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CADETS BEAT CHAPMAN.

The Cadets experienced the thrill of victory for the first time Feb. 16, beating the Dickinson County High School team by a score of 26 to 5.

The Cadets expected to break into the win column with this game but did not expect to win by such overwhelming odds. Not until late in the third period did the visitors score a field goal. Then Stanley, a substitute forward, cut loose with a heave from about a third out, directly in front of the goal, and the net swished. The feat was repeated in the final period.

Had Chapman counted a good portion of free throws offered, a more respectable score could have been counted.

The Cadets played a hard, fighting game and their size and weight carried them a weak defense. The scoring was divided among six players. Goals were made from all angles and some set ups. The cadets led at the first quarter 3 to 1, at the half 10 to 1, the third quarter 16 to 3 and game 26 to 5.

CADETS—26	FG	FT	PF
Wheeler C., rf	1	0	1
Wheeler D., lf	3	0(1)	1
Utterback, c	2	0	0
Swimmer, lg	3	2(3)	1
Hartman, rg	0	0	0
Heaton, rf	1	0	2
Harris, lf	2	0	1

CHAPMAN—5	FG	FT	PF
Shepherd, rf	0	1(4)	1
Thomas, lf	0	0	0
Toll, c	0	0(2)	0
McDonald, rg	0	0(1)	1
Lowden, lg	0	0(2)	0
Stanley, lf	2	0(1)	1
Lopshire, rf	0	0	0

2 1(10) 3

Referee, Roy Boyer.

Little words of wisdom,
Many words of bluff
Make the teachers tell us,
Sit down, that's enough.—Ex.

NEW INSTRUCTOR FOR SAINT JOHN'S.

Our school has been very fortunate in securing Captain Leisher for an instructor to fill the vacancy left by Captain Allen.

Captain Leisher is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and has his B. A. degree from there. He has also spent a year in Nebraska Wesleyan.

He was in service for eighteen months, part of which time was spent overseas.

He has had a year of experience on a Chautauqua Circuit singing in a male quartet. He also has had some experience along other lines in music as he plays the saxophone and piano.

The cadet corps wish to extend to him a most cordial welcome, and hope he finds his work at Saint John's a pleasure.

LATIN.

All the people dead who wrote it
All the people dead who spoke it
All the people die who learn it
Blessed death, they surely earn it.
—Topeka H. S. World.

AT THE GRAY GOOSE

A few days ago Major Perkins and each of the cadets at his table "chipped in" for a dinner and a movie down town. When they unloaded in front of a cafe, a bystander was almost overcome by the sight. The Major's five seated car seemed either to hold an unlimited supply, or to be controlled by a magician, according to the number that came out of it. There was a special table for ten, so things were as usual. The presence of Mrs. Perkins and Miss Dorothy saved it from being entirely a stag party.

The war scenes shown on the screen that evening were so natural that the Major was reminded of a few interesting incidents during his time in France, about which he told on the "schoolward bound" trip.

He who only hopes is hopeless.
—Anonymous.

"SWIMMING MEET"

The first swimming meet of the year will be on Thursday, Feb. 28th, against the Salina High School. Major Davies claims he has a better team than ever. Saint John's won the meet last year and if they win the cup this year they get to keep it, permanently. Major Davies has challenged several high schools and two colleges. They are Abilene, Junction City, Topeka, Hutchinson, McPherson and also the University of Kansas and the Kansas Agricultural College. Major Davies has announced his probable lineups for the Salina meet.

Relay—Harris, Jackson, Linger, Fuhrman.

Fancy Diving—Grant, Hartman.

40 Yard Dash—Fuhrman, Harris.

Breast Stroke—Jackson, Crooks, Phillips.

220 Yard Dash—Grant, Harris.

Plunge—Jackson, Heaton, Swimmer.

Back Stroke—McWhinney, Jackson, Grant.

100 Yard Dash—Grant, Fuhrman.

Our Colonel is the kindest man,
He wouldn't harm a flea.
But something happened just the other night,
And maybe you'll change your mind,
like me.

It happened on the third floor,
When most time to go to bed.
He stepped into a darkened room,
And was hit upon the head.

Now the one who used the broom,
T'was surely not his fault.
Because he thought it someone else,
When he started the assault.

The Colonel started in on them,
As three there were in all.
And gave them quite a lecture,
And threw them is the hall.

Now he ended up his lecture,
With "A joke is just a joke."
But when you have a little fun,
Be careful who you poke.

—D. Wheeler.

ABILENE 35—CADETS 16

The Cadet team was defeated by the Abilene High basketball team at Abilene February 5th. Abilene scored easily at the outset, then the Cadets spurted and raised the score from 15 to 1 to 15 to 9 and the half ended. Abilene regained the offensive in the second half and took a commanding lead. Hensley of Abilene was high point man with 15 points, Utterback, the Cadets' center counted 9 points.

ABILENE—35	G	FT	F
Worley, lf	1		0
Oliver, lf	0		1
Green, rf	4	(1)	1
Collins, rf	1		1
Hensley c (c)	7	1	0
Duffy, c	0		1
Beltz, rg	0		0
Snowden, lg	0		0

17 1(1) 4

CADETS—16	G	FT	F
D. Wheeler, lf (c)	2	(1)	1
C. Wheeler rf	0		0
Heaton, rf	0	1	0
Utterback, c	4	1	1
Hartman, g	0		0
Swimmer, g	1	(1)	0

7 2(2) 2

The vital part of a business is not the office unless the office is an outgrowth and servant of the business. In the story of business the shop came first. When the office came it seemed to relegate the shop to second place, and then all the ambitious young men began to seek white collar jobs, thinking that the office was the path to power. This is likely to be a mistake, for reasons that are stated herein. The only possible way to justify the office is that it is the natural result of the business itself, manned by those who know and can direct the business, because they came up through the business, and were not merely superimposed upon it by their desire for clean jobs. The best road to the white collar is through blue-jeans and practical brains.—Dearborn Independent.

Animal interference with telephone service includes bears that mistake the humming wires for a swarm of honeybees; squirrels that chew holes in the lead sheath of cables; ants and beetles that eat metals, and spiders that throw their webs across open wires causing short circuits when dew gathers on the web.

Recently, Captain Charboneau took the eighth grade class through the city jail to study the conditions there. The members of the class received some good advice from the inmates pertaining to proper conduct. The keeper assured them that any books or magazines sent by them would be greatly appreciated.

It makes one feel angry and half amused, and wholly contemptuous, to find men of high business or social standing in the community saying that they really have not got time to go to ward meetings, to organize political clubs, and take a personal share in all the important details of practical politics; men who further urge against their going, the fact that they think the condition of political morality low, and are afraid that they may be required to do what is not right if they go into politics.

The first duty of an American citizen is that he shall work in politics; his second duty is that he shall do that work in a practical manner, and his third is that it shall be done in accord with the highest principles of honor and justice.

—Theodore Roosevelt.

A HOLIDAY.

On Friday, February eighth, at the suggestion of our Senior Captain, the Superintendent granted a holiday. In view of the fact that the officers had been so very punctilious in the discharge of their duties to the great assistance and relief of the faculty, and also that the cadet corps had been unusually conscientious in the performance of its duties and obligations, the entire day was given.

The forenoon was spent in various activities, such as tennis, swimming, and playing basket ball. While others rested, especially our Adjutant, who devoted the morning to deep slumber, and shifted his duties to his Sergeant Major.

In the afternoon several cadets had the pleasure of attending "The Birth of a Nation" which was playing at the Palace Theatre.

All scholastic activities were suspended in the evening and a few cadets were allowed permits.

The day was enjoyed by both cadets and faculty.

Gump, C. N. (in Puritan) How much are your surloin steaks?

Waiter—Seventy-five cents.

Gump—Give me a hamberger.

Teacher—John, define the word trickle.

John—Trickle means to run slowly.

Teacher—Now define anecdote.

John—A short funny tale.

Teacher—Now make a sentence containing the two words.

John—The dog trickled down the street with a can tied to his anecdote.

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ABILENE 23—SAINT JOHN'S 21

Saint John's Cadets lost to Abilene High in basketball, 23 to 21. The Cadets took the lead and kept it until the last forty-five seconds of the game. The cadets were outplaying Abilene. With a four point lead and only a little while to play, they were taking it easy when Capt. Hensley tossed two goals and two free throws in quick succession. D. Wheeler, Utterback and Heaton made most of the Cadets' points by long shots.

ABILENE—23	G	FT	F
Hensley, f (c)	5	2(1)	0
Oliver, f	2	1(3)	0
Green, f	0		0
Beltz, c	2	1(1)	1
Snowden, c	0		0
Amann, g	0	1(1)	0
Duffy, g	0		0
	9	5(6)	2

CADETS—21	G	FT	F
D. Wheeler, f (c)	3	(2)	1
C. Wheeler, f	1		1
Utterback, c	3	1	0
Heaton, g	3		2
Swimmer, g	0		3
	10	1	7

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1. Hoskinson	94.2
2. Wheeler, C.	93.8
3. Wheeler, D.	90.8
4. Linger	89.5
5. Freeman	87.8
6. Craven	87.2
7. Shields	87
8. Jackson	86.6
Phillips	86.6
Price, H.	86.6

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In discussing his project the Captain intimated that it is his desire to place one of the late model 1,000 h.p. diesel engines on a Kiddie-Car.

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Our basketball squad is wearing new orange and black head bands which add greatly to their appearance on the floor. These useful articles were made and sent to the team by Mrs. Heaton and Hal's sister. Not only the team but the whole school appreciates such marks of interest on the part of the parents.

ANOTHER RIVAL ON THE SCENE.

Our big strapping, handsome Captain is the envy of all the boys out here. Since he has started his "Sheiking Campaign" he has his golden hair parted, slicked and shined and, Oh! that school girl's complexion, just so soft and velvety. He has these Salina girls raving and when asked the reason why they just say, "You just can't resist those blue eyes."

Many are the compliments he receives. Everyone agreed that our darling, dashing Hutto with the rolling eyes is not to be compared with this blue eyed Knight of Otis Street. Now, our latest recruit says, "if I could only vamp like that big man with the boy scout hat."

All the Cadets recognize the ability of the Captain, but are determined to find his weak spot, if they have not already found it. It seems that our golden haired giant is leaning toward a Sheba with nut brown hair and dark brown eyes and the other Knights of the Cake Wrestlers are pushing hard.

Just the other night a terrible calamity occurred, when one of the Knights gave the Handsome Shiek the slip.

My but the Shiek was angry. When the Knight returned he tried to sneak past the Lion's door but was intercepted, then the terrible quarrel and fight began. He started in by giving

him a black look and distorting his elegant face so that his brown eyed Sheba would not even have recognized him and then he gave the boy an awful going over. After he had exhausted his vocabulary he sent the poor fellow cowed and shaking to bed, but not before threatening him that if he ever caught him even talking to her he would give him the most penetrating look and a most horrible wrist slapping right in front of her.

The subdued Knight who, by the way, may be heard at any hour sorrowing on his corner in the barracks, is one of our most able after-taps specialists, says he is thoroughly convinced of his wrong and he hopes the others will profit by his experience. So now to end this up, if all the supposed sheiks in this school take the musician's advice, the only real live and living Sheik, the Captain, should have easy sailing and maybe if we are real good little boys he may allow us to help select the ring.

Now if anyone should suspect who the author of this treatise is, only I don't think they will for I have been concealing my talent, do not tell anyone because I like to partake of my three squares every day and do it with some degree of ease.

PARADE AND INSPECTION.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13th the Saint John's Cadet Corps held a retreat parade and formal inspection of which Captain D. Ruffner U. S. A. was the inspecting officer. Other officers of U. S. A. who accompanied the Captain were: Major Sherman L. Kiser, Major Joseph Dunkel, Captain R. A. Lindbloom, accompanied by Sergeants F. Miller, T. P. Atkinson.

After the parade which was executed with but a few minor errors hardly noticeable to spectators, the battalion was marched in review and formed in a column of platoons the head of column facing south, the order of alignment being Company A, Company B, Bugle Corps. This time the inspection took place, headed by Captain Ruffner, assisted by Major Perkins, Commandant, Cadet Captain McWhinney, Battalion Commander, Cadet Lieutenant Hoskinson Adjutant.

Needless to say the school felt honored to welcome Captain Ruffner on such an occasion.

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SAINT JOHN'S DINNER DANCE.

On the thirty-first of January Saint John's gave their annual mid-year dinner-dance. The dance was held in the Guild Hall of The Christ Cathedral. The ladies and cadets gathered at the school where dinner was served at five o'clock. After the dinner, they drove to the Guild Hall in motor cars. The hall was decorated in the school colors, black and burnt orange. A large flag covered the end of the hall while the sides were decorated with crossed sabers and guns. The streamers of orange and black with which the hall was decorated were hung very artistically throughout. The lights were subdued and gave the room a warm, mellow effect. For the music, the Cadets had secured the orchestra of Junction City, formally of Salina. This orchestra is considered the best that can be had around here and their music was enjoyed by all who attended. Two novelty dances were given during the evening. The first was a puzzle dance of hearts in which the ladies and cadets matched cards for partners. After a space of a few dances there was a grenade dance which consisted of throwing streamers of colored paper. At ten-thirty the orchestra played "Home Sweet Home" and the ladies and cadets adjourned after having spent a very delightful evening.

Those who attended were the following:

Dean and Mrs. Hoag.
Colonel and Mrs. Ganssle.
Major and Mrs. Perkins.
Major and Mrs. Davies.
Captain McGrew and Miss Stevenson.
Captain Barker and Miss Buell.
Captain Leisher and Miss Stanford.
Captain Charboneau and Miss Austin.
Captain McWhinney and Miss Goodall.
Captain Freeman and Miss Lipe.
Lieut. Schaffer C. and Miss Mitchell.
Lieut. Hoskinson and Miss Jones.
Lieut. Wheeler D. and Miss Martin.
Lieut. Wheeler C. and Miss Kreps.
Lieut. Conklin and Miss Brick.
Sergt. McCracken and Miss Lepper.
Sergt. Hopper and Miss Hite.
Sergt. Edwards and Miss Rathbun.
Cadet Wilson and Miss Foil.
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Corp. Nelson and Miss Lamer.
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Cadet Cole and Miss Kirtland.
Cadet Ripley E. and Miss Dyer.
Cadet Overton and Miss Clark.
Cadet Crooks and Miss Perkins.
Cadet Shields and Miss Smith.
Stags—Sergt. Grant, Bland, Cadet Brodie.

A GUMP.

Here's to Gumpie the "shiek" of the school,
He ignores the women but loves to play pool.
He's never out late, and in bed on the dot, but
One of these days our "shiek" will step out.

Gump met a girl at a dance one night,
Since then he has hardly been out of her sight.
Gumpie says, "She has good sense I know,
But its funny where my pennies do go."

An heirloom of the Barker family was recently passed down to one of the younger generation, Capt. John Barker, an instructor of Saint John's. It is a letter written by the Captain's Great Great Grandfather to his wife in 1789, the year of the French Revolution. It was written while he was in Albany; presumably during a session of the state legislature, though only the General's military career is known. Of course Captain John treasurers it very much.

PUNCTUALITY.

Punctuality is an important factor in a person's life. On it depend the world's successes and successful men. The habit of being on time should be firmly established during school life and later is a great asset in business. The business man will not employ a person who always comes in late to work and does not keep up with those tasks assigned to him or her. So take heed, students, and be punctual at all times and on all occasions.

—The Patriot.

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ELLSWORTH 38—CADETS 8.

The game was played at Ellsworth Jan. 30. The Ellsworth boys did some of their best passing this year but were held in check by the cadets throughout all the first half which ended with Ellsworth a few points in the lead. The last half was wholly in favor of Ellsworth who dropped basket after basket on the cadets.

ELLSWORTH—38	G	FT	F
Thomas, rf	5	4(2)	0
Silverwood, lf	6		1
Jelinck, lf	1	1(1)	0
Purna, c	1	1(1)	1
Taber, lg (c)	1		0
Healey, rg	2	(1)	1
	16	6(5)	3

CADETS—8	G	FT	F
D. Wheeler, lf (c)	0	1(1)	0
C. Wheeler, rf	1		2
Utterback, c	1	1	2
Heaton, rg	1	(2)	3
Swimmer, rg	0		0
	3	2(3)	7

A senior speaks:

I used to think I knew, I knew,
But now I must confess
The more I know I know
I know I know the less.

—Ex.

JUST BEFORE THE QUIZ.

"That guiltiest feeling"—the feeling that comes just before a quiz, when you realize that you don't know a thing about what you thought you understood perfectly the day before. You give a groan, heave a sigh, and take the plunge into the unknown depths of knowledge. It is an awful feeling.

But now that a new semester has begun and you will be free from the dreaded things for a while, why not make a new resolve—to experience just once that "thrill that comes once in a life time"—when you can go to class with a clear conscience and know that you know all you should know and can take that quiz without the quiver of an eye-lash.—Ex.

Freeman (in cafe): "What is this 'club sandwich'?"

Waitress: "Chicken, lettuce and bacon."

Freeman: "I don't like bacon."

Waitress: "Why, didn't you order it?"

Freeman: "I didn't want a breakfast."

A HOLIDAY

It has been the custom for some time to give the cadets, who have good grades, a holiday. A cadet with an average of 85 per cent or over is excused from all six periods in the morning. An average of 80 per cent excuses the cadet from four periods, and an average of 75 per cent excuses the cadet from the first two periods. Any cadet with an average below 75 per cent has to attend all his classes. These holidays are given once a month and are based on the averages of the preceding month.

This method of granting holidays encourages the individual to obtain high grades so as to obtain the privileges granted. It also keeps the standard of the other cadets as high, if not higher than before. For the cadets who are excused from four periods usually endeavor to be excused from six periods the following month.

Accordingly many of the cadets were making plans for their holiday which was granted February 13. Some hunted, others rode, and still others slept. You can be sure that they were all pretty well satisfied with themselves and their work especially when "first call" sounded.

Get busy you fellows who didn't get a holiday. There is another one coming at the end of this month, and we should all be excused. It is easily true that "work will win when wishing wont."

C-H-E-E-R U-P!!

When Abe Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature and was badly swamped. He next entered business, failed, and spent seventeen years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner. He was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged—then she died. Later he married a woman who was a constant burden to him. He next ran for congress and was badly defeated. He then tried to get an appointment to the U. S. land office, but failed. He became a candidate for the vice-presidency and was again defeated. Next, we hear from him in 1858 being defeated by Douglas. One failure after another—bad failures—great setbacks. In the face of all this he became one of the country's greatest men if not the greatest. When you think of the series of setbacks like this, doesn't it make you feel kind of small to become discouraged just because you think you are having a hard time of life?—"Santa Fe Magazine."

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Shaffer, C. to Shaft—Say, didn't I meet you in Philadelphia?

Shaft—No. I've never been in Philadelphia.

Shaffer, C.—I've never been either; must have been two other guys.

NEW SWIMMING SUITS.

The swimming team has been issued new school swimming suits.

They are cotton suits; orange in color and have a black "S.J.M.S." on the front.

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These cadets will receive monograms at the end of the swimming season, if they make the squad.

"Grandma" Doran: "I don't like cabbage."

Captain John: "Is there anything you do like?"

"Grandma": "Yes, myself."

So Were The Brains

He—The engine seems to be missing, sweetheart.

She—That's all right, dear, it does not show. —Punch Bowl.

He—Who is that fellow over there? He's been staring at you all evening.

She—Oh Goodness. Don't let him bother you. He's only the fellow that brought me to the dance. —Witt.

"From time to time God drops a great idea into the soul of a great man. Often those men who live upon the existing institutions start the fire against the new idea. Sometimes they crucify its apostle; but ideas feed upon faggots, and grow through crucifixions."—Newell Dwight Hillis.

A honeybee's work consumes about half the hours of daylight, the remaining hours of the twenty-four being spent in rest, according to tests made by the United States Department of Agriculture.

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE BATTLE

Just before the test day, teacher,
I am thinking most of you,
While till midnight I am cramming
With the awful test in view.

School books thick around me lying
I resolve to die or do,
For well I know that on the morrow
I may meet my Waterloo.—Ex.

The Indian population of the United States is increasing.

Eels packed together in pipes of the city water system of New London, Connecticut, shut off the water in many parts of the city. Fire plugs were flushed and thousands of young eels flooded the ground.

The Old Elm, under which George Washington took command at Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1775, was lately declared dead. Before workmen could remove it, it crashed to the ground.

Mud in Alaska in October is as great a shock to ideas based on the old school geography books, as is hot weather at the North pole—a condition which explorers actually report as existing during the "long day" season.

She—Could you ever go over that dam without hurting yourself?

He—I don't know, why?

She—Fish do. —Sun Dial.

Hard luck is a polite name for sleeping sickness.—Anonymous.

An optimist is one who makes the best of it when he gets the worst of it. But to prove yourself an optimist don't go around grinning like an idiot. —Anonymous.

"English could well be called the Bible language. Next to Hebrew it is more closely tied up with the Bible than any language we know."—The Scribe, a Jewish weekly.

From the mistakes of others a wise man corrects his own. —Anonymous.

Taking things as they come does not wear one out so fast as dodging them.—Anonymous.



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