

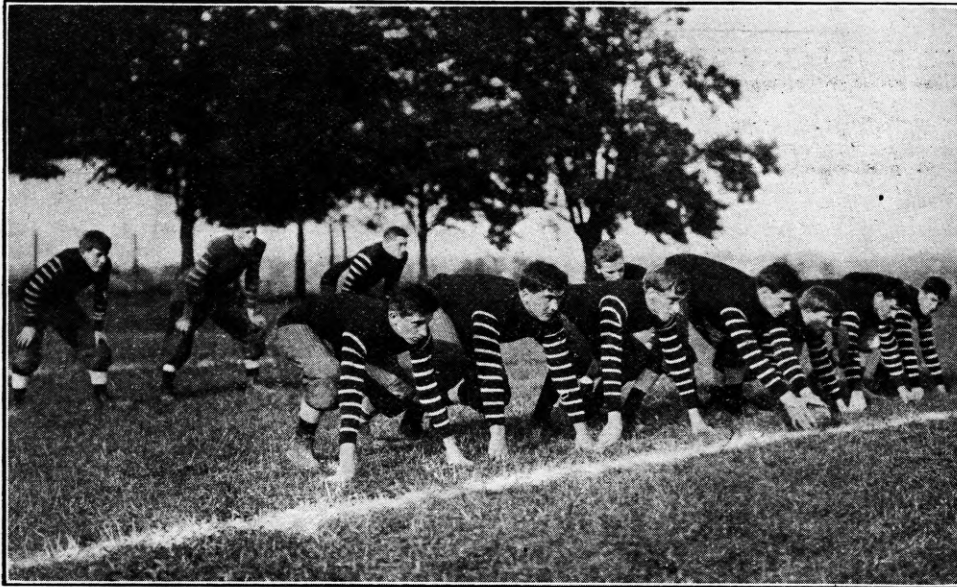
The Birch Rod

OF THE EDINBORO STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

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Edinboro Normal 1912 Football Team

THE STRAW VOTE.

Students and Faculty of Edinboro Normal Will Express by Ballot Their Choice for President.

Never in the history of America has a nation been so bored with such a political agitation as that which is going on in our country at the present time. Surely there is something that our limited observation does not reach, or our dull intellect fails to comprehend; when the mightiest nation in the world is apparently undecided who shall be its leader for the next four years.

We are living in a wonderful age. One that is making history. Our posterity will study this period, under Taft's administration, as the great political campaign of 1912.

Men are living to-day, in our land, that are not to be compared with the greatest political leaders that have lived in the world. Our leading politicians are as much greater than the foremost men in the Great Roman Empire as the dreadnaught is greater than the galley. Still we spend hour upon hour studying Roman history, politics and oratory, remaining lamentably ignorant of the various National questions that are causing the great political controversy in our Republic.

Since the days of Petrarch and Dante, students have continued to search Latin and Greek parchments, studying the rise and fall of nations, utterly ignoring the greater problems that are being actually worked out in the present generation. Edinboro, in accordance with custom, is continuing the good work of diffusing the ideas of the Ancient Romans.

We are intensely interested in our country's welfare, and anxious that the man who will do the most good for the common people be elected president. But difference of opinion is so varied, and partisan lines are so tightly drawn, that one cannot decide. We wish to know the will of the majority, and have decided upon the plan that appears at the head of this article to obtain the desired results.

So that every one may have a fair chance to consider all sides of this question, we have appointed five speakers, one to represent each political party in the field. Thursday morning,

Edinboro Feels the Pangs of Defeat.

Although the game at Titusville resulted in a score of 7 to 0 in favor of Titusville, this does not necessarily mean that Titusville has a stronger football team than Edinboro. Members of the team and those who saw the game say that the Edinboro boys had the ball in their possession three-fourths of the time, and that the ball was in Titusville's territory, endangering Titusville's goal, two-thirds of the time. The loss of the game may be attributed to three causes: First, and probably most important, hard luck; second, weak, defensive work, due to having a second team in practice that is weak on defense; third, fumbles of the ball in the back field such as any team may make on occasional off days.

Edinboro's hard luck first showed itself in the first quarter when Johnson was tackled hard and put out of the game. He was playing a good game at the time and his absence undoubtedly weakened the team. He returned to the game in the last quarter, but was put out again this time to stay out for several weeks.

The play that won the game for Titusville was made in the third quarter. It was a lucky end run and the runner was stopped only after he had carried the ball to Edinboro's five-yard line. At this point two line bucks were tried.

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The Midnight Parade.

About ten o'clock on Wednesday night recently, a terrible noise was heard in Reeder Hall. All the boys rushed out from their rooms and ran down stairs, yelling, as the girls of Haven Hall yell when a mouse makes its appearance. The boys of the hall marched to the High School, where they were met by the boys who room outside the dormitory. They then formed in single file and marched down town. The appearance of the army was rather wierd, and it might have been mistaken for a band of ghosts, but it is generally supposed that ghosts are quiet, or at least do not try to burst their ear-drums.

This ghostly band marched up to Haven Hall and tried to destroy the peaceful slumbers of its fair occupants. Then, to try to make amends, the boys gave yells for all the teachers in Haven Hall, as well as for the girls.

The line of march was next to Mr. Baker's home. After some time spent in vain yelling, it was decided that Mr. Baker was not at home. Mr. Gleason's was the next place visited but as their presence seemed to be ignored, the crowd adjourned to the home of Mr. Siddell. Here, in response to cries of "a speech," "a speech," Mr. Siddell came out and responded. In his talk he mentioned an occurrence which had taken place when he was at col-

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Literary Societies

Philo Everett Society.

The interest and enthusiasm in the society is greater than has been shown for years. The night of the German program every seat in the house was full. Every program this month will contain a political discussion. These debates and talks on live questions are very interesting.

According to our constitution we can admit only a few more members this term. There is a general demand that we amend the constitution so that the society may take in seventy-five members in the fall and winter terms and one hundred in the spring term. A committee has been appointed to revise the constitution. This will necessitate the erection of a new society hall. And that is just what Edinboro Normal needs. Why could not the alumni and friends of the school erect such a building?

The Philo's have organized an orchestra and a mandolin club. These musical bands will certainly make society hour worth while. We meet every Saturday at six o'clock. Come and bring your friends with you. You are always welcome to visit Philo.

The Potter Society.

Last Saturday evening the Potter Literary Society gave its first social hour to its members and visitors. The regular program consisted entirely of music. The remainder of the evening was spent in a book contest. Each person wore a voucher which represented the title of some book. The purpose of this contest was to see who could guess the greater number of book titles which the vouchers represented. The contest was won by Miss Mabel Sammons.

Next Saturday evening, October 19, the program will be based entirely upon Kipling's works. We extend an invitation to all interested to attend our meeting.

The program is as follows:

- Opening exercises—Recessional.
- Roll call: Quotations from Kipling.
- Recitation: "Boots." John Krasinski.
- Recitation: "The Fires." Mabel Sammons.
- Solo: "Mandalay." Arthur Johnson.
- Reading: "The Conundrum of the Workshop." Gretchen Grimenger.
- Recitation: "Fuzzy Wuzzy." Adlia Dickey.
- Piano solo. Helen Whiting.
- Reading: "Tomlinson." "When Earth's Picture is Last Painted." Miss Hauser.

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 26, 1912.

Opening Exercises.

Roll call: Quotations from "Macbeth"

Reading: "A Gentle Ghost." Mearl Griswold.

Piano Solo: John Krasinski.

A Story: "Sister Agatha's Ghost, Marley O. Leach.
A Story: "Ghost or Girl." Blanche Doubet.
Reading: "A Ghost." Helen Bathurst.
Piano Solo: Mary Squier.
Impromptu: Frances Hannah, Hays Proper.

At last the fire of patriotism and enthusiasm has broken forth. For several years the fire of society enthusiasm has been smoldering. At times the societies seemed to be dead, the fire of life had seemingly gone out, but under the ashes a spark still burned. This spark was fanned to a flame when the two smaller societies were abolished, and the members of these societies joined the two larger societies. Now the fire is very hot—some who came too near got their fingers burned. As is always the case, there can be no true patriotism, no enthusiasm, without a conflict.

The Philos were the first to take the offensive side. One morning, when sleepy Potters arose and looked forth from their windows, the sight which met their eyes was terrifying. On every building was a large placard on which was written, "The Philo Society, the Society that is IT." On Commercial Hall were two large banners with the words "PHILO" on each. This outrage so angered the Potters that they rushed out, tore down some of the Philo placards, and covered the rest with ink.

Then the Potters put up this placard, "The Potter Society, the Society that ses no Slang." When the Philos saw what had been done there was talk of direful deeds, but these were averted. That evening when the Philo Society met its members challenged the membership of the Potter society to a literary contest. The latter society has not as yet accepted the challenge.

Affairs will come to a crisis soon, for the members of both societies are burning hot. It is feared that there will be bloodshed before peace is restored.

A Senior's Plea.

"Dear father—Once you said, 'My son
To manhood you have grown.
Make others trust you, trust yourself,
And learn to stand alone!'
"Now father, soon I graduate,
And those who long have trusted me, want their pay
And I can stand a loan."

Hereafter Cornell upper classmen will call regularly upon freshmen to see that they get started right.

Ohio State University is growing rapidly. Alumni of O. S. U. plans on a state day November 29. Enrollment 3,046.

NORMAL LECTURE COURSE

FALL TERM

Sept. 28 Haig Arklin
Art and Art Interpretation.
Nov. 11 Hon. Frank J. Cannon
Dec. 7 Dixie Chorus

WINTER TERM

Jan. 18 Seumas MacManus
February 19 Aida Quartette
March 1 Byron J. Piatt

SPRING TERM

April 14 Edward Reno
The Magician
May 2 Edward Amherst Ott
Last number to be filled later.

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Alumni Notes

L. P. White, '09, is the principal of Tionesta High School.

Earl Long, '12, is teaching in Hydetown.

Clementine Brown, '06, expects to enter the State University in New Mexico.

Mr. Bruner, '01, will talk in chapel soon on the Motive and Work of George Junior Republic. He is at the head of this department in Grove City College.

Cora Mischler, '12, is teaching in Franklin township, Erie county.

Anne L. Gee, '12, is teaching in Franklin township, Erie county.

Ada Abbey, '12, is in Girard boro teaching in the grades.

Irene Crouch, '12, is teaching in Albion.

E. H. Nichols, '04, will attend Otterbein University this year.

Florence McIntyre is starting an Alumni Association in McKean county.

Helen Lumis, '12, is teaching in Albion.

Nathan H. Philips, '98, is principal of the High School at Monessen, Pa.

Ford Meade, '11, is teaching in Florida.

Victor Snapp is teaching in Sackett, Pa.

George Rose is attending Allegheny College. He also sings in the Presbyterian church in Meadville.

Frances Spidler, '01, is teaching the fifth grade in the south ward, Meadville.

Readers of the Birch Rod.

WE, THE BIRCH ROD STAFF, FORCE UPON YOU THESE PAPIERS. THIS SCANDALUM MAGNATUM, WITH THE AUDA-CITY OF THE THYROID CARTILAGE, ASKS YOU TO CAREFULLY CONSUME THE ADVERTISING HEREIN.

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Brown will establish a college in China. President Faunce is in the Orient at present and while there will select a site.

Allegheny dedicated Montgomery Field, her new play ground, on September 5. \$40,000 have been expended upon its purchase and equipment.

Freshie—"What part of the body is the scrimmage?"

Senior—"The wha-a-at?"

Freshie—"I saw an account of the football game that several of the boys got hurt in the scrimmage."

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While we mention the above departments particularly, we do not mean that they should overshadow the many other departments in the store which are showing equally as interesting Fall Merchandise---Men's and Women's Underwear, Hosiery, Blankets, Flannels, Corsets and Gloves, Upholstery and Curtain Dept., 2nd floor, Shirt Waists and Muslin Underwear---all contribute their quota to the fall display.

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Well! well! well! Just to look at McKelvey, the Birch Rod's efficient manager, one would not suspect that he has a great imagination. It certainly was not suspected when he was elected, or appointed, or created manager instead of editor-in-chief. You will say that in all probability the ideal location of the offices of our great school paper is bringing out William's imagination, for he labors in these same offices early and late. But I am not arriving at the point, or the moral, or whatever you please to call it, of this article.

William rushed down out of the editorial rooms into music hall auditorium the other day imagining that he heard "Bent," and "Art," and "Marley O" and "Neff" and some more of the distinguished male singers of the school, banded into a club for dispensing sweet harmonies, singing one of their finest numbers. He discovered that he was "hearing things" inwardly. But this, and the fact that the next issue of the paper would have some blank sheets if some one did not help to fill it up, prompted him to hunt up the writer to inquire after the general music work of the school for the year.

It is hoped that we will be able to organize such a club as William imagined he heard singing. I say it is hoped we can, for there are two important factors to take into consideration. Namely, the lack of high voices for first tenor and the support of those selected for the club. More than this will not now be said concerning the male club.

The second hope is that we will be able to give, during the fall term with a selected cast of characters, "The Beautiful Queen Esther." This is based upon the Biblical story of Esther and is a most popular cantata.

We made acquaintance with the first part of Coleridge-Taylor, the negro composer's excellent setting of Longfellow's "Hiawatha" last year. The first and second parts, of "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" and "The Death of Minnehaha," respectively, will be taken up at the opening of the winter term and given publicly the latter part of the same term.

Some time during the year it is thought that an indoor circus might prove an interesting and a popular affair. This, however, is not strictly of the music department.

The plans for a spring term number have not been arranged. We are handicapped in our orchestral work by a dearth of violins, the principal orchestral instrument. An orchestra a little later, however, is a possibility. Of course the working out of all these plans depend upon the support given by those students who can take part, for these are strictly student affairs. It might be added in closing that there is no more interesting and valuable outside work that students can take up and help carry through than this that has been marked out. Let us hope we will have the ready response and backing that the students gave last year.

This Week in the Colleges.

There is no truth in the newspaper announcement of President David Starr Jordan's intended resignation as head of Leland Stanford University.

Pennsylvania States' freshman class numbers 650, an increase of 100 over last year's registration.

Amherst and Smith will give a joint presentation of Mendelssohn's oratorio, St. Paul, this winter.

Harvard sophomores are somewhat exercised over a new ruling requiring an oral examination in French or German for admission to the junior class.

Bowdoin's new gymnasium, named in honor of President Hyde, will be dedicated this month.

From last year's reports of the attendance of the larger universities and colleges the following statistics are given: Columbia, 9086; California, 5817; Chicago, 6460; Minnesota, 6024; Cornell, 5624; Wisconsin, 5539; Michigan, 5381; Illinois, 5207; Pennsylvania, 5200; Northwestern, 4753; Nebraska, 4624; New York, 4165; Harvard, 4128; Yale, 3282; Stanford, 1770; Princeton, 1521.

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These failed and a forward pass was made. The ball struck the line behind Edinboro's goal line and should have given Edinboro a touchback, but for some cause the referee overlooked this and simply declared an incomplete pass, bringing the ball back to its former position, ten yards from Edinboro's goal line. With the fourth down and ten yards to go, Titusville again tried a forward pass and this time succeeded in passing the ball and catching it in Edinboro's ten-yard zone, scoring a touchdown. The goal was then kicked, making the seventh point for Titusville.

In the last quarter Edinboro carried the ball from the middle of the field to Titusville's twenty-yard line by a series of end runs. From this place the Edinboro boys carried the ball steadily toward the Titusville goal, until, when "time up" was called, the ball was within four inches of the Titusville goal line. Some of the players state that the ball was across the line but was pushed back by a Titusville man, but this statement is not to be considered as an established fact. However, all the players unite in declaring that there was a mistake in calling "time up." It appears that "time out" was called and that before "time in" had been called the time keeper called "time up." This slight error is probably all that prevented the boys from tying the score.

The members of the team say that the Titusville boys played clean football, and the compliment is returned with interest by the Titusville boys.

Marsh, Richey and Obert played an exceptionally strong game on the line and Leach made the best gains in the back field. Green played a good thinking game at quarter and starred at one point in the game by making a long run with the ball which very nearly resulted in a touchdown for Edinboro. Graham's game at end was of the right sort and deserves notice.

Our boys are not discouraged by their defeat but are looking forward to the next Titusville game, which they feel confident of winning. The line-up:—

EDINBORO—0	TITUSVILLE—7
Jewel.....L. E.	Roth
DeRemer.....L. T.	Ludwig
Richey.....L. G.	Felton
DeArment.....C.	Vincent
Marsh.....R. G.	Kellogg
Obert.....R. T.	Conoway
Graham.....R. E.	McCullough
Green.....Q. B.	Fulton
White.....L. H.	Millard
Leach.....R. H.	Murling
Johnson.....F. B.	Lang

Touchdown, McCullough; goal, Fulton. Referee, McGraw. Linesmen, Orwig and King. Time Keepers, Shank and Perry. Time, 10-minute quarters.



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The Young Men's Christian Association.

There is no other meeting so inspiring to our school life as the short hour from two to three o'clock on Sunday afternoon. We feel that we must do much more work as many of the boys still absent themselves from our meetings. They do not know that the meetings are conducted by the students; the leader is chosen, usually, from the student body, and the success of the association depends entirely on the boys of this school.

Boys, we need your co-operation in this work. Come to the meetings and help with the singing. If you cannot sing bring some one with you who can. Inspire others by your enthusiasm and loyalty.

A special study is being made of foreign mission work. The first talk on this topic was given last Sunday. It was very instructive and interesting. Few of us had any conception of the vast mission field and the great work conducted there. The plan is to discuss the various phases of mission work and life in the foreign field as well as the habits, customs, laws and religion of the natives. Three Sundays a term will be used for that purpose.

The Bible class in Reeder Hall has not been organized yet this term. We hope that the boys will take this matter up soon and continue to contribute toward supporting a missionary in China.

NICHOLAS.

(abiiit, June 26, 1912)

Birch Rod loquitur.

Bitter constraint and sad occasion dear
Compel us to disturb your season due;
For Nicholas is gone, gone ere his time
Lov'd Nicholas, and hath not left his peer.

How well we could have spared for thee, young scribe,
Enow of such as, with their saltless wit
Rush into print and in our columns prate?
Of other care, they give small heed to it
Save how to get their wretched stuff in type,
And fill our columns with unseasoned waste.
Blind hands! that scarce as yet have learned to hold
A pencil, or can aught except the least
That to the discerning writer's art belongs!
What reeks it them? What need they? They are sped:
Subscribers make their plaint—it little bocks—
And we all languish—
Return O Nich'las, and once again
Revive us with thy genial pleasantry
And touch the tender stops of various quills.

The Daily Iowan of the State University of Iowa gives it, as the result of its investigation, that only one college engagement in eleven results in marriage. It wonders whether the showing is better in other educational schools.

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Edinboro Badly Defeated On Normal Field.

For the first time this year Edinboro met a team that is really stronger than her own when she was defeated by a score of 26 to 7 by the Meadville High School team on the Normal field. At the very beginning of the game Meadville carried the ball across the Edinboro goal line for a touch down. This was done by a lucky forward pass. Meadville punted out but failed to make a fair catch. The next touch down was made by Meadville, the ball being carried across the line by a series of end runs and line bucks. In the second quarter Edinboro rallied and drove the visitors steadily to their twenty yard line where the ball changed hands several times, neither side being able to gain the required ten yards. The Edinboro boys rallied again and carried the ball across the line by continual battering at the Meadville line. The goal was then kicked. Neither team made more points in the first half, the final score of the half standing 13 to 7 in favor of Meadville. In the third quarter the ball was held in the middle of the field most of the time, but just before the close of the quarter a Meadville man got around Edinboro left end, dodged the quarter back and carried the ball across the Edinboro line for the third touch down. Meadville failed to kick goal. In the last quarter the Edinboro boys contested every inch of ground but were driven steadily back to their five yard line. Here Meadville made a forward pass on the fourth down, scoring the final touch down. Meadville kicked goal, scoring the 26 points for Meadville.

This game was the hardest one Edinboro has played this season. Four substitutes were used for Edinboro and at least an equal number for Meadville. The line up:

Edinboro 7		Meadville 26
Jewett-Bentley	L. E.	Smith
Marsh	L. T.	C. Johnson
Richey	L. G.	Kaiser
De Arment	C.	Houtz (Capt)
Skelton	R. G.	Byers-Smith
Obert	R. T.	Lane
Graham-Shriver	R. E.	Fox-Marshall
Greech-Miller	Q. B.	Freund
DeRemer-Graham	L. H. B.	Hall
Leach	R. H. B.	Burquin
Scott-Hood	F. B.	Carmount

Reeder Hall Notes.

Mr. Miller could not study in his own room so Mr. La Bounty invited him to do his studying in La Bounty's Paradise of Rest and Quiet.

The boys cannot play on their instruments as they see fit any longer. Restrictions have been put on that necessary noise.

Miss Sturgeon has been very ill for some time but we hope to see her again soon.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Fuller were using

crutches because of injuries done to their means of locomotion.

The rear of Reeder Hall has been adorned by an elaborate entrance to the manual training department. It is very fitting and becoming.

Mr. Obert and Mr. McKee have a scrap in their room every night because one or the other disobeys their respective wishes.

The boys tried to pull Mr. Richey out of bed on the night of the parade, but were unable to do so, and in revenge they upturned his bed.

Haven Hall Notes.

Ruth Brown was at home last week on account of the illness of her brother.

Edith Randal's sister and brother came out from Erie to see her Sunday.

Miss Ham and Miss Swenarton gave a tea Monday in the north parlor. We peeked in before the company came. The room was decorated with autumn leaves and nasturtiums. Numerous teacups and a truly interesting tea kettle were the only guests that had arrived then. It must have been awfully good tea for the whole faculty was late to supper.

Miss Wolf and Miss Wiesert visited the Erie girls Sunday. Miss Wiesert liked us so much that she thinks of coming to stay with us permanently.

Miss Swenarton's shoes haven't come yet.

Anna Zack's brother and her two sisters were here to see her last Sunday afternoon.

Even if Mr. Baker does perfectly, sincerely believe "that it is honestly for our good to take physical culture" we have heard lots of groans this last week.

Frances Hannah's mother and sister and two little nieces visited her last week. Frances was very excited, and we heard her cautioning them not to get lost while she was away at class, or fall out the window, or get eaten by a garter snake.

Bess Sigworth is now taking Daley walks.

Wednesday night it rained so hard after supper that the boys dared to stay on the veranda until seven o'—I mean until it stopped raining. We haven't recovered from the excitement.

In my youth, said a senior, I made button holes, And I showed every one to my mother, And I frankly confess that it harrowed my soul, I resolved to make 'nary another.

The following of us went home to see our mammas Sunday and Monday: Jane Riblet, Eleanor Aswrs, Erma Gebhardt, Francis Smith, Elizabeth Fowler, Margaret Brooks, Frances Hannah, Mildred Rick.

Mr. Wells visited his sister Laura, Sunday.

Why does Miss Hauser look so mysterious?

Minnie Pearson came back Friday for two or three days. She is still up to her old pranks.

Sophomore Outing.

The sophomore outing which was held at Green Point Saturday evening, October 5, was truly a delightful entertainment for all members of the class. The class assembled in front of Normal Hall at 7:30 and then marched down town in a body; then they divided, some going by water and others by land. Those who went by water arrived at Green Point first and had a bright fire burning when the land party appeared.

The speed with which all set about to amuse themselves and others shows that the class has learned to know the value of time. Games were played, stories and fortunes told and following these, refreshments were served. Much credit is due to the committee on refreshments for the choice in the selection.

The good judgment of the class was shown in their selection of chaperones—Misses Howland and Markel—and in the way that every one conducted himself, all returning home at the proper time.

A thrilling story is told by the president of how he and his party became lost in the intense darkness while on the return trip across the lake. However, they finally discovered the outlet, some say by chance, but Mr. Harbaugh firmly maintains that it was due to his good judgment that they succeeded in crossing safely. Be that as it may, all arrived home in due time, and feeling that they had spent a pleasant evening. Their only regret is that they could not enjoy these outings more frequently.

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The Straw Vote.
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October 24, the speakers will be allowed ten minutes each to bring before the public the principles which their candidate wishes to enforce.

Frances Hanna will speak for Mr. Chafin and the Prohibition party. She will tell of the great reforms that will come to pass when the women have a right to vote.

Ella Mays will represent Eugene V. Debs and the Socialist party. This new movement is a great one. The Socialist party is the hope, joy and aspiration of the intelligent laboring people. But it casts terror into the faces of the money magnate, capitalists and human parasites.

Harold Hood will represent Mr. Roosevelt and the Progressive party. We do not know what Harold will say, but we do hope he will tell us something good about Theodore.

Charles Scott will tell us why Mr. Taft should be re-elected, and explain what the Republican party stands for in this campaign.

Adlia Dickey, an ardent admirer of Woodrow, and whom we predict will rise in his footsteps, will speak for Mr. Wilson and the Democratic party. Adlia surely will tell us something that we did not know before.

After the campaign all the students and faculty will march to the polls, which we hope will be arranged in the registrar's office and conducted by Mr. Sackett, and vote for president. A complete report of the election will be given in The Birch Rod.

This promises to be the greatest event in school this term. The townspeople are already speaking for seats. We would not be surprised if Chapel Hall were crowded for standing room.

Midnight Parade.
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lege, which so terrified the boys that they all ran home to dream of bread and water the rest of the night.

The report was carried to us that the townspeople were very indignant with the conduct of the boys on the night of their serenade. We do not know for sure whether the complaint was made by reliable citizens or by a few "sore heads." We are inclined to believe it was the latter. Nearly every boy in school was out that night and every mother's son will vouch that nothing was said or done that would give a gentleman cause to complain.

Our detectives think that they have located the original kicker, but cannot find adequate proof. We do not wish to alarm any one but we do wish to emphasize that unjust accusation deserves a reprimand.

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