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CRACK SQUAD AT STATE ROTARIAN CONVENTION.

The crack squad has been drilling daily for the past two months in order to perfect the execution of the various maneuvers. Its Captain, Cadet D. M. Bland, having been at Saint John's longer than any other cadet enrolled at present, and being the most proficient in drill, is a very able and fit leader for such an organization.

Their first engagement was before the Salina Rotary Club where they were commended highly for their snappy appearance and unbroken team work. To demonstrate the sincerity of their feeling, the Rotarians requested that the Crack Squad represent them in the State Rotarian convention at Topeka, Kansas on the ninth and tenth of April.

The Crack Squad has drilled in various other places where it has met with great approval. The success, with which they have met, goes to show that conscientious endeavor is rewarded.

The members are: (Captain) Cadet Bland, Cadet Sergt. Linger, Corporals Shaft, Harris, Jackson, Manion, Cadets Doran, Jeannin, Cronin, Dickinson, Hutto, Jamison, Flanders, Fisher, Wilson, Johnston, Schafer K., and Herbert Golike (flag bearer).

WITH APOLOGIES TO KIPLING

A fool there was and he smoked his pills,

Even as you and I.

Almost daily a package he kills,
His smoking tours are filled with thrills,

But now he's paying his bull-ring bills,

Even as you and I.

Some people are so dumb that they think the Ford Plant is a flower.—Ex. "LET'S NOT—"

Sit in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man.

Let's get out in the road by the side of a boy and help him all we can."

—De Molay Counselor.

ST. JOHN'S DANCE

On Monday, March the fourth, the Cadets of St. John's Military School gave a dance at the Christ Cathedral Guild Hall. The hall was decorated with pennants, flags and athletic trophies. The pennants used in decorating were borrowed from the Cadets. There were many cities and countries represented. By looking at them one could readily see that most of them were from Colorado, although some of them represented the coast states and even the countries across the sea. The garrison flag hung at the west end of the hall. The music for the dance was furnished by the Eddie Welsh orchestra of Junction City. Eddie Welsh has in his orchestra the snappiest bunch of musicians that could be had. Programs were given to the ladies and cadets in the early part of the evening. They were brown folders with the insignia of the school (S.J.M.S.) raised in gold upon them. A fancy tassel of many colors, with a pencil attached, hung from a hole in the border. The ladies and cadets arrived about eight o'clock and spent the evening in rollicking fun and laughter. At ten o'clock the cadets and their ladies formed a line party and walked to the Grey Goose where refreshments were served. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing. The party broke up at twelve.

Those who attended were:

Col. Ganssle—Mrs. Ganssle.

Major Perkins—Mrs. Perkins.

Capt. Charboneau—Miss Smith

Capt. Barker—Julete Buell.

Copt. McGrew—Helen Stevenson.

Capt. McWhinney—Mary Goodall.

Capt. Freeman—Dorothy Lipe.

Lieut. Hoskinson—Martha Eberhardt.

Lieut. Wheeler, D.—Martha Tripplett.

Lieut. Wheeler, C.—Sadie Norton.

Lieut. Conklin—Irene Austin.

Sergt. McCracken—Beatrice Stevens.

Sergt. Edwards—Mary Ellen Rathburn.

Sergt. Heaton—Virginia White.

Corporal Ribblett—Dorothy Martin.

Corporal Jamison

Corporal Jackson—Pauline Layton.

Corporal Harris—Virginia Layton.

Cadet Johnston

Cadet Farnsworth—Miss Winterbotham.

Cadet Dickinson—Virginia Brown.

Cadet Whitehead—Peggy Foil

Cadet Price, H.—Laurette Grienon.

Cadet Shafer, K.—Ruth Early.

Cadet McIlhenie—Marjory Housel.

Cadet Bland—Rosetta Kreps.

Cadet Shields—Helen Smith.

Cadet Brodie—Helen Leper.

Cadet Stone—Miss Hammit.

Cadet Shumate — Mary Francis Mitchel.

Cadet Thompson—Miss Seitz.

Cadet Cronin—Jean Elliston.

PREPARATION FOR SPRING CAMP.

With the arrival of spring comes the preparation for camp which will be made the first week of May. During the last few days the tents and other materials have been inspected by the Cadet Corps under the supervision of Major Perkins and Cadet Captain McWhinney.

The different departments of camp have been assigned to various Cadet Officers and N. C. O. The departments and their supervisors are:

Captain McWhinney — General Supervisor.

Captain Freeman—Tents.

Lieut. Shaffer—Range Equipment.

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He(over the phone)—What time are you expecting me?

She (icily)—I'm not expecting you at all.

He—Then I'll surprise you.

—Awgwan.

Y. M. C. A. TAKES GAME FROM JUNIOR CADETS

Thursday night, February 21, Saint John's second team met the Y. M. C. A. second team, and were defeated, as they were unable to cope with the fast team work of the Salina boys. The visitors started with a bang and piled up a great number of points without any apparent opposition.

After the first quarter the Cadets came up to some extent and the Y. M. C. A. were forced to make longer shots, but the Cadets score did not go up much. The half ended with the score 9 to 6 in favor of the Y. M. C. A.

After the beginning of the second half both teams came back fighting harder, the Cadets having much better team work than before. Harris made most of the points in the last quarter by long shots from the center line.

There were comparatively few fouls in the game, of those, mostly being against the Y. M. C. A. The game ended with the score 16 to 20 in favor of the Y. M. C. A.

The line-up was as follows:

Y. M. C. A.	Saint John's
Small	Forward.....Harris
Joy	Forward.....Price H.
Wyrich	Center.....Furman
Anderson	Guard.....Manion
Almon	Guard.....Shaft
Substitutes—Y. M. C. A., Rockhold;	
Saint John's, Doran and Barnett.	

TO THE SENIORS

Seniors, graduation time is drawing near. In a very short time we will all be "has beens". Graduation is a long way off from the freshmen; the sophomores don't think one way or another about it; the juniors entertain a vague thought of graduation. But when the seniors begin to realize that their time is limited in school, and they commence to make an inventory of what little knowledge they have retained from their study in high school, then comes the regrets of cutting classes, and of trying to put something over on someone. They were really forming a bad habit of wasting time. During the time wasted much knowledge might have been gained or something really worth while accomplished. The inevitable consequence of pretending and shrinking are bad for both you and your school.

—McWhinney.

"I'll never get over what I saw last night."

"What's that?"

"The moon."

—Purple Cow.

TRY THIS ON JACK

Coach—"Why didn't you turn out for track yesterday?"

Lusty Lunged Lew—"I had a date, sir."

"Yes sir, but I didn't break training. A "miss" is as good as a mile, you know."

—Ex.

HONOR ROLL

Upper School

1. Wheeler, D.	94
2. Wheeler, C.	92.8
3. Price, H.	92.8
4. Hoskinson	92
5. Phillips	89.2
6. Wilson	89
7. Edwards	88.6
8. Fisher	88.6
9. Hopper	87.2
10. Jackson	87.2

Upper School

1. Miller, C.	88.8
2. Mourning	83.2
3. Overton	82.3
4. Thorn	82.3
5. Hickory	81.2
6. Addis	80.6
7. Ripley, E.	80
8. Bivens	79.2
9. Ripley, C.	79
10. Shirk	78

Getting out this paper is no picnic. If we print jokes, folks say we are silly.

If we don't they say we are too serious.

If we publish original matter, they say we lack variety.

If we publish things from other papers, we are too lazy to write.

If we stay on the job, we ought to be out rustling news,

If we are rustling news, we are not attending to business in our own department.

If we don't print contributions, we don't show proper appreciation.

If we do print them, the paper is filled with junk.

Like as not some fellow will say we swiped this from an exchange.

So we did.

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Where did you learn to ride a horse?
On the back, sir.—Purple Parrot.

LAST BASKETBALL GAME

The cadets lost their last game to Junction City 27 to 18. They were expecting to win this game as the one at Junction City was close.

Junction City took the lead and kept it all turing the game. Their pass-work was excellent but they always failed on short shots, most of their points being made by their center on long shots. The half ended 13 to 7.

The Cadets were still confident and came back fighting, hoping to cover their opponents lead but Junction City was determined to hold it. The last half was a battle, each team doing their utmost. The game ending with Junction 9 points in the lead. The star of the game was Junction's center who did very good work both in passing and shooting.

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Special Order No. 144.

Reposing special trust and confidence in the Patriotism, Fidelity, Integrity, and Ability of the following named Cadets they are hereby appointed as Non-Commissioned Officers of the Cadet Corps in the grade set opposite their respective names:

Cadet Corp. Hall Heaton—to be Cadet Sergeant.

Cadet Charles Manion—to be Cadet Corporal.

Cadet Sundie Swimmer—to be Cadet Corporal.

Cadet William Jackson—to be Cadet Corporal.

Cadet Howard Riblet—to be Cadet Corporal.

Cadet Forrest Shaft—to be Cadet Corporal.

Cadet Byers Price—to be Cadet Corporal.

They are therefore to carefully and diligently discharge the duties of Non-Commissioned Officers by performing all manner of things belonging with such office.

All Non-Commissioned Officers and other cadets under their command shall be obedient to their orders as N. C. O.'s according to their rank.

These N. C. O.s are to observe and follow such orders and directions as they shall from time to time receive from me, the Superintendent or other superior Officers and N. C. O.s set over them according to the rules, regulations and discipline of this school.

By order of Major R. W. Perkins,
Commandant.

L. A. McWhinney,
Capt. Commanding Bn.

Attest:

Willis Hoskinson,
1st Lieut. and Adjt.

A special ceremony was held in which the whole battalion participated during the presentation of these honors.

Curious one in restaurant (to a one-armed man)—I see you have lost one arm.

Crip (examining his empty sleeve closely)—By Jove! So I have.

"My good fellow, how do you happen to be lying in the gutter?"

" 'Sall ri', brother, I jus' shaw two lampposts and leaned against the wrong one."—Witt.



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The world is full o' ruts, my boy
Some shaller and some deep;
An' every rut is full of folks as
High as they can heap.

Each one that's growlin' in the ditch
Is growlin' at his fate,
An' wishin' he had got his chance
Before it was to late.

They lay it all to some one else, or
Say it was just luck—
They never once consider that 'twas
Caused by lack of pluck.

But here's the word o' one that's lived
Clean through from soup to nuts.
The Lord don't send no derricks 'round
T' hist folks out of ruts. —Ex.

THE FAST WORKER

Gass—Heard that you were engaged.

O'Leen—Yeah—two weeks.

Gass—Kissed her yet?

O'Leen—No, but I think I could.

—Phoenix.

PARADE AND INSPECTION

On March 10th a special order was published announcing that there would be a parade and inspection of the Cadet Corps on Tuesday, March 11th at 2:40 by Col. M. R. McLean, 161st Field Artillery, Assistant Adjutant General of the State of Kansas.

On March 11th, Tuesday, the parade and inspection was postponed until the hour of 5:30 because of an unavoidable delay.

At 5:30 on this date the battalion was formed on the parade ground and a parade was held. After the parade the battalion was formed in column of platoons facing south and then inspected by Col. McLean.

An egotist is an "I" specialist.

—The Wesleyan Advance.

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THE GLOOMY PERIOD

February and March are undoubtedly the most uninteresting months of the school year. However, they are the most important months of the year, more work is accomplished in these two months than any others.

When school starts in September it is hard to settle down and study after a long, enjoyable vacation. Then, too, foot-ball interferes somewhat with study. And by the time the students settle down and begin to work diligently and systematically it is most time to go home for the Christmas holidays.

After a long Christmas vacation is enjoyed, the cadets return with the pleasant memories of their good times, which take their minds from work. All of which shows that idleness creates unrest and dissatisfaction.

But by the time February comes they begin to forget the less important things and get to studying again. The social life rather dies down about this time of the year making it still easier to think of working. So this is really the most important part of the year. Now fellows, it is up to you to make the most of the advantages and opportunities. Your life here is very much just what you will make it. The only way you can show your appreciation to your parents is to apply yourself and obtain the best results possible. —McWhinney.

Some of the cadets have had the pleasure of spending a few days vacation at home. Others are planning to visit their relatives or parents during Easter. Let's hope they all have a good time—for Easter isn't so very far away.

"Jock" Price and his brother Byers have just returned from a visit to Reading, Kansas. Cadet Shields, who went with them, says they had a wonderful time during their brief stay.

Lloyd "Tarzan" Hartman has also been home in Wichita where, altho there aren't any cattle to herd, there are plenty of other things to do—almost as entertaining.

Our Senior Captain, L. A. McWhinney, recently spent ten days with his parents in Loveland, Colo. As he relates, he enjoyed a very pleasant visit. He has returned now with renewed enthusiasm in his work.

Several instructors and the Cadets of their tables have had dinner in town and have gone to a show after dinner. Captain John Barker and the Cadets at his table had dinner at "The Grey Goose" on the evening of March 13th and Captain Liesher's table has gone twice lately. Captain Shidler's table went the evening of March 14th.

The money for these "feeds" is raised in some cases by each Cadet and the instructor "chipping in" an equal amount. In other cases the money is raised by charging each one at the table five cents for each mistake in table manners. This is an excellent way to perfect one's etiquette.

SCIENCE AND INVENTION. (Startling Discovery)

The Right Honorable Professor W. C. Hoskinson (B.V.D., P.D.Q., O.D.S.) scientist and explorer, has discovered a large grasshopper, measuring about one half an inch in length, on the school campus. He has also found a butterfly on the premises.

From these inconspicuous animals, birds or fish, (whichever they may happen to be we do not know, as the professor has not classified them) he has arrived at a conclusion by a method for which he alone is famous. This method is somewhat a mixture of algebra, geometry and trigonometry with a sprinkle of commercial arithmetic in it.

As I was about to say, the astonishing conclusion he has deducted is, that spring is here.

We are all very grateful to the Prof. for this knowledge and wish to thank him very much for it.

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WEST POINT PROSPECT

Sergt. Grant, through an elimination examination, held at Topeka a short time ago, was appointed by Governor Davis to be a candidate for the U. S. M. A.

The Adjutant General of the Army recently notified Sergt. Grant that he was to appear at Leavenworth, Kans. for the examination to be held for all candidates from the 7th corps area. His trip was something as follows.

"While making my change at trains at Lawrence, I met a young man from the eastern part of Oklahoma. He also was going to take his examination. I found that this was his second attempt to enter and if he failed this time, that he would be unable to compete next year. I also learned that the graduating class from West Point this year is the largest on record; so that will mean more vacancies must be filled. We were met at the station in Leavenworth and taken to the fort, which was three miles distant, in a government car provided for the purpose.

"I was quartered in a cottage with nineteen other candidates. We were soon well acquainted, and upon inquiry, I found they were from all over the central and southern states, of Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma. There were five cottages in use by the candidates; twenty in each one. Some were not forced to stay the entire time, as they presented certificates which exempted them from the mental examination but not from the physical.

"The cottages we lived in were very nice. They had been occupied during the war by colonels who were stationed at the fort with their families. They were all up to the requirement that any colonel could ask.

"The first morning was devoted to getting acquainted with the post. The afternoon from 1:30 to 5:30 was used for history examination, including Modern, Mediaeval, English, American and Ancient. The second morning was devoted to Algebra for a period of four hours. The afternoon was given to English literature and composition. On the morning of the third day there was a geometry examination. At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon our physical examination began, lasting until the next afternoon.

"All of the examinations were very thorough and everyone was held under strictest rules of conduct. Also the

physical examination was out of the ordinary; more than thorough, even running into calisthenic exercises, from which I thought I would be exempt. Altho' all of the candidates present had been passed on their preliminary physical exam, three of them were rejected by the board. My trip ended with my return to St. John's on the following day."

There ain't no use in kickin', friend,
if things don't come your way;
It does no good to holler 'round, an'
grumble, night and day.

The thing to do is curb your grief, cut
out your little whine,
And when they ask you how you are,
jest say,

"I'm feelin' fine."

There ain't no man alive but what is
booked to get his slap;
There ain't no man that walks but
what from trouble gets his rap.
Go mingle with the bunch, old boy,
where all the bright lights shine,
And when they ask you how you are,
jest say,

"I'm feelin' fine."

Your heart may be jest bustin' with
some real or fancied woe,
But if you smile the other folks ain't
very apt to know.

The old world laughs at heartaches,
friend, be they your own or mine,
So when they ask you how you are,
jest say,

"I'm feelin' fine." —Ex.

TENNIS.

During the last week many of our boys have begun to take an active interest in tennis. Every afternoon they fill the benches along the side of the court clamoring for a chance to play. By the looks of things we should have three or four courts instead of just one. Some of the boys have been doing some good playing and have expressed a wish of entering the Central Kansas League Tournament. Our Junior School will enter this tournament and Cadet Corp. Riblett has been asked to take care of the Junior School boys. Cadet Doran has been appointed to take charge of the upper school contestants, and has been giving a part of his very valuable time to their instruction.

We expect to have at least a dozen boys take part in the tournament, a few of which are: 1st Sergt. Grant, Corp. Harris, Corp. Riblett, Cadet Bland, Cadet Doran and Cadet Schafer K.

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We, the undersigned, do hereby respectfully submit the following petition:

That is view of the fact that the cadet corps has been unusually conscientious in the performance of its duties and obligations, and that the school spirit heretofore displayed has been a great credit to the institution, and since the officers have been very punctilious in the discharge of their duties to the great assistance and relief of the faculty,

Be it hereby respectfully petitioned that if

A HOLIDAY

be considered on Friday, February 22, the faculty postpone the same indefinitely as an unworthy reward for the above mentioned excellencies and virtues.

As a more fitting recognition of our achievement we beg that something be granted that will not soon be forgotten. On the date aforementioned we request that we, the undersigned be conducted to the rear of the gymnasium and there be noisily decapitated.

The formality of notifying our parents can be done away with as it will not be worth while. All our books, belongings, such as old shoes, pants, jerseys, kite-strings, photographs, marbles, and shinny clubs, pennants, paper airplanes and chew-gum we dedicate to the school, hoping hereby to preserve the memory of otherwise useless lives.

All of the above we humbly petition.

1. Dickinson
2. Brodie
3. Cronin
4. Stone
5. Miller, N.
6. Whitehead
7. Turpen
8. Hartman
9. Jeanin
10. McElhenie
11. Farnsworth
12. Craven
13. Hammers
14. Flanders
15. Lester
16. Turner
17. Miller, C.
18. Boyer
19. Beveridge
20. Ellis
21. Cole
22. Eagle
23. Newton
24. Littlehead
25. Finch

26. Thomas
27. Addis
28. Bivens
29. Thorn
30. Mourning
31. Roth
32. Overton
33. Hickory
34. Andrews

THE TOURNAMENT

Kansas Wesleyan University held a district tournament March 14th and 15th, and it certainly was a huge success. Both day and evening the gym was packed with merry boys and girls having the best time since the erecting of the town pump. Besides basketball it looked like a gum chewing contest was also in progress. Upon investigation it was found that those not chewing gum either had false teeth or were getting them. The contest was won by a fellow from Culver who said he hadn't chewed gum before but had chewed Star for the last ten years.

McPherson had their band there and I had heard they had a good one but judging from the demonstration which consisted of one piece played over fifty six times I hope they had that, "Hot times in the old town that night."

The contestants in the tournament consisted of forty-seven teams, twelve in A class, eleven in B class and twenty-four in C class. In contrast the uniforms presented a wonderful sight, every color being represented. C class contained the teams from schools of less than a hundred pupils, B class the teams from schools between a hundred and two hundred and A class the teams from schools with over two hundred.

The C class was won by Ada, a team which did all there practicing on an outdoor court. The B class was won by Bushton, second place going to Miltonvale. St. John's was put out their first game, being beaten by Miltonvale. The A class was won by McPherson whose team showed some excellent playing. Salina High School received second place after giving McPherson a hard game. Reno County team should be mentioned as they played excellent ball and nearly beat McPherson.

A cup was given for first and second places in each class. Little silver basketballs were given to each of the winning teams in B class by the Hub Clothing Co. of Salina.

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Second Flea—No, on a tramp.

—Orange Owl.

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AN EXHIBITION BOUT

Between the halves of our second game with Salina High which took place in the gymnasium at Wesleyan Joe Owens of the High School, weight 124 pounds, and Lloyd McWhinney of Saint John's weight 128 put on an exhibition fight.

They fought three one-minute rounds with one minute intervals. From the true pugilistic form in which the bout was presented it could be readily seen that both boxers had had some previous experience in their chosen sport.

In spite of the fact that Owens had considerable reach on the "Colorado Kid" the difficulty was easily overcome by the scientific in-fighting exhibited by our "light weight battler."

At the sound of the gong which started the first round both fighters sprang from their corners, and displayed some very fast work which held the attention of the spectators.

At the end of the first round it could easily be seen that McWhinney had the edge on Owens. In the second round blows were exchanged freely, but "Mac" continued to be the aggressor during the entire fight.

In the closing round that fight was about a draw. It was evident to see that "the Kid" showed more fighting form than Owens. However, it was greatly enjoyed by the spectators as it was a new means of passing away the fifteen minute period between the halves.

The main purpose of the bout was to stimulate a little interest in boxing between the schools.

SOME BUGLER!

Two negro buck privates were discussing the relative merits of their buglers during the World War.

1st Private: "Why, man, dat bugler of ourn am so good, when he plays "Pay Day" hit sounds 'xactly lak de Symphony Orchestra playing 'De Rosary.'"

2nd Private: "Hush, nigger, you ain't got no bugler a-tall. When our bugler, Snowball Jones, wraps his lips roun' dat bugler an' sounds 'Mess Call' ah looks down at mah beans and says: "Strawberries, behave; you're kickin' do whipped cream outer de plate!"—Ex.

She—That man fell out of a twenty story building and wasn't even badly bruised.

He—How come?

She—He fell out of the first story.

—Punch Bowl.

EVERY ONE HELPS

She—My father gives me a book every birthday!

He—Indeed! You must have quite a library!

—The Salina Daily Union.

SAINT JOHN'S SUNDAY"

Once each year Dean Hoag arranges for a special program at the Christ Cathedral, for, and by the Saint John's cadets. This year a list of familiar hymns was voted upon by the cadets to determine the three most popular. The vote stood:

1. In the Cross of Christ I Glory..... 7
2. Fight the Good Fight14
3. Onward Christian Soldiers43
4. Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus.....32
5. Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me.....37
6. He Leadeth Me13
7. Jesus, Lover of My Soul.....19
8. Nearer My God to Thee.....26
9. The Son of God Goes Forth to War16

One of the favorite proved not to be on the list, but was inserted on a blank line.

Those who took part in the services were Cadet Crow, violinist; Corporal Harris and Cadet Jamison, ushers; Sergeant Heaton and Cadet Hartman, offerers; and Sergeants Phillips and Grant with Cadets Ripley C., Ripley E. and Thorn sang in the choir. Also two instructors, Mr. Barker, and Captain Barker, gave their services to the choir. Great interest was shown in carrying out the details of the morning schedule.

P-S-S-S-S-T BANG

Drunk—Hic—'Sa funny thing, but when water—hic—freezes it always—hic—freezes with the slippery side up.

—Punch Bowl.

HIS UNDYING LOVE

He—My darling, you simply must marry me.

She—But have you seen father?

He—Oh, yes, many times. But I love you just the same.

—The Salina Daily Union.

Saint John's old boys will be glad to welcome Elmer Hill, graduate of the class of 1923, April first.

Hill was our Lieutenant and Adjutant last year, and graduated as Captain. He has been working with the National Cash Register Co. and has made an excellent record there.

A high school teacher wrote "please wash" on the black-board and the janitor took his bath before Saturday.



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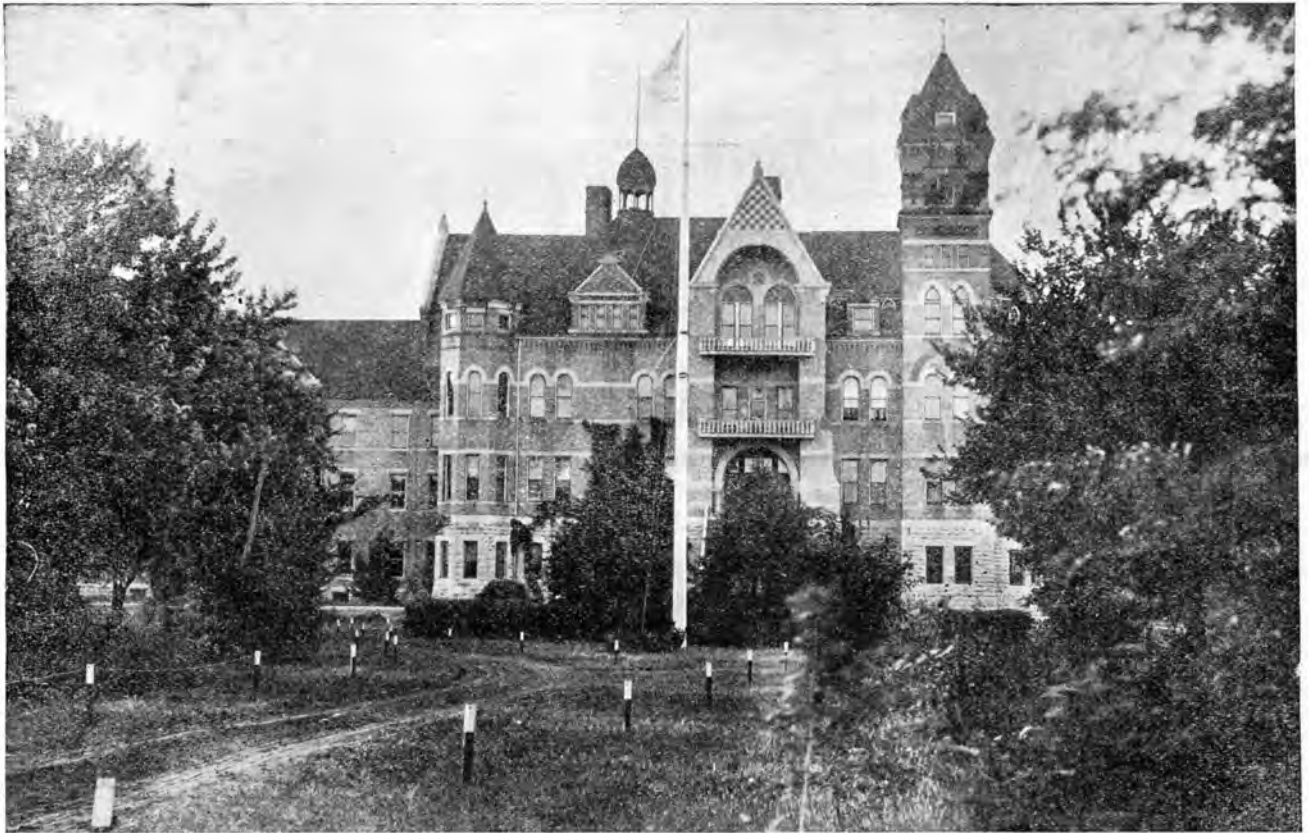
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