March 10th. To sum up the results of the season, this year's squad was not as successful as that of previous years. The playing of the team was not as consistent as it formerly was. The cadets, however, played hard and clean, and it is not with a sense of regret that we review the events of the past season. “Better luck next year!” is the adopted slogan of the squad.

Trouble Afoot

Says the shoe to the stocking, “I’ll rub a hole in you.”

Says the stocking to the shoe, “I’ll be darned if you do.—The Boys’ Magazine.

Captain Allen's Unique Violin

One hearing the full, rich tones that issue forth from Captain Allen's violin in an evening would imagine that he was performing on an instrument, that had been made by the famous Stradivarius of Cremona. But should the same person call at the captain's apartment, he would find the captain playing the most curious shaped instrument of its kind ever devised. It is shaped like a cigar box.

Captain Allen, who has a very inventive turn of mind, conceived the idea a few years ago that a violin could be made out of a more common kind of wood than that used by the noted Stradivarius. So he started experimenting with an ordinary cedar cigar box. After five or six attempts he managed to make one which is quite satisfactory and which he would not part with for a good sum of money. This achievement led him to try his hand at making a mandolin, in which he was successful. Some day he hopes to make a violinchello, and then he will have almost enough instruments for a stringed orchestra.

Since his success in making his violin, Captain Allen has received letters asking him to make more, but he has had to refuse because of his lack of time outside of his scholastic duties. Perhaps a large musical corporation will some day see the opportunity of turning empty cigar boxes into rare four-stringed instruments.

After the Disarmament Conference

Mr. Harding—“Where's the Army?”

Mr. Coolidge—“He's out rowing in the Navy.”—Our Navy.

Star-ling!

Biggs—“Her teeth are like the stars.”

Jiggs—“Why?”

Biggs—“They come out every night.”—The Boys' Magazine.

HOW CAN IT WAS

Our big, fat captain, perfumed and fair,
Galloped forth from the barracks to take the air,
Golf socks, gun boots, clubs in his sack,
His ears pulled in, his hair glued back.

Two hours later, back once more,
Weary, blown out, tired and sore,
Two hours of walking over vale and hill,
Two hours of vain chasing a little white pill.

Now comes the think, that we can't see,
Oh Mamma! what an attraction that girl must be.
How does she do it and make him stay,
When we know he'd rather sleep all day.

“Doc.”

Kappa Delta Phi News

The ceremonial and club rooms of the Kappa Delta Phis have been completely redecorated; and a great deal of time and energy were expended by the members in their completion.

The ceremonial room has been draped with curtains, and the roof has been completely repaired. The room has been made very beautiful and is much admired by the boys.

The club room has been cleaned thoroughly and decorated with pennants and pictures. The furniture has been repaired and newly upholstered. Curtains have been hung and rugs laid upon the floor. A phonograph has been procured from one of the members, and books and magazines have been furnished. The room is open every Sunday afternoon after lunch, and no doubt will be used to great advantage by the members in the Sunday afternoons to come.

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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PERSONAL NOTES

Clark Hodges of St. George, Kans., spent a week end with his cousin, Cadet Dalton.

Mr. and Mrs. Moe of Scandia, Kansas, recently visited their son, Cadet Moe.

Cadet Pratt received a visit from his parents a week ago Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Biggs of Arkansas City, Kansas, came up to see their son, Cadet Biggs, last Saturday. Cadet Biggs attended the summer school of 1921, but did not return for enrollment until the early part of March.

Cadet Poindexter spent a week end with his parents in Kansas City, Kansas. Poindexter has been very busy lately, preparing for Princeton entrance examinations, which he hopes to take next June.

Captain Harris has returned from a visit to his home in Kansas City, Mo. Harris may enter the George Washington University of Washington, D. C., next fall.

Cadet Drew Hartnett went to his home in Stafford, Kansas, to celebrate his birthday. His playmates are wishing him many more, and are sorry that he did not tell them beforehand.

S. J. M. S. Retreat Gun

The sunset gun which has been long expected arrived last week from an arsenal in California. It has been loaned to the school by the U. S. Government, and was secured through the efforts of Mr. Charles H. Bren of the Salina Chamber of Commerce.

It is a 3.2 caliber of 1898. Ammunition is on the way, and the gun will be put into use as soon as the ammunition arrives. It will be fired at the first note of reveille and at the last note of retreat. It is a very worthy addition to the equipment of the school.

Rotary Convention

The 17th district of Rotary Clubs will hold its annual convention at Muskogee, Oklahoma, March 30 and 31. This district is composed of Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma, and the district governor is Ross Burns of Joplin.

The Rotarian delegates from north central Kansas are going in a special train by Junction City, where they will pick up the remainder of their party.

Each delegate will wear a hat shaped like a shock of wheat, bearing the name of his club, and will carry a megaphone to match.

The Salina delegation will consist of twenty-five Rotarians and their wives, including Major and Mrs. Ganssle of St. John's. The Salina club will have charge of a luncheon at Muskogee, and all are looking forward to having a lovely time.

Major Ganssle's Trip

Major Ganssle has just returned from a trip to Chicago, where he attended the annual conference of the North Central Academic Association.

During his stay there he had the opportunity of seeing his brother-in-law, Frank ("Happy") Davies, who is attending the University of Wisconsin, win his "W" in the Big Eight Swimming Conference which was being held.

Some of the older cadets will remember Mr. Davies because of former visits to St. John's, and will be delighted to learn of the possibility of his becoming a member of the St. John's faculty next year.

Civics Class Trip

On Wednesday of last week the civics class, in charge of the instructor, Captain L. Howes, went on an inspection trip. The class left here at the beginning of the fourth period, and walked down North Santa Fe Avenue as far as the tracks. The object of the trip was to observe the health, lighting and drainage conditions in that section of Salina.

The fellows enjoyed the trip and expressed their desire to go again.

The members of the class are Grant, Freeman, Cameron, Linville, Hyde, Ryberg, Pooley, and Armantrout.

A freshman wants to know if waves of enthusiasm are found on the Papal See.—Exchange.

NO REST FOR THE SINFUL

The boy traversed the narrow way,
With a rifle o'er his shoulder;
The sun had gone behind a cloud,
And the day was growing colder.

"Alas!" he wailed. "Woe is me,
I know not what to do.
For many hours must I tread,
Before my duty's thru."

"I'm sorry," he chanted with downcast eye,
"For my errors in the past."
Upon his ear a bugle's notes,
And recall blows at last.

Such is the way of the sinful lad,
Who does not use his head;
An awful example of this fact,
Is "Belleville" so 'tis said.

—Anonymous.

Dr. Blades' Talk

Dr. S. T. Blades, Health Commissioner of Saline County, gave a talk on the fly pest to the civics class last week. He told of the many breeding places of flies, and of the injuries and sickness they cause. He also spoke of the different stages of the fly's development and the rapidity with which it multiplies.

Another interesting phase of his talk was that concerning the structure of the fly and the way in which it carries its germs, which are so harmful. At this point he distributed leaflets that are published by the Kansas State Board of Health.

He closed his talk by telling the class of the "white plague" or tuberculosis, how it is cared for, its symptoms and cures.

The class expressed its appreciation of Dr. Blades' talk, and hopes to have the pleasure of hearing him again.

No Flowers

"I don't want any rubbish—no fine sentimentality—if you please," said the widow who was asked what kind of epitaph she desired for her late husband. "Let it be short and simple, something like this: 'William Johnson, aged seventy-five years; the good die young.'—Life.

Salvaging the Wreck

"So you loved and lost?"
"Well, no, I didn't lose exactly. You see, when she returned my presents, she accidentally put in some of the other fellow's.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

Fitting Text

A colored preacher in Alabama had at one time served a short jail sentence and was fearful lest his congregation discover the fact, as in his later years he had been a model of rectitude. One Sunday, rising to begin his sermon, his heart sank to see a former cellmate sitting in the front row. Quick thinking was necessary. Fixing his eye on the unwelcome guest, the preacher announced solemnly: "Ah takes mah text dis mo'nin' from de sixty-fo'th chaptah and fo' hundredth verse of de book of Job, which says: 'Dem as sees and knows me, and says nothin', dem will Ah see later.'"—The Argonaut.

Man of the Hour

Willie—Pa, what is the man of the hour?

Father—Any man whose wife tells him to wait and she'll be ready in a minute, my son.—From Answers, London.

Another desperate prisoner has jumped to freedom from a passenger train. The Salina Journal suggests that prisoners be carried hereafter in motor cars driven by certain local speeders—no man could leap from their cars and live.

The Nettleton was strutting around the lot. "I can clean up the best scrapper in these parts," he bragged. "Pooh," said Beasley under his breath. But Nettleton overheard him. "Did you mean what you just said?" he glowered back, "Oh no, Sir, that was only a sham pooh."—Ex.

"Pa, what is the difference between a man who is engaged and one who is married!"

"Well, my boy, the man who is engaged never has peace in his mind unless he is with her, while the other always gets a piece of Her mind when he is with Her."—Ex.

The Prince of Wales is taking so many sea trips perhaps he really should be called the Prince of Whales.—Ex.

Seeking Safety

"What is your object in quoting so much from the classics?"

"I wish to be sure," said Senator Sorghum, "that there are some portions of my speeches whose grammar nobody will venture to criticize."—Washington Star.

A Postponed Repentance

There was a man in Wisconsin who went to a revival meeting and was pressed to repent. He wavered for a time and finally arose and said, "Friends, I want to repent and tell how bad I have been, but I dasn't do it when the grand jury is in session."

"The Lord will forgive," the revivalist shouted.

"Probably he will," answered the sinner, "but he ain't on that grand jury."—From the Boston Transcript.

An Idea of His Own

She—If a woman were being washed out to sea, what would you do to save her.

Life Saver—Throw her a piece of soap.

She—Soap! My heavens! What for?

Life Saver—So it could wash her back.—Kansas City Star.

Atoms

"Papa, where is Atoms?"

"Atoms? I don't know, my boy. You mean Athens, probably."

"No, I mean Atoms—the place where everything is blown to."—Manitoba Free Press.

A Word for Father

"Dear God," prayed golden-haired little Willie, "please watch over my mamma."

And then he added as in afterthought. "And I dunno as it would do any harm to keep an eye on the old man, too."—The Leatherneck (Washington.)

Going Up

Son—"Papa, give me a nickel."

Papa—"Why, son, you're too big to be begging for nickels."

Son—"I guess you're right, papa, make it a dime."—The Leatherneck (Washington.)

Athletic Harmony

"Have you had much experience in a jazz orchestra?"

"Have I? Why, five years ago I was a physical weakling!"

"Well?"

"Feel my muscle now!"—The Passing Show (London).

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Don't give up the ship. Take off your shell and you will knock them all dead.

History Professor: "How was Alexander II of Russia killed?"

Student (vaguely): By a bomb."

Prof.: "Be a little more explicit, please."

Student (in desperation): "Well, you see—er—it exploded."

—Fun Book.

A small boy was sitting next to a lady on a crowded street car, and he kept sniffing very disagreeably.

Finally she turned to him and said: "Little boy, haven't you a handkerchief?" He looked at her a minute and replied:

"Yes maam but I don't lend it to strangers."

Major Wier: "Smith, take charge Smith, E.: "Yes, sir. Squads right, march! Column right also!"



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Mixed Condiments
 Sir Henry Wilson says that the British soldier is the salt of the earth. Previously it was the general impression that soldiers were mustered.—Ex.

Agricultural Note
 The only thing that can be raised on the farm at a profit just at present is the price.—Baltimore Sun.

The ancient Greeks played an instrument called the "lyre." It is still used, but now it is a mouth organ.—Joab.

A man was arrested in Kansas City the other day for putting glue in the jazz drummer's seat. Spoiled the music.

Candidates are called for the annual May pole dance to be held against Salina H. S. soon. No professionals, lip-stickers, nor cheek-to-cheekers need to apply.

Captain Bernard: "Nelson, where does the Panama Canal start from and where does it end?"

Nelson: "It starts at Lake Erie and ends at Lake Michigan."

Captain Bernard: "Crooks, where did Sherman start his march to the sea?"

Crooks: "Rosecrans."

Parker (to Ginden who had been spending Sunday with friends): "Well, what did you do today?"

Ginden: "Oh, we had chicken and ice cream."

Captain Bernard: "Aldous, what do we mix with water gas to make it luminous?"

Aldous (suddenly waking up): "Alcohol."

Major Ganssle: "Billy, have you been picking your lip again?"

Crooks: "No, Dick picked it for him."

Pooley: "Why do they have knots instead of miles on the ocean?"

Benson: "I don't know. Why?"

Pooley: "To keep the ocean tide."

Captain Bernard: "Conklin, name six simple machines."

Conklin: "McCracken, Wood, Benson, Putnam, Spoelstra C., and Armantrout."

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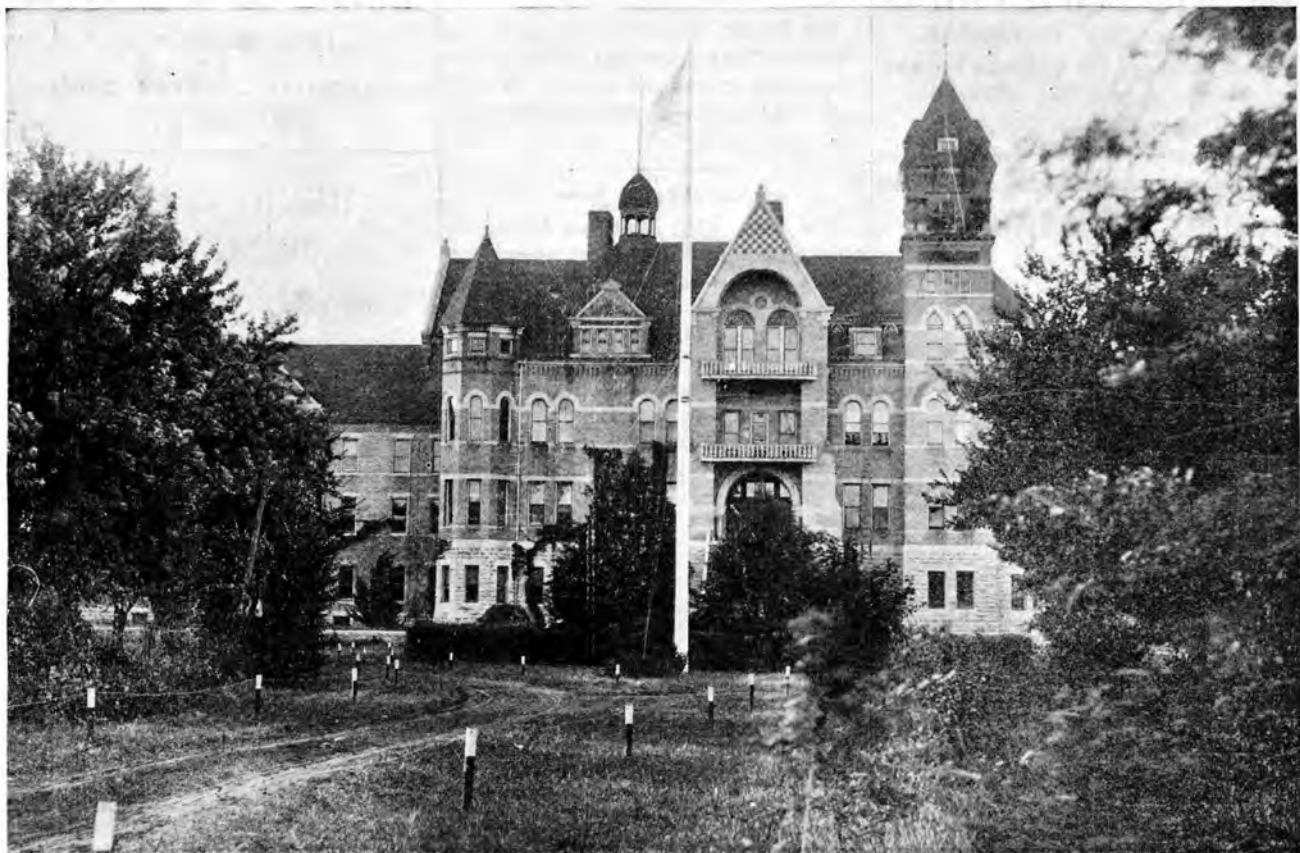
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