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## THE BIRCH ROD'S DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE IN EDINBORO, May 28, '13

*A Declaration by the Representatives of The Birch Rod  
Staff of the Normal, in Council Assembled.*

When, in the course of school events, it becomes necessary for an old editorial board to dissolve the inky bonds which have connected them with The Birch Rod, and to assume, among the ranks of the seniors, the high and lordly station to which the spark of genius and unceasing toil entitle them, a decent respect for the future of the paper requires that the new staff should declare the convictions which impel them to the declaration.

We hold these truths to be self-evident:—That the editors are not all-sufficient; that they are endowed by their position with certain unalienable rights; that among these are gray hairs, nightmares, and the pursuit of contributors. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that a paper long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that readers are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to improve their reading by providing decent articles. But when a long train of stale news and hard knocks pursues invariably the efforts of the board, it is their right, it is their duty, to refuse such material. Such has been the patient sufferance of the old board and such is now the necessity which constrains the new to appeal for an awakening.

We, therefore, the editors of The Birch Rod, in general council assembled, appealing to the loyal spirit of the school for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name and by the authority of all good people concerned, solemnly publish and declare, that The Birch Rod, as a representative paper, is and ought to be dependent on the students for success; that they are bound by all the ties of fidelity and devotion to their Alma Mater to do all in their power to add to her glory, and, for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on their sense of duty, we mutually pledge to each other our midnight oil, our peace of mind, and our reputations.

### Contract Between Public Schools of Edinboro and the Edinboro State Normal School.

Everyone who is in touch with educational progress in Pennsylvania, realizes that the present is an era of readjustment. This is especially true of the Edinboro State Normal Schools. In the next ten years, these schools will, no doubt, become almost entirely professional in scope and purpose. In a training school for teachers, the Model school must occupy a very large place. It is probably safe to say that within ten years the Normal school that does not have an adequate Model school will not be able to meet the demands put upon it.

The contract which has just been entered into between the Public schools of Edinboro and the Edinboro State Normal School is a bargain that should be a mutual advantage. Adam Smith in his "Wealth of Nations" first taught the speaking people that any bargain which is just and legitimate should be to the advantage of both parties. A great deal of false economy has arisen in the United States from a failure to understand this doctrine. The whole fiscal policy of the United States as a nation has been built on the principle that a bargain can be of advantage to but one party. In the case of trade, it has been felt that all the gain should be on the side of the seller. According to the teachings of the "Wealth of Nations," which has been long accepted in England, a trade which is legitimate and honest is of equal advantage to buyer and seller.

Several articles have been written setting forth the advantages of the contract to the Borough and people of Edinboro. The advantages to the Normal school, while not so apparent, are possibly just as great. The immediate and greatest gain lies in the fact that it will give to the Normal school an adequate training school, where its Seniors can observe and teach under actual school conditions. The Model school has been, at least for the past few years, too small to afford school conditions, either from the educational or the social standpoint. The need of an adequate training school has been a crying one. Before the transition period mentioned above has gone far, this need will become imperative. The con-

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THE BIRCH ROD

**SOCIETIES**

**Potter Society.**

Although we as a society may appear to enjoy life hugely, yet we have our trials. Not the least of these has been the decided tendency of our members towards monosyllabic remarks when answering the roll call. It is so easy to say, "Present" or "Here." On May 17 each person who failed to respond to his name with an appropriate quotation was required to make an impromptu speech. The plan worked beautifully. No impromptu speeches were called for.

As was mentioned in a recent number of The Birch Rod, the two Societies have been exchanging critics during the last few meetings. The plan has been thus far successful in the Potter Society. Mr. Marsh has made some honest criticisms, and we hope we shall profit by them.

The program for May 24 is as follows:

- Roll Call.....The funniest story you ever heard
- Piano Solo.....Anna Zacks
- Comic Recitation.....Elsie Peterson
- Autobiography.....John Krasinski
- Cutting from "Beesting Cure for Rheumatiz".....
- .....Lvis Wood
- .....Hasbrouck
- Characterization of Faculty.....{ Edna Sammons  
Fay Daley  
Nevin Carmin
- Debate—Resolved that more comic stories originate from the Negroes than from the Irish. Affirmative, Nellie Weed; negative, Arnold Nelson.
- Piano Solo.....Helen Whiting

**"OUR BABY."**

(Affectionately Dedicated to Mother Normal's Third Son.)

Again that piping little voice  
Calls out, "Oh, mamma dear, may I  
Play with these things that I have found  
Here in this book, and I'll not cry."  
"Yes, darling mine, but do take care,  
And do not be too free,  
For they are very strange and new,  
And might lead you to sea."  
"Then they are just the things I want,  
The prettiest four I'll choose  
To name that poem I have made  
Those Seniors to abuse."  
"But, child, take mother dear's advice,  
You don't know what they mean;  
Perhaps if they translated were  
Quite naughty they might seem."  
But Babe and Mother both were wrong;  
Those words could no harm bring,  
Because, although they looked so bad,  
They didn't mean a thing.

"Jimmy" Obert and "Irish" McKey are, as usual, endeavoring to find out where the other laid his pipe. A slight skirmish, not unlike a real Mexican raid invariably ensues.

**Philo.**

The Philo Society is progressing nicely. The programs have been well selected, proving the ability of the new cabinet. Visitors are always welcome at the meetings, which are held at six o'clock every Saturday evening in the society room. On May 17, the following program was well rendered:

- Roll call, answered by quotations from favorite authors
- Optimistic Essay on Philo Society.....Ella Mays
- Recitation.....Lepha Parker
- Piano Duet.....{ Lois Williams  
Mary Agnew
- Medley.....{ Olive Waite  
Alene Mix  
Cora Morrison  
Eva Kline

Report of the Potter critic.

**The Point of View.**

The girls have long been wondering what sort of menagerie Reeder Hall is, and especially second and third floors. They occasionally hear rumors that cause them to suspect the Slums and Commons to be the homes of wierd and awful creatures. It is all mystery they can't understand. Bellows echo and reecho from hall to hall, and even a Wildman, escaped from the Barnes, has been seen and heard in the recesses of their dominion. It is very seldom that girls ever venture beyond the domain of the aristocrats, but one beautiful evening two girls did risk approaching Mr. Snyder's apartments. As they were about to leave, Mr. Snyder glided cautiously ahead of them into the spooky corridor, saying, "Wait, girls, till I see if the coast is clear." But his warning came too late. They had already seen the swiftly retreating form of—they knew not what. The girls would be ever grateful to anyone who will clear up the mystery.

**Sings.**

"My father packed me off to Edinboro,  
And expected there in time a man I'd find.  
But I've been here most a year and I now begin to fear  
That father dear will have to change his mind."

These words came floating across the campus from a Normal girl who was expressing her feelings in a parody on one of our famous songs.

Didn't know we had songs? Well, we have, and "loads of them." That's the reason why we are the happiest, brightest and cheer-fullest students in the whole world.

Every Saturday morning there is a school singing in chapel. On Friday evenings the veranda of Haven Hall is the center of action. That impulse to join in is irresistible, and every senior temporarily feels "that the senior leads a jolly life," as those words vibrate upon the air.

The choicest of these songs have been collected by their author, Mr. Barnes, and published under the heading, "Songs of Edinboro." And what member of the dear old Normal hasn't been led through their influence to repeat from his heart:

Domine, salvam fac  
Scholam claram nostram  
Edinburgensem!  
Et exaudi nos in die qua  
Invocaverimus Te!

Miss Webster—Babcock, do you like to work?

Babcock—No, I work because I have to.

Miss Webster—Miss Brown, do you like to work?

Miss Brown—Yes, I work because I like to.

Don Henry (To Neighbor)—That is the girl for me.

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**Contract Between Public Schools of  
Edinboro and the Edinboro State  
Normal School.**

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tract entered into with the Public schools should meet it.

The profession of teaching means much more today than it did ten years ago. It means an opportunity for great social service. The teacher today must do more than merely teach his school. He must be a factor in the social and civic life of his community. He should understand and feel some of the great social problems of the day, such as "The Boy Problem," "The Playground Problem," "Rural School Problem," and the "Vocational Problem."

This arrangement, which should begin an era of co-operation between the people of Edinboro and the Normal school, will, it is hoped, make it possible for the Seniors in the Normal school to prepare not only for teaching in the narrow sense, but for social service; to master not only the problems of the schoolroom, but some at least of the broader problems of society.

Those Model schools which have been organized and have had the advantage of Normal school influence, have done much in the way of enriching their curricula, and in adapting themselves to the ideals that educators have held up as correct ones, but which in most cases, have not been realized in public schools.

**Edinboro Wins from Fredonia Normal**

In a slow and error laden game Fredonia Normal lost to E. S. N. S. on the home grounds last Saturday by a score of 12 to 5.

The game was featured by the consistent hitting by Babcock and Ross, and the pitching of Ross for E. S. N., and Smith for Fredonia.

Blue Sky, the Indian pitcher for Fredonia, showed very poor form, and the home team pounded the ball for six runs in one inning. Smith, Blue Sky's successor, did much better, although he was hit hard in the last half of the eighth.

The hitting of the home team was the best that it has been any time this season. The fielding also was good.

	ab	r	h	e	a	po	sh	sb
Fredonia								
Latona, 3d	4	1	1	2	0	1	0	1
Schwann, s. s.	4	0	1	4	0	1	1	0
Bartlett, 2d	3	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
Smith, capt., 1st	4	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Harrington, c.	4	0	1	0	0	8	0	0
Goodell, r. f.	4	1	2	0	0	1	0	0
Bonquin, c. f.	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Blue Sky, p.	4	0	0	2	0	7	0	0
Goth, l. f.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	5	5	11	1	23	1	1
Edinboro								
Simpkins, r. f.	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

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John Harbaugh, '15 ..... Manager  
Jerome Rusterholz, '16 ..... Assistant Manager

It is with a feeling of great appreciation for what the old editorial staff has accomplished that the new takes up its duties.

The "Birch Rod" has come to be a recognized factor in the school life of Edinboro, and much of its popularity is due to the hard and conscientious work of the old board. Their greatest difficulty lay in the fact that the students did not assume enough responsibility in providing articles for the paper regularly. Thus the whole task fell upon the shoulders of the editors and we all know how well they have succeeded in meeting the situation. All honor to them. We are confident they will meet the problems of the future with as great enterprise as they have shown in managing the "Birch Rod."

What boots it to repeat  
How time is slipping underneath our feet;  
Unborn tomorrow and dead yesterday  
Why fret about them if to-day be sweet.     Ex.

### "Philo Entertainment."

On "Memorial Day," at 8:15 p. m. the Philo Society will present, "The Holly Tree Inn," an adaptation of Charles Dickens' familiar story. The Philo Orchestra will play several concert selections. There will also be a number of vocal and instrumental solos.

# THE BIRCH ROD

## EPITAPH FOR THE OLD BIRCH ROD STAFF.

(Engraved on the hearts of its readers)

Tread lightly here, and reverently; beneath  
This space of time, so swiftly passed in flight,  
Is buried the staff that once had full control  
This same Birch Rod; how many a weary night  
They sat up late, its pages to concoct,  
Nor ceased when daylight, in the eastern sky,  
Had spread her wings; they scratched their weary heads,  
But nothing came, their brains at last were dry.  
So let them sleep, they well deserve their rest,  
What right have you to scoff or criticise?  
Whate'er they did, they always did their best,  
So let's be cheerful, friend, and dry our eyes.

## Resolutions.

We, the Editorial Staff of the "Birch Rod," do now resolve to do our very worst to make this "Birch Rod" a bad paper, to slight all contributions which are not our own, not to be witty at our own expense, to put no jokes in the paper which would hurt our own feelings and not to accept any kind criticism which would help us in any way.

We, the Philo society resolve, hereafter, either to get some new slams on the same old members or use the same old slams on some new members, thinking either would be a great improvement on what we are in the habit of hearing.

We, the Sophomore class now resolve to leave the Seniors to their own good opinion of themselves, not wishing to be the persons to open their eyes and show them "themselves as others see them."

I, the president of the Y. M. C. A., do now resolve to remain "all alone" all the rest of my days, for certain reasons I do not wish to make public. Of all other resolutions I make, this one is most likely to be broken.

We, Mr. Gleason's class in Biology resolve to always eat pepper on our ice cream, knowing it to be beneficial to our health and finding that it does not harm but rather improves the taste.

We, the Freshman boys, resolve that as soon as possible we will buy large straw hats and red bandanna handkerchiefs, having discovered by chance, how becoming they are and what a great help they proved to be to one of our worthy seniors.

## Sunshine, Mist and Dew.

God took a lot of the sunshine,  
And a bit of mist and dew,  
Then he molded them all together  
Into the heart of you.  
The mist and the dew should shine in your eyes,  
And make them kind all the while;  
The sunshine gladden each heart you meet,  
And escape through your lips when you smile.  
Selected.

He who commits an injustice is ever made more wretched than he who suffers it.—Plato.

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## ALUMNI

Misses Hattie and Maude Morrison visited their sisters Myrtle and Eleanor at the Normal.

Miss Mildred Saddler, '12, expects to spend the latter part of the month with her sister, Wilda, and attend the Philo play May 30.

Miss Florence Goodrich, who has been teaching in Keepville, Pa., has finished a successful year of school and is now taking art in the Normal.

Sylvia Whipple, who has been teaching near North East this year, is now at home for her vacation.

Miss Georgia Englehaupt, '10, has been visitng Miss Anna Quirk at Haven Hall. Miss Englehaupt is teaching in Erie this year.

Clyde Richey, '11, principal of Swanville High School, spent part of the week with his brother, Donald.

Miss Minnie Pierson, '12, of North East, was at Haven Hall last week visiting Miss Olive Cooper.

Miss Iva Harvey, '08, who is teaching in Visalia, California, expects to close her school-room and spend her vacation at her home in Corry, Pa.

Miss Caroline Smith, '10, who has been teaching in Chrome, N. J., and Miss Lillian Smith, who has been teaching in Mawah, N. J., are expected home for their vacation about June 22. Miss Lillian has accepted a fine position in Boundbrook, N. J. for the coming year.

Miss Inez Baldwin, '08, who has been teaching in Sioux City, Iowa, has signed a contract for the same position next year. Miss Baldwin's school will not close for vacation for nearly three weeks. Miss Elizabeth Luffler, '09, and Miss Mary Jones, '09 are also teaching in Sioux City.

Arzie Gillaspie, '12, visited Edinboro, Sunday.

Reason's whole pleasure, all the joys of sense,  
Lie in three words—health, peace and competence.  
—Pope.

If you say nothing but nice things you will never have to eat your words.—Ex.

If you have faith in yourself others will have faith in you.—Ex.

### Lost.

Last Saturday, a "Marsh." Finder please return to Catherine Crawford and receive reward.

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### Normal vs. Warren High School.

A timely hit and a costly error lost the game for Edinboro at Warren, Saturday, by a score of 2 to 0. In the last part of the sixth inning, with one down, the batsman for Warren hit a fly ball between first and second bases. The next man hit a grounder over second base, which was misjudged by Jewell and Trejchel, each thinking it was the other's ball. It advanced out through center field, going through Babcock, allowing the first runner to score. The second runner took third on the throw in.

The next man hit to Trejchel, who was unable to get the man going home on account of the latter's lead. The batsman was thrown out at first, making two down. The next man grounded out.

The only time matters looked good for Normal was in the fifth inning when we had men on second and third bases, and Welker grounded out with two down.

Normal hit hard throughout the game, but was unable to hit safely. In the ninth Drake, the first man up, hit a hard one to their short stop, which he handled. Shriver and Babcock fled out to center field.

The game was featured by the excellent work of both pitchers, and the Warren outfield. There were only five hits made, Normal making three. The townspeople of Warren showed their interest in baseball by their large attendance. They said it was the best game that had been played on the home grounds this year.

The home players report a fine time and a square deal in every way.

The line up.

Normal		Warren
Drake.....c.....		Ingersoll
Welker.....1 b.....		Walters
Jewell.....s. s.....		Miller
Trejchel.....2 b.....		Kirschetz
Shriver.....3 b.....		Cheysar
Babcock.....c. f.....		Secrest
DeRemer.....r. f.....		Bert
Fuller.....l. f.....		Parks
Ross.....p.....		Mooney
Patterson.....sub.....		

Struck Out—By Ross, 13; by Mooney, 8. Stolen bases—Jewell, Ingersoll.

### Edinboro Wins from Fredonia Normal

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Drake, capt. c.....	5	1	1	1	2	11	0	1
Shriver, 3d.....	5	2	0	1	1	2	0	0
Babcock, c. f.....	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
DeRemer, 1st.....	5	2	1	1	0	10	0	1
Trejchel, 2d.....	5	1	1	0	2	2	0	0
Ross, p.....	5	0	3	1	3	0	0	1
Jewell, r. s.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Blakeslee, l. f.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Green, r. f.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals.....43 12 11 5 8 27 1 5

Two base hits—Drake, Ross, DeRemer. Struck out—by Ross, 11; Blue Sky, 3; Smith, 3. Passed balls, Blue Sky, 1. Trejchel forced in by Fuller's walk in last of third. Smith subbed for Blue Sky in last of fourth. Blakeslee took Fuller's place in first of sixth. Green took Simpkins' place in first of sixth. Time of game, 2 hours, 20 minutes. Umpire, Karl Morrison.

### School Spirit.

George Fitch, the vest-pocket-essay man, has this to say of college spirit:

"College spirit is a harmless form of temporary insanity which is found on the leading campuses of our country. It cannot be bought in bottles like other well-known spirits, but its effects are about the same. College spirit is composed of enthusiasm, unconventionality and lungs in equal parts with a pinch of brains for seasoning. It is not used much in class rooms, but is a grand thing for the campus. A campus by itself is about as exciting as any other forty-acre field. But after a campus has been soaked in college spirit for a century or two, it becomes so exciting that a young man can hardly walk across it without taking a large bite out of his hat and giving ninety-nine 'rahs for the school."

The kind of school spirit Mr. Fitch speaks of would be a rather harmless kind, did not the youths of our fair land take it for the genuine thing. Unfortunately, it serves the purpose of the humorist far better than the institution; and yet the young hopeful fondly imagines that the traditions of the past, and the only hope for the future, rest in this lusty rah-rah business.

Now The Birch Rod does not undervalue the above type of school spirit, but it prizes far higher the quieter spirit which is celebrated in the song and story of every school as the relation between mother and son. It is not a noisy proposition, this last, but it is the kind of thing that will make the Yale senior who loses his place on the varsity crew, turn without a murmur to serve on the second crew, or any place his college may need him. It is the kind of thing that makes the Princeton man feel that he is a failure unless he does something to make for the fame of his college or his country. It is the kind of thing that makes the son or daughter of any typically American college, "when he has begun a thing put it through, no matter what the cost." Now the memory of gladsome rah-rahs may stimulate any of these actions, but it may be noted that usually such accomplishments as these are not so attended.

So the conclusion of the whole matter seems to be that a man seldom tells his mother that he loves her by rah-rahing about her. Perhaps he never tells her at all but lets her good judgment infer that from his actions.

If you want to measure your school spirit, weigh the amount of sacrifice you will make for what you are probably calling "Dear Old Edinboro." Ask yourself how much downright injustice will you suffer at your Alma Mater's hand without a murmur. Will you take a failure as the gentle touch of a loving hand? Can you see your rival win the coveted place on

the school team without wanting to put anybody in the hospital? If you cannot bear these tests you had better talk about the weather—it's a bit incongruous for you to talk about school spirit.

I wish to congratulate the editors of The Birch Rod for this year. It shows hard work. I especially enjoyed the faculty number, and letters from our prosperous alumni.

CARL HOLDER, Albion, Pa.

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**From Paradise Alley.**

Florence Osterman, Mable Enterline, Maude Hughes, Grace Wallace and Altha Rickard have been struggling with that dreaded monster known as "The Measles." It is needless to say that Miss Sullivan has been well pleased with our quiet corridor.

A new trunk has arrived, we are anxiously awaiting the appearance of it's owner.

The girls have been very much elated over the arrival of Florence Osterman's new diamond ring and friendship bracelets.

Grace Wallace was delightfully surprised by the visit of her brother Saturday evening.

Paradise Alley has been entertaining Helen Bathurst during the illness of her room mate.

**From Valhalla.**

One peaceful evening, the stillness of Valhalla (first floor) was broken by unearthly screams. For a few minutes all was quiet, then another scream, more piercing than before was heard. Heads were seen peeping through small openings of doors. Mrs. Tanner soon arrived and located the room. Stealthily opening the door, she saw two girls, each armed with a big box, defending themselves against the object of terror. Her appearance soon quieted them and the mystery was laid bare. It seems that the intruder which they had thought to be a bat, was only a harmless June bug.

Miss Laura McClelland, of Erie, spent the week end with Eleanor Asmus.

**Hoodoo Alley.**

Lucy Tudhope and Margaret Haight have decided that they don't care for measly things.

Madeline Scott, a victim of the plague, has gone home for a few days vacation.

Esther Averill had three surprises on her birthday. We won't mention the first one. The second accounts for the diamond ring which she is wearing on her right hand. Late in the evening she was summoned to Wonderland where a third awaited her in the form of a real surprise party. When the shock had worn off, Esther's appetite rose to meet the demands of a birthday feast.

**REEDER HALL.**

Although Reeder Hall has not been officially noticed in the last few numbers of the "Birch Rod," we desire it to be made known that it is, as it ever has been and ever shall be, a most ideal, up to date and representative body of athletes, star students, musicians and noble hearted good fellows.

**From Slums.**

John Krasinski '13, our noted financier,

whose daily bulletin we have so anxiously watched during his long, serious illness, has returned and with due cordiality has been reinstated in our social circle.

**From Commons.**

Mr. Barnes is in deepest mourning. Second floor sustains a great loss and third floor rejoices with its guardian angel, Mr. LaBounty, and surprising to say, all this seeming unnecessary combination of grief and gladness is over one person's change of residence. Our mutual friend, H. Wildman, on Wednesday last took his numerous belongings and moved from his room over Mr. Barnes to room 40, third floor.

Acker, our industrious student, obtained a short leave of absence, during which time he betook himself elsewhere, namely, home. He reports fair weather and plenty of "eats" in Crawford County.

**The House of the Seven Gables.**

On Thursday, May 8, the House of Seven Gables was filled with sorrow to such an extent that it poured out of the windows and doors of the separate rooms in the form of wails and sobs of enormous dimensions. These continued until a late hour. When the inmates had become calmed so they could tell the cause of their sorrow, it was found to be the departure of J. A. McDanniel.

On the following Saturday evening at supper the members of the Happy Home Club very freely partook of the contents of several bottles of catsup, during which there was very much joy. When the sober ones were able to use their tongues intelligently it was told to be McDanniel's return to school with a clean slate.

John says the best part of going away is the return.

**Girltown.**

Girltown is getting to be such a popular location that the boys are moving in, one is Emmet Mondreau, of course everyone knows his reasons.

On Saturday evening, May 17, several friends of Ethel Sullivan gathered at the Wade home to remind her of her birthday.

Paul Harvey, a former student of Edinboro, came to visit his sister, Florence.

Mrs. Conrad Diehl visited her daughter, Rachel, Sunday.

Armagost, writing to Floyd Wright, misspelled his name.

Wright's answer, "When you write Wright, write Wright right."

Miss Roberts (in German class) But we're discussing men, not human beings.

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## THE BIRCH ROD

### The Orchestra at Venango.

In response to an earnest request of the Venango High school, that dignified body of people who compose the Normal Orchestra, kindly consented to furnish music for their Commencement exercises. At 5:30 p. m. Tuesday, May 13, with Professor Gleason at their head, they marched, amid the cheers and songs of the Normal, to the trolley station, where they, at the entreaty of the conductor, boarded the car.

The faculty were gathered in a body at the starting point and as the motorman turned on the juice, such cries as, "Don't forget to lock the door," "Be good boys," and "Shut the cat out," could be heard, while tears flowed freely and handkerchiefs waved.

The journey would have been completed without incident, had not a Spanish revolution arisen. But an American scale in the form of Blakeslee and Rusterholtz suppressed it, and having bound and gagged those unfortunate beings, they arrived at Venango with flying colors.

The town was "done" under the Hon. Leo Armagost as leader. The boys being safely piloted by the "bar" to a pop counter where their thirst was quenched, they repaired to the church.

Being repeatedly asked by the principal of the school and the pastor of the church to begin, they finally consented to favor the audience with some music. Their chief number was a medley of ante-bellum airs.

After the performance, no one else would have anything to do with them but Mr. Armagost, who invited them to his home. After consuming half a bushel of apples, they gave vent to their grief by singing some school songs.

On being told by the station agent that there would be no car until 11:45, two of the band decided to "Weston it" to Cambridge Springs, three miles away. They did it and lived and nobody has fainted at the idea. Whether the feat was ever performed before or since is, at this writing, unknown. The writer predicts that this frightful nervous strain will never be repeated by the aforesaid pair.

In spite of all these exciting events, the world seems to be moving as fast if not faster, and except the rumored war with Japan, nothing so adventurous will happen until Class Day.

Nelson has changed remarkably and his usual sly questions are now bold demands, which we trust, shall in every instance be humbly granted. Dear reader, it is for the worthy cause of the "Birch Rod."

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