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It is my belief, after visiting more than five hundred institutions in North America, that the quality of instruction in any one of these institutions of the first grade does not vary sufficiently to render the choice of a college on the ground of educational advantage a matter of great moment.

A UNIVERSITY.

Despite the contention to the contrary, we maintain that Montana has a university and that this may be made a greater university if we will all pull together in the earnest endeavor to make it so.

NEWS AND NOVELS.

The fact that truth is stranger than fiction is proved a dozen times a day to the readers of the newspapers. As a matter of fact, it is far more interesting.

growsome, too, when the farmer confessed that he had murdered one of the farm hands, several years ago, and setting fire to his house, had burned the body to ashes.

And what writer could have devised such an almost impossible happening as really took place in the Waldorf, last Tuesday, when an indignant patron soundly thrashed a waiter for spilling soup on him?

Then there was the sentimental case of the aged husband, sixty years in loving companionship with his wife, who died two hours after her death, though apparently in good health, murmuring, "It won't be long, Hannah, I am coming."

A priest, falling in love with a nurse, thinks over his love for a year to see if it would warrant his breaking his vows, and after the twelve months had expired he marries the girl.

These are but a part of the casual outcroppings of life in a hasty reading of the day's news. A systematic search might multiply the examples by the score.

DUTY.

According to our idea of duty, the first essential is loyalty. No man can perform his duty toward his institution—be it a parent, stand or a university—if he is not loyal to that institution.

It is not the duty of the faculty to declare that the university is no good. It is not the duty of the faculty to write form-letters and to secure signatures to them by misrepresenting their purpose.

It is not the duty of the faculty to seek to start a movement for the abandonment of a military post, here or elsewhere.

It is not the duty of the faculty to campaign for this or any other consolidation plan.

It is not the duty of the faculty to misrepresent the sentiment of the city which is—at least temporarily—its home.

All these things members of the faculty have done. They have done other things which were equally remote from the line of their duty.

Our crop yield shows that we have the greatest soil and climate in the world. The crop yield of Germany shows that she has the best farmers in the world, for they beat us with poor soil.

The "most perfect girl in the world" having been discovered at Cornell, we await the news of her elopement with some cigarette-smoking shrimp. That's the way of those perfect girls.

The world is going to the dogs. John Paul Jones holds the world's record for running a mile. We used to have a John Paul Jones who wouldn't run at all.

Winning medals is all right, but would like the hens to lay a few eggs now, just to show they haven't forgotten how.

Strictly fresh eggs are 27 cents in Philadelphia, which goes to show the influence of the woman's league over the hen.

When the American farmer wakes up to the advantages of scientific and systematic work, he will be greater than ever.

The summer the Butte conceals, the sooner he will stop a bit of suffering. It's a cinch that gneiss is inevitable.

Wall street is persistent in its endeavor to wreck the Wilson administration as it did that of Taft.

The drop in temperature was not as severe as bulletined. We need a weather station of our own.

The fact that the Turks are quarreling amongst themselves shows that there is something doing.

We note that Chief Martin Charlot will attend the inauguration. There will be others there.

It has become so much a habit that Mexico wouldn't feel natural without a rebellion.

Bear in mind, however, that the state board of education did not propose the plan.

The completion of the Great Falls-Missoula line will give us some good neighbors.

The lines are more sharply drawn at Helena, as the weather becomes sharper.

WHAT IS THE PUBLIC SENTIMENT?

A very proper question has come up as a result of the discussion of the consolidation question. For some time we have been receiving the assurance that public sentiment, everywhere, is overwhelmingly in favor of the unnamed plan.

So the question naturally follows as to the correctness of the statement as to other places than Missoula. It is fair to doubt that the assertions which have been made are any more nearly correct as to the outside sentiment than they were regarding the opinion here at home.

The Missoulian seeks to be perfectly fair in this question and honest in its discussion. We expect those who do not agree with us to be equally on the square.

Because we have ventured to express the opinion that present conditions are not as they should be at the state university, we have been accused by members of the faculty of "throwing mud." That is not fair.

We assert our opinion squarely that Missoula sentiment is against consolidation. We believe, too, that it will be found that the sentiment of the state is against consolidation. We feel that haste should be made slowly in placing the state on record.

So it is an open question as to what the real sentiment of Montana is. The following editorial from the Butte Post is directly to the point; it was published before the Missoula meeting of Saturday had been held:

Dealing with the university question, the Post's suggestion has been that it is best, first of all, to sound public sentiment with respect to the proposed consolidation.

The truth is that, up to this hour, there has been no reasonably-clear ascertainment of the run of opinion on the subject. It has been claimed positively and from the start that, in any event, Butte would be found willing under a consolidation scheme, to part with its school of mines.

It is different with respect to Missoula and Bozeman—we refer not to one town but both. The theory with the advocates of consolidation evidently was that it would behoove these two towns to "keep still and be good," else neither of them might expect to have a chance for the consolidated institution.

For its part, the Post likewise, in its repeated reference to this subject, is seeking to deal not with the merits of the consolidation theory but with a condition—we mean the present actual condition of public opinion. That has been represented by advocates of consolidation to be as good as unanimously for consolidation.

had \$10 in her pocket, and the porter was able at once to prove his innocence.

In winter or in summer, those who return to Missoula are glad to get back.

Chicago is determined not to be outdone by New York, even in sensational crime.

And the smoke goes up the chimney just the same.

Those had the Indians will soon be good Indians.

In chickens, also, Missoula takes the pick.

SOLIDIFIED

Editor Missoulian—This is the story of how Montana's four educational eggs were scrambled, and the results thereof.

In the year 1912 the state of Montana was consolidated, part of it with excitement, the rest of it with laughter. But the consolidation scheme went through. There was practically no opposition.

There was some dispute, of course, as to the location of the new university. Butte offered to give the students employment in the mines and to christen the institution the Greater Consolidated Amalgamated University.

there is perpendicular; that there were no sites for the building, and no tract of 600 acres. A faculty meeting was called. The results were unanimous and instantaneous.

The career of the greater university had begun. The scenery, of course, was its greatest asset. Hundreds of learned scholars from the east begged for positions on our faculty, simply to view the scenery.

And the greater university was self supporting. Every student, by his manual labor, supported himself and one member of the faculty. There was some embarrassment at first, due to the fact that a student is supposed to recite three hours per day, study six hours, and eat at least seven minutes.

What was done with the old sites? The deserted basements in Missoula, Bozeman, Butte and Dillon were roofed over and used for polytechnic high schools.

SECONDED

Editor Missoulian—Seconding "What Missoula wants" in Sunday's Missoulian, a sugar factory, knitting mill, paper mill, canning and pork packing factory look good to me.

MISSOULA, JAN. 20, 1913.

ILLINOIS

Editor, Missoulian—I feel called upon to answer the communication from "An Illinois Alumnus" in The Missoulian of January 20.

I am glad this statement has been made public at this time, but not glad that it has the signature "Illinois Alumnus."

Now as I said, the university was founded originally as an industrial university. It grew into a real university after its name was changed.

The same may be said in regard to the school of dentistry and the school

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of pharmacy, also located at present at Chicago. The heads of these schools realize the value of consolidation and one by one these institutions were consolidated with the University of Illinois, much the same as has been done with the formerly separate institutions now constituting Tulane university.

KEEP COOL

Missoulian—Regarding the present discussion of university affairs the writer would like to inquire as to the qualifications and essential elements requisite in a university professor.

Not having had the advantage of a university education I may not be qualified to judge of this. At the recent Monday lunch of the chamber of commerce when the university proposition was being discussed, a certain member of the faculty, during the entire discussion kept up a running fire of comments, heartily approving or condemning the various statements of the speakers; this was very disturbing and annoying to those about him and the writer who sat next to him felt many times like telling him to shut up.

PENNDRAGON.

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A SOCIAL LEADER



MRS. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(Special).—When Mrs. Taft leaves the White house next March she will carry with her the distinction of having made a deeper impression upon the life of the capital than any other chataelaine of the White House since the days of Dolly Madison.

Possessed of unusual executive ability and a life-long knowledge of Washington life, Mrs. Taft did by way of preparation on coming to the White House was to select for a secretary a business-like woman possessed of tact, thoroughly in touch with Washington life, and who moreover had no personal axes to grind.

She completely reorganized Washington's social "set," showing the army and navy officers and their wives greater honor than they had enjoyed hitherto. She surrounded herself on all occasions, ceremonious or otherwise, with numbers of army and navy officers, and no matter how small the fete, the officers appeared in their full regalia, "full dress" for winter-time affairs and "undress" for summer fetes.

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