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### At Last We Have It! Great Popularity Contest!

The Strollers Will Present "The College Widow" at the Ben Ali, February 27.—Most Popular Young Lady in the University Will be Given a Box.

#### GET BUSY FELLOWS AND HELP YOUR GIRL WIN

##### RULES GOVERNING THE CONTEST.

- 1st. The contest shall begin at 10 a. m. January 19th and close at 6 p. m. February 23rd, 1914.
- 2nd. The young lady must be a bona fide student of Kentucky State University.
- 3rd. No member of The IDEA staff is eligible to vote or to be voted for in this contest.
- 4th. All votes must be made upon the official ballot. The name of the voter and the young lady voted for must be written plainly on the ballot and deposited in a box provided for that purpose in the business agent's office.
- 5th. The votes shall be counted every Tuesday by a disinterested committee and the standing of the contestants published every Thursday in The IDEA.
- 6th. Contestants may withdraw at any time, but by doing so forfeit their votes.

##### THOSE WHO CAN VOTE

- All persons who have already subscribed for The IDEA, either by cash or deposit, and those who subscribe during the contest, either with cash or by signing up their deposit.
- In order that those who have already subscribed for The IDEA may participate in this contest, each student who has signed up his deposit or paid cash for The IDEA prior to Jan. 1st, 1914, is entitled to 100 votes. All students who sign up or pay cash for their subscription during this contest will be entitled to 100 votes. This gives all students an equal chance.

A real popularity contest to determine the most popular young lady at State University! For some time the IDEA staff has been trying to devise some plan whereby it could interest the entire student body. When the Strollers announced the "College Widow" for February 27th, we immediately made arrangements for an entire lower box. To whom this box shall be given is to be decided by the student body during the next four weeks. Of course it will be a young lady and she will have the pleasure of entertaining her friends on that night.

The contest is to be conducted upon a scrupulously clean basis and no favoritism or partiality will be shown in the least. All that you have

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#### SHORT COURSE IN HIGHWAY ENGINEERING BEGINS

Very Interesting Addresses Are Delivered by Messrs. Marion D. Ross, W. P. Blair and Dean W. E. Rowe.

##### THIRTY-EIGHT MEN ENTER.

The short course in Highway Engineering began Wednesday morning in which there was enrolled thirty-eight men, representing twenty-five counties of the State. The regular class work for the short course was arranged and the program was opened by a lecture on "Construction of Macadam Roads," by Marion D. Ross, Assistant State Highway Engineer, of Frankfort, in which he explained the method of construction approved by the State Board of Public Roads.

In his address he stated that water-bound roads are the most economical for the State and claimed that no part of road construction had been more neglected than drainage.

The next address was given by Dean Rowe, whose discourse was upon "Highway Bridges," in which he gave demonstrations of various parts of bridges before the class.

After Dean Rowe had explained bridges to the class, Mr. R. H. Reese, First Assistant State Highway Engineer, of Frankfort, spoke on "Alignments and Grades of Country Roads," in which he stated that an ideal road must be dry and solid, have easy grades, easy curves, and be as smooth as possible. He dwelt for some time upon the location of roads and stated that they should be located where they

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#### VARSIY FIVE LICK ASHLAND Y. M. C. A.

Blue and White Quintet Shoot Eight Goals in Last Half and Kill the Visitors' Hopes.

MORGAN, PRESTON, T. ZERFOSS

The varsity five outshot the team from Ashland (Ky.) Y. M. C. A. in a fast game Saturday night, in a score of 28 to 15. The accurate tossing of Morgan, Preston and T. Zerfoss ran up a lead in the last half that the visitors could not overcome.

The rapid passing of the Ashland five, and the postage stamp methods of their guards spoiled State's chances for an early lead, and after a grueling half had been played the score was 11 all. With the opening of the last period, Preston, who had previously replaced Park at center, started the fun with a clever shot, and before the round was up, 8 goals had been slung. The visiting forwards were caught in the Scott-Tuttle whirlpool, and lost pep, eye, wind and other articles of clothing.

The game was staged in the gymnasium, on account of the chicken carnival in progress in the armory. The electrical effects in "Musty's" old throne room are of a dim, pale nature, calculated to fill the bill for dances and college fairs, but hardly designed for basket ball games. The poor light had a disconcerting effect on the eyes of all the players, especially the visitors.

The work of the Varsity five was entirely satisfactory. Captain Squirely and Scott played the same old go-at-it game; Morgan and Zerfoss had the old control when baskets are needed; and there are two good centers in Park and Preston.

The summary:  
Kentucky. Ashland.  
Park and Preston c. Ogden  
Morgan and T. Shanklin  
Zerfoss f. Valentine  
Scott and Marting  
Tuttle (c) g. Conway  
Score by periods: Kentucky—11, 17—28. Ashland—11, 4—15.

Field goals—Morgan 8, T. Zerfoss 4, Preston 4, Park 1, Shanklin 2, Valentine 1, Ogden 1, Marting 1.  
Goals from foul—Zerfoss 1, Preston 1, Shanklin 5.  
Referee—Keith.

#### STROLLERS!!

For fear you've forgotten, we'll remind you—the chosen play is "The College Widow"—the tryouts will be held Thursday, Jan. 15th, at 3:30, in the chapel.

For those who cannot come at that time, there will be another chance, Thursday night, Jan. 15th, at 7:30, at Patterson Hall. Be there!

Remember the try-outs! Let's see what you can do.

#### CLEVER PASSING WINS GAME FOR THE STATE GIRLS

Co-Eds Defeat Five From Catlettsburg High in Opening Game of the Season.

SCORE 15 to 6.

The co-eds won the first game of the 1914 basket ball season, Friday night when they defeated the team from Catlettsburg, (Ky.) High School, 15 to 6. Superior floor work on the part of the State girls told the story.

With the first toss-up the visiting team initiated an energetic style of play that for a time broke up the team work of the Blue and White five, and the balance of power seemed with the guests of the evening. The State quintet soon recovered from the first rush, and in spite of the close guarding of their opponents registered a margin in the first half, and increased the lead during the last period.

The passing and guarding of Misses Wood and McChesney and the goal shooting of Miss Hughes were the deciding factors. For the visitors Miss Runyon was the mainstay.

The State quintet is passing the ball and playing the floor in midseason form but the need of sure basket shots and an accurate foul thrower is evident. The Blue and White five had the advantage of 14 fouls, of which only 5 were thrown.

The game was played in the gymnasium, and a large crowd was present. The summary:  
Kentucky. Catlettsburg  
Miss Heller—center—Miss Runyon  
Misses Hughes Misses G. Pratt  
and Innes—forwards—and Flannery  
Misses Wood and Misses E. Pratt  
McChesney (c)—guards—and Justice  
Substitutes—Kentucky, Misses Fall  
and McGuire, forwards; Miss Pence,  
guard.  
Field goals—Miss Heller 1, Miss Hughes 2, Miss Tall 1, Miss Wood 1, Miss Runyon 1, Miss G. Pratt 1, Miss Flannery 1.  
Goals from foul—Miss Hughes 2, Miss Innes 3.  
Score by periods: K—6, 9—15. C—2, 4—6.  
Referee—McCorkle, Catlettsburg.  
Umpire—Tigert, Kentucky.

#### GROUNDLINGS ARE SPILLED

Bleachers Collapsed Just Before Girls' Game Friday Night.

A feature of the girls' game Friday evening was the collapse and subsequent precipitation of humanity, when the overloaded bleachers in the east end of the Gym folded up.

Temporary seats had been erected against the east wall of the Gym, and these became supersaturated with spectators before the game started. An extra molecule in the shape of a man was added and the whole mass was thrown down to the floor. It is fortunate that no legs were broken, and that only a general shake-up and several crushed derbies resulted.

#### W. C. WILSON AND R. A. NORRIS ARE MAKING GOOD

At Stanford, Ky., Where the Former is School Superintendent While the Latter Fills the Post of Principal.

When, by his own will, Superintendent Ireland of the Stanford schools, was evicted from that position, the good people of the city called W. C. Wilson, B. S. '12, to succeed Mr. Ireland and subsequently sent for Robert A. Norris, A. B. '14, to punctually supply the vacant seat of High School principal. Mr. Ireland, when he resigned, went forthwith to the American Book Co., on a salary and inducement able to be called nothing but lucrative.

While W. C. Wilson was a student here his comrades all loved him and the youth of the school of Stanford can well venerate his character and well-doing in all things. Among the highest he was highly regarded, and if earnest labor shall have any token of reward, gracious will his be.

And he has no less good fellow and splendid gentleman as his co-laborer in Mr. R. A. Norris. No student here commanded loftier courtesy and consideration than he. His studies were ever his close companion. In the Latin and Greek course, he found not enough to occupy his varied field of endeavor, so he found time for literary activity in societies and other organizations. He was managing editor of the college paper, The IDEA, and was the president of the Democratic Club, besides the manager of the Varsity basket ball team. Both these men have taken away honors unbounded and will bring back honors untold to their school.

#### BASKET BALL SAT- URDAY IN ARMORY

Opposing Team at Present Unknown, But Some Quintet Will be Taken On.

##### C. C. GAME POSTPONED.

At the time The IDEA goes to press it is not known what team the State five will play Saturday evening. The game with Christ's Church, of Cincinnati, has been postponed till a later date at the earnest request of the churchmen. Coach Brummage said in an interview with an IDEA reporter Wednesday that he had several games in view and would surely make arrangements for a good game in the Armory, Saturday evening.

The Blue and White five seem to have hit their stride and the practices this week have been highly satisfactory.

Are you interested in college activities? Are you a good, all-round college man? Prove it! Thursday, in chapel, at 3:30.

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#### THE ADA MEADE.

This week's show at the Ada Meade while different from last week's, is a good, big show with plenty of variety. The Choo Choo Girls, the last act, is the headliner. It is a girl act, but different from any the Ada Meade has yet presented. There is more comedy than in most girl acts, a negro comedian, a Dutch comedian and a "Boob," who gets many laughs with his queer voice.

LaVelda and Zelda, a beautiful novelty wire and ring act, well dressed and staged, opens the show.

Harry Crawford, the lanky comedian, comes second. He is very versatile, doing comedy, drama, dancing and singing and pleased well.

The Schumann Quartette, a team of excellent voices, is of the kind Lexington people like.

Everett and Harvey, in "Fourteen Minutes in Bankhurst," with a special drop showing a suburban home, have an act of complications which is one continuous laugh.

The Choo Choo Girls, in a railway station, close the show with a walk through the audience singing and swinging lanterns.

#### THE BEN ALI.

Thursday matinee will see the inauguration of what promises to be the best vaudeville bill ever presented in this city. The bill opens with Allie Young and April in a skit entitled "Soap Bubbles" and Diabolo Manipulations. George Allen called the male prima donna, is in the same class as Julien Eltinge, and his gowns are said to be dreams. The Alexander Kids is one of the greatest hits of the season and consists of three little tots, the youngest being only three years old, while the oldest has reached the mature age of five and one-half years. These precocious children have created a furore wherever they have been seen. Neil McKinley is a comedian of the school that produces real fun and does a comedy singing turn that is very pleasing. The real headliner is Milton Pollock and Company, including Dorothy Hope, in the George Ade comedy sketch entitled "Speaking to Father." Eddie Borden and Irene Sharron in "Bits of Vaudeville" are live entertainers. Gordon Brothers will introduce "Lanky Bob" the boxing kangaroo, who will box three rounds for points only. Negotiations are under way for the return of Keith and Kerman, as an added attraction.

#### KY. MINING SOCIETY MEETS.

The student branch of "The American Society of Mining Engineers," on January 12, 1914, held the first monthly meeting of the new year. The new president, Mr. Rogers, who was elected at the last meeting in 1913, opened the meeting with a very entertaining talk. The enthusiasm gotten up by the initiation of the Freshmen of the Mining Department into the society also makes the meetings more enjoyable to all. Our relations with the Transit are to be renewed and also with The IDEA, if possible. Mining Society pins—cg Ba...w smvne/dew HHH were discussed and it was also decided to have a better than ever picture of the whole society in the Kentuckian.

The program of the evening was furnished by Mr. Wm. Noel, who gave an interesting talk on "Mine Accidents," and by Mr. Rogers who talked on his experiences in mining work at Glenmary, Tenn. A dance to be given in the Mining Building was discussed and Mr. Wm. Noel, B. Young and H. J. Jakob appointed to look after the matter. At 8:20 p. m., after the treasurer collected some dues, the meeting adjourned.

#### PHILOSOPHIAN.

The Philosopher Literary Society held its first meeting of the new year Tuesday night, January 13, 1914. Officers for the ensuing term were elected. Miss Marie Louise Michot, who served as president during the past term, was re-elected. The following officers were also elected:

Miss Natalie Wood, Vice-President.  
Miss Lois Bartlett, Treasurer.  
Miss Mary Howard, Secretary.  
Miss Folsom McGuire, Critic.  
Miss Elizabeth Farra, Publicity Agent.

Great plans are afoot along both literary and financial lines, concerning which more definite announcements will be made later.

(Suggestion) Watch the hall in the main building for a bit of exciting information.

#### THE HORACE MANN LITERARY SOCIETY

will meet Thursday night January 17, in the Education Building. Mr. Donovan, whom we all know as a man of great executive ability, will preside in the office of president for the ensuing term. The following program has been arranged and all members are exhorted to be present.

"Trust Legislation," Mr. Wegart.  
"James Whitcomb Riley," Mr. Blevins.

"The Influence of the Moving Picture Show," Miss McGuire.  
"Rights of Country Children," Professor Bohannon.

#### UNION LITERARY SOCIETY.

The members of the Union Literary Society assembled last Saturday night and held their first meeting of the year. Before the Society came to order, Mr. Stonewall Jackson gave impersonations of the principal speakers whom he heard while in Kansas City.

#### RURAL TEACHERS MEET AT THE UNIVERSITY

Plans Laid to Hold a Series of Meetings in the County.

The teachers of Fayette County held their third meeting Saturday morning under the direction of Professor Bohannon, who is Professor of Rural Education in the University.

The class was organized for the purpose of raising the standard of efficiency of rural teachers in the county and was the largest meeting that has been held by the class.

Tentative plans were arranged for a series of educational rallies to be held in various parts of the county in the near future.

The man who brags about his will power should take a day off and watch a setting hen.

#### REPARTEE.

Mrs. Wombat—"Mah husban' hain't been arrested in twenty-five years."  
rMs. Coopley—"Mine's up fo' life too."—Puck.

Wedding ceremonies differ in different countries. But they are all wound around the same old plot

According to a Harvard professor, man is sweetest when angry. Those of us who have had experience with an angry father find such a doctrine pretty hard to swallow.—Ex.

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## Alumni Section

### WHY ALUMNI SHOULD ORGANIZE

Club Has Big Plans to Aid the University.

Our president asked me to write as to "Why Alumni Should Organize." Well, I didn't want to. Other things I'd rather do. I'd rather do nothing, rather read something everybody should read, learn something everybody should know. But suppose I read it, learned it, knew it well, would I use the knowledge? In nine cases out of ten, no, nor impart it. Then I could have logically said this will be of no benefit, that no one wants it. But our president made a request. He wouldn't withdraw it. He has a right to my effort, to obedience.

Now President Lyle has big plans and the University has big plans. Every Alumnus, former student, every prospective student, and every person in Kentucky is in those plans. Kentucky resident Alumni are personally interested but the non-resident Alumni can serve no selfish end. We can be interested only for love. A resident Alumnus can call upon the University to serve him with expert counsel in his home and his enterprise, his business. He dwells within its influence. He is lifted if it progresses, and falls to some extent with its failure or slow progress. He is the best, the most available agent to carry into effect the plans of the University and President Lyle. By being such an extent he makes himself conspicuous in his community, gets the prestige in the name of being a representative of a great university and brings it in touch with the people who should use it and to whom it should be useful. Now may I suggest some things?

The University should be the centre of progress in learning, in thought, in mechanics, mining, farming, stock raising, stock breeding, in solving engineering problems and in law and the rules of society and connected with every field of industry and enterprise or reclaiming resources their conservation development and enjoyment. In the making of laws suited to the general needs of the State and the special needs of any locality, the University should furnish suggestions and instruction which would cause the citizen to see the measure from every angle of vision so as to avoid errors, pitfalls and oppressive results. Its law department will be that if the people look to and require that service, of it.

The local Alumni are the connecting links through which the University center of progress can impart motion to people of the State. Every community has its problems, the solution of which might reclaim or conserve or increase production, make two blades grow where only one now grows; every farm has its problems in mechanics that might be solved by an expert from the University or by a periodical published by it such as the magazine "Popular Mechanics." Every mine could be made more productive, better paying, safer for miners, if an expert were consulted. Every county needs new roads and old roads improved and laws by which co-operation in a project might bring about the needs of the enterprising who would drag the lazy after them.

The clubs could see that the people know the University is in existence, where it is, what it is and what it is doing. The clubs, being the agents

of the institution by which it may reach and benefit the people, make their members leaders in their respective communities. They would gain the prestige of the name of a great University.

When the University thus makes itself indispensable to the people and needs their support by increased appropriation from the Legislature, it will be easy enough to have the people urge the appropriation or to have the legislator urge it. Nothing else will be the popular thing to do. Their children can be educated in Lexington, from whence comes a counsel of experts to help them in their homes.

The University, the intangible entity, the spirit of altruism God is putting in His world, wants its Alumni to help it to meet the great obligations which will arise in the future. No matter how many or how few, even one Alumnus in a county, they or he should get in touch and keep in touch with the University through the association and carry out the plans of its president, of the director of the Experiment Station for the farmer, of the dean of engineers for mechanics, etc., etc.

There must be men who know the University, keep in its touch, watch it and how it is run and see that it is cared for as well as or better than the best, oldest, most famous and most progressive institution of learning in America. Not only must the University reach down to the humblest persons and callings in the State and lift them up but it must pull itself up higher. The people must push it up higher in standards, in science, that we may learn wherein and how and what God hath wrought, and that Kentuckians may best fulfill the desire of one who loves his neighbor as himself.

RUFUS L. WEAVER.  
New York, New Year, 1914.

### EARNEST ALUMNUS OF 1901 TELLS A BURNING STORY

State University Graduates Beginning With the New Year to Do Things That Resemble Commotion For Good.

#### OUR FUTURE PREDICTED.

That a new lucky star has arisen for the State University of Kentucky is not doubted by any one who is familiar with the present movements and plans of the Alumni Association and its chapters. Among those of us who have been fortunate enough to be in immediate touch with the detail of the cause and effects of those activities there is every feeling, that what is to follow will become as a "cloud by day," and as a "pillar of fire by night," to help in the guidance of our University out of the helpless wilderness into which she seems to have fallen.

As ever in the annals of history, necessity has again become the mother of invention, and the Alumni of this dear old Alma Mater are coming to the front, and will continue to do so, until her fair name is lifted above all others throughout the length and breadth of this great land of ours. No longer will the Alumni listlessly pay a paltry due (upon receipt of the Association's bill for same), and then drop back into a forgetfulness of what they may formerly have looked upon as a faultless and well preserved old Alma Mater, but

wherever the call of duty has gone out, these worthy sons are responding in battle array, to fight for her, against the misfortunes into which she has fallen, and to make amends for any neglect which is partly to blame for such conditions.

Few of us have ever felt that there was any real useful work for the Alumni Association to do, and as a matter of fact, our chapter meetings have been almost entirely devoid of usefulness, except for the purpose of sociability. Now that a common duty has come to light, however, a quickening of interest and enthusiasm is springing up which is a thing of beauty and a pleasure to behold.

There is real gladness displayed, especially by those who have had little or no opportunity to do for the University, in feeling, that at last, something really worth while has come to hand to be done.

All of the above new-born feelings and activities were amply exemplified at a recent meeting of the New York Chapter, on the evening of December 5th, when eighteen of as enthusiastic sons as ever met, wrestled until far into the night with the problems confronting their Alma Mater. This was not a regular meeting of the chapter, but one called on short notice, for discussion of these matters, but from the opening words to the motion to adjourn, the most evident thing in the world was that all present were in earnest and ready to put their soul and energy into the work. A substantial sum was subscribed as a nucleus for beginning action, and resolutions were adopted, both as to suggested action, and toward enlisting of the other chapters in the work. Encouraging letters, full of vim and action, from other chapters were read. Committees were appointed to investigate conditions which were felt could be bettered, and reports were read on others which have been under investigation.

Altogether the men who attended this meeting knew (if they had not known before), from what was said and done, and from what was reported from other chapters, that the quickening of the Alumni, and the bringing of their aid to the solution of our University problems, was the coming power behind our future.

And why should this not be true? Surely we are the ones most interested in the welfare of our old Alma Mater, and if we cannot take care of her, who can? The answer need not be given, but we will—and I hope that every Alumnus will derive as much pleasure and profit from awakening to the call of duty as I have—and as I believe we all will.

It was just a little more than a year ago that we began to hear of and to realize that certain conditions around the University were not up to the standard and the the Alumni should interest themselves thoroughly and earnestly in the interest of betterment; and now almost immediately, we might say, a good strong interest is enlisted and the work well started.

The original activities of the Alumni Association have, for a long time, been confined to the work of the parent body. Not alone this, but all of the work to be done has fallen upon the shoulders of a very few of the staunch and true, who were willing to stand faithfully by the guns. The results accomplished under those conditions, while most commendable have been necessarily meagre; being confined, for the most part, to getting out the annuals and to providing social features at commencements.

With such indictments to be faced, however, as the alleged ingratitude

and bad faith toward our life-long president, on the one hand, and of the selfish and embarrassing methods towards the University on the other; and with such questions to be handled as those of the fitness of the present president for his work and the representative of our great University among other great Universities and among the scholars and educators of our time, the playing of politics in the management of the offices of the University, etc., the Alumni have come to feel that they should be in a better position to lend some material assistance toward the solution of these, and such other problems as may either now, or later, confront the institution. Also, and primarily at all times, to advance the interests of the University, in the building up of attendance, in the advancement of her virtues both at home and abroad, and in the securing of appropriations and legislation.

With such calls to duty in mind, and the hopes of such useful service in view, a movement is now under way toward the quickening of the present association and chapters, the formation of new and active chapters in every city, wherever possible, throughout the United States, and for the organization of an Alumni Chapter or club in every county throughout the State.

The function of the city clubs will be, as at present, to form the nucleus of a common social center for resident members, to extend a welcoming fellowship and guidance to visitors and new arrivals, and to advertise the University abroad; but in addition to become the outlying eyes, (as it were), from which to get the proper perspective of affairs at home, and with which to judge as to our standing among others.

The county clubs throughout the State will become the homebody to keep the men who remain in the State interested and always ready to speak a good word and to let the local legislators and other men of affairs throughout the State hear more of the work and needs of the University.

The entire organization, besides the above activities, will work for the proper representation of the Alumni on the Board of Trustees, and act as a general Board of Research into all the affairs concerning the University, also in the matters of financing such undertakings.

In some of the preceding issues of

this journal the details of the methods already adopted for setting this machinery in motion are outlined, and every one interested should procure and read these issues. It is hoped that every Alumnus will get the spirit and details of the movement before himself, or herself, a to once an arrangement to take an active part in its realization. Each individual will realize that nothing can be accomplished without the concerted action of all. This means you, the other fellow and me, so don't let any of us be absent any longer than is absolutely necessary. During commencement next June there will no doubt be some general reports as to the progress of this work. Let us try and have every possible Alumnus enlisted by that time, so after you are prepared to take hold, speak to the other man you know and interest him.

PERRY WEST '01.  
Newark, N. J., Jan. 1st, 1914.

### CINCINNATI ALUMNI ORGANIZE.

Last Saturday at the Monroe Hotel in Cincinnati, there was organized a permanent Alumni Club of State University men who are prospering in and about the Queen City. About 18 enthusiastic members were enrolled at the initial meeting. Meetings will be held the first Saturday of each month at the Monroe Hotel. Officers were elected as follows:

Arthur J. Vance, President.  
Julian Chinn, Vice President.  
W. T. Johnstone, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer.  
Warren Sayres, Correspondent.

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### EDITORIAL

#### POPULARITY CONTEST AND

##### "THE COLLEGE WIDOW"

When the students come to think of it, the popularity contest will give an unusual circulation of notices concerning the coming widow and help the play to be a go. Without reluctance we can be of service to the play and the play to us. The students, about 400, who have paid their subscriptions to The IDEA are urged to vote for their choice in this contest as soon as the ballot box opens on January 19.

Your deposit is good for 100 votes and you surely have the girl in mind. If you don't have her in mind or in heart or at bay, you are lost without star or compass and you ought to be born again, regenerated and baptized.

Five her all you have, your 100 votes and urge your friends to do likewise. This contest must go. Men even now are talking about the choice of the majority and "shooting craps" for the lucky lassie.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 16 NO. ALARM.

Gossip was rank last Tuesday evening when news came that Mr. Farris had introduced a Bill, a Brainless Bill, which provided for the withdrawal of all the funds from State University and the normal schools, on the solid ground that the State is about \$2,000,000 in debt.

There is no disaster written in his little Bill. We have too many rational self-guided gentlemen in our General Assembly for such a mean measure to pass that body of scholars and good men.

But if the Commonwealth is in debt only two millions, what advantage will come from neglecting education? Study is a safe remedy for most all circumstances which the diseased ignorant gaze at direfully.

What could inspire a thinking people to abandon schools and neglect the growing youth only because funds are "depleted," because too much has been lavished in other and less wise directions, because we have spent two or three millions in building a marble palace where men are sent to write Bills like No. 16, every word of which is synonymous with ruin. But it can't pass. Too wise are the wise in the House for such bucolic bosh as that to be dumped on the State of Kentucky carrying so much injury to the young manhood and young womanhood of a people who love culture and chivalry so well.

The time has come for the college young men to go to Frankfort and help the State ahead. We will go down and give the school an impetus which will live. Already the men here at State University are forming clusters of zealous hearts studying the laws of the State and preparing to go and crusade in the interest of a better people and more influential State.

#### TWO STATE UNIVERSITIES IN KENTUCKY

From time to time the word has come that no little confusion results from the existence of two schools in Kentucky whose names are exactly alike, "State University of Kentucky."

We are told that there are facts on this basis. There is the State school for the negroes, which has the title of State University, and our own humble institution by that name. If that is true some change could be made for the better.

At times our professors get mailed communications that have gone first to Louisville to the negro State University and then here. Books sent to members of our faculty often go to the State University at Louisville, the negro school.

It would not send our State in the toils of further debt to change the name of one or the other and would relieve considerable trouble.

#### TIME WASTING IN COLLEGE.

That was a serious indictment which Provost Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, read against present day college life at the meeting of the Teachers' Club, when he declared that entirely too much time and attention is devoted to the social and sporting activities and not enough to the business of learning, but it will touch a responsive chord in the minds of many parents. The idea has been growing, particularly at the larger universities. Fraternities and clubs have recently come in for a heavy share of censure on the ground that they encourage snobbery and the formation of exclusive cliques, but the more general diversions, like athletics, theatricals and dances, have been carried to such extremes in some of the colleges as to require fully as much time of the average young man as the regular course of studies.

Neither Provost Smith nor other educators who have spoken on the subject can fairly be accused of "old-fogeyism" or "kill joy" proclivities, which is the favorite undergraduate way of classifying such criticisms. The advice is sound and fully warranted by conditions patent even to the outside onlooker. Wholesome amusements are undoubtedly as necessary to the student as solid doses of learning, but nowadays the nonessentials are more often mistaken by the young man at school for the essentials.

The expense of sending a boy through college, particularly to enter the professions, has been greatly increased with the adoption of more rigid requirements and the lengthening of the courses, and it is possible to lay at least some of the blame for this condition on the multiplicity of interests which prevail. The greatest need of the large universities today is the simplification of courses so that there can be more concentration and consequently more thoroughness along

special lines, together with a let-up on the hundred and one extraneous demands on the student's time. After all, the primary purpose of going to school is to study, not to "have a good time," however contrary that may be the opinion of youth.—Evening Bulletin.

#### COLLEGE EDUCATION.

"Whoever says that a college education is not worth what it costs makes an extreme statement which cannot be proved in every instance.

College is like a good many other things in this world—it is worth what you make it worth. It ruins some young men and greatly helps others. All depends on the man.

Many have succeeded brilliantly in the most exacting lines of lifework without the benefits of it.

Herbert Spencer, one of the really great minds of modern times, declined the offer of an uncle to send him to Cambridge, and starting in at the age of 17, worked until he was 26 as an engineer on the London & Birmingham railway.

It was he who enriched the theory of Darwin with the doctrine of the "survival of the fittest," and his influence on education has been more marked than that of any other man of his time.

The late Professor Vambrey of Budapest, was the foremost of Oriental scholars. He could speak and write twelve Asiatic and nine European tongues. He wrote a whole library of books on philology and travel, but, as a writer in the Boston Globe lately said, "he never went to college until he went there to teach."

Despite this, he was noted as being one of the boldest and most brilliant professors in the world. When he was the age of the average undergraduate, he was working as a tailor's apprentice.

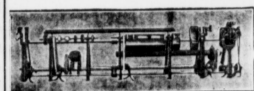
On this side of the water, the Nestor of American writers, William Dean Howells, has no degrees save honorary ones. Yet no man in this country is more highly educated than he.

It is said that when he was editor of the Atlantic Monthly, he was walking through the grounds of Harvard one day with James Russell Lowell. To the poet he expressed a regret at not having gone to college.

"That regret is unnecessary," said Lowell. "Had you gone to college you might have lost your originality, your fresh outlook on life. You might have become academic, initiative."

College has its marked advantages, chief among which, to my way of thinking, is that of personal association with picked men, but when it comes to learning, that can be got anywhere.

Elihu Burrit was one of the most learned men America has produced. Before he was 30 he had mastered fifty languages. Yet he was a blacksmith, whose "student's lamp was the forge and his desk an anvil."—Leigh Mitchell Jones.



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#### WHO'S WHO AT STATE.

In beginning the series of "Who's Who, at State," it is not difficult to pick out our foremost students and leaders as there is always certain ones who exceed and are ordained to be leaders of their fellows. However, it is a tedious task to select separate ones in the start, as we have a number of popular and honored students.

A few years ago, in the earlier history of Kentucky State, came a youth to our institution who was destined to become a favorite of the faculty and students. This young lad journeyed one fall from Owingsville to State where he has since made his abode, except for a few short intervals knows as vacations. To many of us he is known as "Chief," but by his own people as Charles Elmo Blevins.

"Chief" began his upward stride in his Freshman year and was given membership in the Canterbury Club in which he has always been a faithful and active member. On the return in the beginning of his Sophomore year, he was chosen as president of his class and was always piloting his classmates to victory, whether in athletics or other undertakings. He has been a member of the Patterson Society while in college and last year was on the inter-society debating team, which won the Barker loving cup.

Mr. Blevins did not stop at these achievements, but has always been a leader in the Y. M. C. A. On seeing the good work that the Y. M. C. A. could do in school he began to work faithfully to place it on a high plain, and proceeded to be the standard

bearer. He is now president of the Y. M. C. A. and with the aid of Mr. Hall a great work has been started which, if guided by students like "Chief," will be a great good at State.

Mr. Blevins was one of the editors of The IDEA in his Junior year. This position he held the greater part of last year and he always gave us an excellent paper. When he returned this year he was forced to resign the editorship, since his other duties required all of his time, but he is still in touch with the paper and often furnishes us very valuable aid.

It is not necessary to enumerate all of the activities to which he is associated and besides the ones mentioned he was chosen last year as vice-president of the Student Government Organization, and also vice-president of the Student Athletic Association, and is now president of the latter organization.

Mr. Blevins also possesses a rare ability as a poet and has written many beautiful poems on various subjects. His poems have appeared from time to time in our columns and in this issue he sings of the Winter's blast and the dying year. Because of his poetic nature he was chosen as class poet and we can expect greater poems from him than has ever been given out from any one that ever held this position.

The students have always been glad to have "Chief" in their midst, and feel honored to be one of his associates. The under classes will regret his absence on their next return and also all wish him success in his toils of life.

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**DON'T READ THIS.**

Merely a Space Filler.

The editors of this page being of superhuman ability, do not desire the co-operation of their fellow students in making this the best page in The IDEA. With the advent of the year 1914 our vision has no outdistanced the limitations that were set by the "Hoodoo Year," that we are allowing our imaginations a free rein and anticipating a few things beyond the scope of the average student's brain. We realize the drains imposed upon the "caloric power" of the budding engineer and do not conceive any possible chance of their having further possibilities, but none the less we are hoping for miracles. Has not our esteemed contemporary, "Life," dared to announce the publication of a "Humorous Number?" Why should we, mechanical and electrical engineers, hesitate before the momentous task of making this page an unqualified success? And the echo answers "Why?"

**A TOAST TO K. S. U.**

Here's to dear old K. S. U.  
Where young Kentuck'ans sow  
The seed of knowledge, then pursue  
To make Kentucky grow.  
To the dear old home of a loving clan,  
To the home that's old, yet new,  
Let's empty glasses, hand in hand,  
To our dear old K. S. U.

For e'er may she, sweet mem'ry be,  
In each and every heart,  
May every one her image see,  
Till death do us depart.  
But while we live, let's ever strive  
Our efforts to renew;  
Let the whole world know that we're  
alive  
And also K. S. U.  
P. M. A., B. M. E.

**THE FLY OF THE SPARK.**

Beating a piece of brass metal into the shape of a spoon at the stroke of one mighty blow may not become the apprehension of a single human, but accomplished by a power more strengthened in morality physique and mentality, unquestionable in his power of velocity in movement is a thing ancient history narrates. And I fell asleep at my anvil and dreamed that I was at the forge of a mighty omnipotent being. My first impression seized me as a hungry bird snatches a worm

A spark on a heated iron joined its neighbors in a crackling noise Like a firefly in the evening shadows it flickered and was extinguished, filling the air with a thin vapor. Its companions in the meantime had received the spirit of life with gradual timidity. Uniting its efforts to outdo the rest, the former rose to a cherry red glow, sparkled alone in the midst of a great throng. However it soon was joined by a mate, the cause of which was a well-seasoned ember chunked in the crevices. Several others soon were put in the same class, there resulting a beautiful glow, like to the stars at midnight peering the utmost regions of infinity.

Thereupon the spark was enraged, and resolved to surpass all the others

in brilliancy, but no sooner the determination than it was reduced by a quenching stream. Not to be humiliated, it came up fighting with the spirit of a "Wildcat." This time with more success it arose to a white heat, filling the rooms with great warmth. Its fellows, however, caused close compact upon him In vain it fought, like a stag at bay, but overcome it strove to push its way out. Succeeding, with the velocity of light, it traveled through space.

I awoke with a startle and a terrible sensation came over me. A spark from my own forge had forced a way to my flesh to awaken my sluggishness. Henceforward I determined to put every effort in my work and shine in splendor, like the spark. Is it not the small things that make life worth living?

The memory of Napoleon's maxim, "impossible," is a word to be found only in the dictionary of fools! Thus saith a wise man, sleep not, or reap your just reward. E. R. '16.

**ENGAGEMENT OF PROFESSOR FREEMAN ANNOUNCED**

The following announcement which will be of interest to the faculty and students, appeared in the Omaha Bee of January 4th.

"Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Childs Freeman, of 4902 Underwood Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherlie Jane, to Mr. William Edwin Freeman, of Lexington, Ky. The wedding will take place early in the spring."

Professor Freeman is one of Lexington's esteemed citizens and is now professor of electrical engineering in the University. Miss Freeman is a sister of Mrs. Charles Vance, of the city, and has often visited here, where she was a social favorite and admired by all that knew her.

**SEVERAL NEW STUDENTS ENTER SECOND TERM**

The beginning of the new term brought many new students to the University which increased our number materially. Several students entered in most of the departments, but most of these from out of the State came to pursue the studies of the legal profession.

Those who entered from other states in the College of Law are Messrs. Harold Vogt, of Oregon, and J. M. Hubber, of Alabama. Also M. Mariano J. Jalandon, of Holla, Philippine Islands, has entered for a full course of law. He is a graduate of the Louisville Dental College and although twenty years old, he has been a student at the University of Illinois.

**TO-HELL WE GO.**

If we are going to stand for our women folks to wear shadow and slit skirts, tight form-fitting dresses and vulgar hobble skirts, and our younger women learn to dance the boll weevil wiggle, Texas Tommy tango, the bunny hug, the bear dance, the calf canter, the buzzard flop, and so on down the line, the men had just as well have their saloons, and the whole push go to hell together.—Exchange.

**DISASTROUS FIRE IN COLLEGE TOWN**

In 1865 in the quaint old town of Danville, where Centre College was once located, a great fire occurred in commencement day. When the fire broke out a hop was in progress and the orchestra playing for the revellers was led by Messrs Saxton and Trost. These two gentlemen have been engaged to play at the next cadet hop, Saturday, January 24. They will be associated with several of their orchestra mates of 1865 and will play the same music they played on that eventful day. Waltzes will predominate but any piece written in the last 45 years is tabooed. "Over the Waves," "Zenda Waltzes," "Beautiful Blue Danube," are on the program. A seven-piece orchestra! Three to five-thirty, January 24. Get tickets early.

**PATT. HALL NOTES.**

Miss Ella Lee Cox left Tuesday for her home in Owensboro, to accept a position in the schools there We hope to have her with us again next September

Miss Ida Wash spent the week end in Nicholasville as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. John Williams.

Miss Louise Powell, of Berkley, California, is the guest of Miss Jessie Acker at Patterson Hall for a few days.

Miss Pauline Hank attended services at the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening.

Misses Maggie Mae Lillis and Caroline Lutkemeier spent Sunday at Cardome College, in Georgetown.

Miss Elizabeth Alexander spent Saturday massaging the walls of her room.

Miss Ella Chambers spent the week end at her home in Paris.

Miss Elsie Heller at present is acting the role of the interesting invalid, and with four of her best fingers all tied up, let us say she thoroughly looks the part. She returned Tuesday from a short visit home, whither she had repaired in order to have her hand treated by the home veterinary.



**P. D. BROWN, WHO HAS GONE TO BE THE COUNTY AGENT OF HENDERSON COUNTY**

He was president of the Junior class last year, member of the Varsity squad last fall and has been a leader in a varied field.

He will be employed by the agricultural forces and will do demonstration work on Henderson soils.

**PLANS TO BUY BATTLEFIELD.**

Plans for the government to buy the Bull Run battlefield and convert it into a National Park are indorsed in a report by a board of army officers to Secretary Garrison.

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Smite the harp in the leafless trees,  
Fill the night with wierd melody.

Sing me a lament, deep and low,  
Rustle the reeds by the ice-bound shore,  
Tear thy garments in thy grief,  
For summer days that come no more.

Sing me a dirge for the dying year,  
Full of a love that grows not old;  
Rattle the windows, storm at the door,  
Huddle the flocks in the sheltered fold.

Beat thy heart, ye demons all;  
Drift thy cares ye wintry blast;  
What care I while life is young,  
And Love and Hope hold their repast.

Sing, Oh winds, of your deathless grief,  
The fire burns bright on the hearth before;  
What cares youth for glories past,  
When Life is blessed with a wondrous store.

**THE UNIVERSITY PRESS ISSUES BULLETIN**

The first bulletin from the University Press was issued last week. The issue is Kentucky Experiment Station Bulletin No. 175, on "The Growing and Fattening of Hogs in the Dry Lot and on Forage Crops," by Prof. E. S. Good of the Experiment Station. This bulletin covers four years of experimental feeding of hogs on the State farm, under the supervision of Professor Good and is very valuable to every farmer and hog raiser, as it gives in detail the actual gains that hogs in dry lots and hogs running of pasture will make for the amount of feed used.

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**BILL TO REPEAL THE HETCH HETCHY GRANT**

Senator John D. Works of California, has recently presented a bill in Congress to repeal the Hetch Hetchy grant which was passed for the benefit of San Francisco. The act granted "to the city and county of San Francisco certain rights of way in over and through certain public lands the Yosemite National Park, the Stanislaus National Park, and the public lands in the State of California and for other purposes."

Senator Works claims that to permit San Francisco to exercise this privilege, which was also granted to twenty-six other cities, although it is no benefit to the others, would leave at least 200,000 acres wonderfully rich with irrigation, barren and practically worthless.

The Senator in his petition, claims that the bill was passed with undue influence and on misrepresentation of the city and of the leading papers of the country.

The city of San Francisco obtains much water from the river and also much more water power for electricity than is needed so the petition claims, and also that they have other sources sufficient for their needs.

If the city and county can survive without the grant and resources therefrom, the people of California will be wealthier by 200,000 acres of fertile land and the people would receive their natural rights and privileges.

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The class has a good opportunity to obtain many facts about roads and bridges. The civil department, in cooperation with the State Engineering Department, have been working some time to improve the road conditions of the State. The basis of the State's wealth is in the rural districts and with increased advantages of travel for farmers the wealth and prosperity will eventually increase.

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