

TELLURIDE
NEWS - LETTER .
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E. A. THORNHILL, DEAN.

BOISE, IDAHO.

The preamble of our constitution states that the purpose of the Association is to promote the highest well-being in two ways: (1) By broadening the field of knowledge; and, (2) By making this knowledge the basis of conduct.

Which of these two ideas, it may be asked, has the greater relative value? The colleges, universities and public schools of the world are some times criticised because they give so much attention to cultivating the field of knowledge, so little attention to making this knowledge the basis of action. Is the criticism just? For those of us who are interested in ideals of responsibility, efficiency and freedom, there is one answer. College students and professors too often feel themselves free from responsibility for action, which is not true freedom at all, since those only are free who are responsible. In fact, those who are free from responsibility may be very dangerous persons, for their conduct is determined by selfish whims and passions of the moment.

This is an important year in the history of the Association, for we are attempting to define standards of conduct. In the past, we have been trying to set up oral traditions as guides for action, and this has given some a chance to say they do not know what is expected. In order to put meaning into the preamble of the constitution, to clarify our own notions regarding the traditions that confront us, to define those activities that lead to individual freedom, to develop a feeling of personal responsibility for group action, and to cultivate the habit of thoughtful written expression on vital topics, it is suggested that each member of the Association write a thesis of from five hundred to two thousand words on one or more of the following subjects:

1. An interpretation of the preamble of the constitution.
2. Standards of conduct.
3. An ideal constitution and by laws for branch government.

4. Membership.
5. The purpose and plan of Telluride Association.
6. The relation of knowledge to conduct.
7. What are the "outside activities" in which students may profitably engage?
8. Profanity: its cause and cure.
9. Exercise for health, not strength, vs. athletics.
10. Fraternities.
11. What are "Branch Affairs"?
12. Reasons for non-use of tobacco.

Theses should be typewritten and sent in as early as possible. It is hoped that a number of these papers will be of sufficient merit to justify publication in the News-Letter, in the Bulletin, or in a special pamphlet.

TAU BETA PI, Honorary Engineering Association.

Preamble.

To mark in a fitting manner those who have conferred honor upon their Alma Mater by a high grade of scholarship as undergraduates, or by their attainments as alumni; and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in the Engineering Schools of America; we do hereby ordain and enact the following Constitution.

Membership.

The student who shall have the highest record at the close of the second year of his course, shall be eligible at the beginning of his Junior year. The remainder of those falling within the first eighth of the class shall be eligible at the beginning of the second term of the Junior year. Those falling within the first fourth shall be eligible at the beginning of the Senior year. Provided that any person to be eligible shall have an average grade of not less than 75 %.

Telluride Association Members.

Gilbert Anderson
J.A. Beshard
L.F. Vincent.

NEWS ITEMS FROM BRANCHES.

BEAVER BRANCH. J.C. Van Etten, Correspondent.

Monthly averages :-

Borlase	76.5	Lindsay	76.5
Beebe	80.0	Moore	76.9
Curtiss	84.9	Sweeney	76.6
Dinkel	89.2	Valantine	84.1
Larson	---	Van Etten	82.2

October average for the Branch: ----- 79.8
November average for the Branch: ----- 80.7

Whew!! Temperature 10 above.

Merry Christmas!

The instructor has nothing to report beyond the fact of satisfactory progress. Due to the necessity of giving both elementary and advanced work, there are at present twelve classes on the schedule, of which Dinkel, Larson and Lindsay are handling four with fair success; and we could still use a couple more instructors, a couple of laboratories, and a Carnegie library or so without being inconvenienced.

We have had some good skating. Mr. Diehl showed us how to cut fancy figures, Prof illustrated some fancy slides, and Bill Moore demonstrated the easiest method of making a hole in the ice. The rest of us not being sufficiently proficient, have contented ourselves with mere efforts to stand up.

The three days' vacation at Thanksgiving

made a pleasant break in the routine of school and station work. Five of our members enjoyed a dance at Beaver Thanksgiving night and all of them are living in hopes of the next one.

At a recent meeting our constitution was read and approved, and forwarded to the President for his approval. At the request of the Bliss Branch, a copy has been sent there.

Larson was absent from camp for several days during the latter part of the month, being engaged with Mr. Diehl in erecting a switch at the mouth of the canyon. This will enable the Milford-Minersville line to be cleared without interrupting service on the Fish Creek branch. Due to his absence, Larson's monthly grades have not yet been averaged.

We are expecting an increased load soon, as line work on a branch to the Moscow mine, some fifteen miles from Milford, is nearly completed. This will give us some 135 K.W. additional.

BLISS BRANCH.

J. E. Meehan, Correspondent.

Eight cylinder motor cars, sixteen inch siege guns, the European war, and other modern whirl-winds are left far behind in comparison to the speed shown here at Malade. Everything is going forward with a rush; in fact, the place resembles a bee-hive. System is the watchword and punctuality is a practise. Although there are but few Telluride men here, the ideals of the Association are being cultivated, and this work is especially promoted by the cooperation of Superintendent Hoyt with the student body.

A lively and interesting meeting was held November 23, and officers were elected to continue in office until the Branch is organized under a charter. Discussions were numerous and warm, and the diplomatic intricacies of Robert's Rules of Order were thoroughly aired. One of the results was the institution of a search for a copy of said rules for the Branch library. The following officers were elected:-

LeRoy Fournier - - President
Arthur Ross - - Vice-President
Ray Fruit - - Secretary
J. E. Meehan - - Corresponding Sec'y
Prof. Jandl - - Librarian

The offices of steward and assistant steward were not filled, although much time and discussion were expended on both the present incumbents and their charge - the boarding house. After motions encumbered with numerous amended amendments were promiscuously discussed and freely re-amended, someone ended all the trouble by a movement to adjourn. As a result the next meeting promises to be as exciting as a suffragette convention.

During the past month some changes have taken place in the membership of the student body. Hawkins left a short time ago and is employed at the Oregon Short Line machine shops in Pocatello. Robert Cruse is now attending school in Salt Lake City. Meehan walked in November eighteenth, entirely unheralded, and immediately took up work as a member of the Branch.

Many improvements are being made here at camp. Much grading and leveling is being done about the quarters, as plans are afloat to surround the building with a lawn. The kitchen and dining room of the White House have been much improved by papering, painting and general additions. Mrs. Wilkins, the new housekeeper, is a great cook. She exhibited her maximum skill in a Thanksgiving dinner fit for a king. Fred Dye of Boise was a guest on that memorable occasion. Warneke spent the day in Buhl.

The followers of Prof Jandl are busy these days enlarging their stock of book larnin. There have been several all night sessions of late for the purpose of solving algebra problems or proving propositions in geometry. German is fast replacing English as the language of the camp. Prof states that he has been so busy that he has not had time to make out the English grades in time for this letter. The grades in the other studies are as follows:-

	Geom.	Germ.	Adv. Germ.	Alg.	Adv. Alg.
Carbaugh	88	90	--	82	--
Clark	--	--	90	--	88
Fournier	92	83	--	--	80
Fruit	--	84	--	71	--
Lathrop	--	--	--	--	--
Meehan	--	--	--	87	--
Ross	60	--	--	76	--
Schotte	--	--	91	80	--
Warneke	--	84	--	83	--
Wight	--	--	70	--	70

work

During the month of December, will go on at full swing, with the exception of a short breathing spell at Christmas. The Bliss Branch wishes all of the readers of the News Letter a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

W. L. CONE, COR.

December twelfth final exams start for us and we're hoping for your sympathy. I think that sums up the condition here at present. We are either busy getting ready for the exams or are busy working the final problems that take their place.

The semester is very nearly at its close and looking back over it, I think it has been a very satisfactory one for all of us. Probably none of us have done all that we might have done but as a bunch we have certainly kept busy.

Five of us went to the Stanford-California game, Nov. 14, and saw California beaten 26 - 8. and suffered somewhat with throat trouble the next week. It was a good game, hard fought on both sides, and won by the more experienced team.

The Telluride men at Stanford wish all Association men a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

BOISE, IDAHO.

The following are quotations from a letter sent by B. F. Armstrong to Ithaca. They bear on the situation of Association men and interests in Boise, where Ben has recently gone from Provo.

"The Idaho Power and Light and the Idaho-Oregon Light and Power Company are fighting nip and tuck - mostly tuck; and if being in the fray can be considered interesting, then I certainly am not bored. From where I sit, it looks as if the battle is all going our way, and the dis-connect notices are continually being handed to the Idaho-Oregon people. We got the last of the "movies" today.

Perhaps the item of greatest interest to you and the fellows is the fact that Eddie Walters and Miss Loretta Dowas were married this morning at early mass and left this evening for Salt Lake City, probably on their way to Casper, Wyoming.

Boise is really a mighty good town and I'm drifting back into my Ithaca habits and the Sunday afternoon calls. We have a dandy bunch here: Bob Evans, Oliver Biersach, R. F. Dye, H. B. Waters, Skip Rays brother, J. C. Miller and George Halliday. Believe me, its a happy family."

The News Letter takes this opportunity to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Walters.

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CORNELL BRANCH

T. G. MOORE, CORRESPONDENT.

HOUSE LOG: Nov. 18. The Rocky Mountain Club holds its monthly meeting at the House. The club has a membership restricted to thirty and its purpose is to promote good fellowship among western men at Cornell and to interest the people of the Rocky Mountain district in Cornell as a University. The following Telluride

men are members of the club: Andersen, Ashworth, Clark, Ellms, Nelson and Tucker.

NOV. 20:- Miss Helen Leadbetter, a Junior Week guest of 1912, and her sister Esther arrive from Toronto, Canada, for a few days visit, with Ellms as host. Our first dance of the year is given in their honor. About thirty five couples are present, including a few from Delta Upsilon.

NOV. 24:- Mrs. Thornhill and Mary Virginia leave for St. Louis to be joined in a week or so by Dean Thornhill. From St. Louis, Dean Thornhill will visit the West.

NOV. 25:- Cota, Ellms, Buggsley, Tucker and Whitecotton leave for the annual Cornell-Penn football game held on Thanksgiving Day at Philadelphia. Before returning they pay a two days visit to Mac Parker in Washington. Walcott spends his vacation in Buffalo and Edwards with relatives in the Northern part of New York.

THANKSGIVING DAY:- Cornell 24 - Penn 12. Daly is discharged from the Infirmary after a two-weeks confinement with intestinal poisoning. The dinner guests are Lester Wright of the Department of Philosophy, Mr. and Mrs. Welch and Jane, Miss Clark and several members of Delta Upsilon.

NOV. 27:- The good ship "Timpanogas" is docked for the winter. The boat is suffering from a broken fly-wheel and other internal disorders and has not been in use this fall. Delta Upsilon gives an informal dance which a number of our men attend.

NOV. 30:- Chancellor and Mrs. Noon arrive for a visit.

DEC. 3:- Accompanied by his wife, Dr. Von Lurichen, the eminent anthropologist of the University of Berlin, is the guest of the House for two days. He is visiting the University and gives several lectures while here.

DEC. 7:- Constitution and By-Laws are adopted by the Branch, and sent to President Nightingale for

his approval.

DEC. 8:- Prof. Drummond of the Department of Oratory is our guest at dinner and acts as critic at the Branch public speaking meeting after dinner.

DEC. 10:- President Nightingale approves our constitution and by-laws.

IN GENERAL.

The past month has been a steady grind, relieved in part by the forensics of our constitution builders. Meetings for the consideration of Branch Government have been held twice or more each week and the present situation is briefly covered by the following statement from a member of the Constitutional Committee.

"After very careful consideration in a series of meetings extending from the date of registration at Cornell this fall until the present time, the Cornell Branch has adopted a new Constitution and set of By-Laws.

In the consideration of this instrument of government for the Branch, there have been two principles upon which the members of the Branch have had considerable debate. The first of these principles was that of a government by committees exercising the functions of the Branch under its direction, and the second was that by which direct responsibility is borne by each member of the Branch, the committees simply advising the Branch in the execution of its functions. The constitution and by-laws as finally adopted by the Branch embodied the latter of these two principles.

Fundamentally, the new constitution is a declaration of standards for members of the Cornell Branch. Some of the more significant standards are as follows:-

No member shall smoke cigars or drink intoxicants, and it shall be the policy of the Branch to discourage the use of tobacco in any form.

High scholarship shall be maintained by the Branch.

No member shall join fraternities other than honorary.

The Branch shall conduct a course in public speaking.

Indebtedness of members among the merchants of Ithaca shall be regulated by the Branch.

It shall be the duty of the Branch to combat the use of profanity.

The constitution, furthermore, provides for the regular organization of the Branch at Cornell, a statement of its purpose, and the exercising of other functions characteristic of this Branch; but to the definite standards for the regulation of the individual conduct of members of the Branch greatest importance has been attached. Briefly, the Branch organization rests upon the following officers and committees:- A President, who aside from his regular duties, is to deliver an annual address to the Branch at the beginning of each year, and who is to be the official representative of the Branch at conventions; a Vice-President and Secretary have the ordinary duties of such officers; the Treasurer is custodian of Branch funds and also has the responsibility of placing before the Branch its exact financial status in a monthly report, that the Branch may know exactly where it stands and not come to the convention with a deficit; an Assistant Treasurer has been made the purchasing agent for the Branch, through whom all committees must make application for appropriations before the Branch passes on the same. The following committees have been provided for with duties such as their names imply: Advisory Committee, Property Committee, Entertainment Committee, Scholarship Committee, Public Speaking Committee and Auditing Committee.

President Nightingale has recently signed the new constitution and by-laws, and as soon as individual members of the Branch have subscribed to the instrument, the new government of the Cornell Branch will have been perfected".

ITEMS ON INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

The following from a letter dated 842
25rd St., Ogden, Utah, from C.E. Cheffin to F.C.
Noon, is self-explanatory:-

"At present, I am putting in a central
heating plant for several buildings including a
theatre. I expect to be here for two or three
months."

Following is the address of Ben Trasvina;
P.O. Box 381, Nogales, Arizona. Ben was general
sales agent for Arizona and Sonora for the United
Sugar Companies of Los Mochis, Sinaloa Mexico."

F. L. HOWARD.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Not until a Cornell member went to Wash-
ington at Thanksgiving time could we get any word
from Micky. It was there learned, thru Mac Parker's
family, that after a two months siege with both
feet in casts, Micky finally got to Purdue. He en-
tered late and was required to pass Purdue entrance
examinations. He is now doing work preliminary to
entering as a Sophomore in engineering at the
second term.

O. V. JOHNSON

NEW YORK CITY.

After his summer's work in Boise, Oscar
went on to New York City, stopping in Chicago and
Ithaca for short visits. He is now regularly en-
rolled as a Freshman in the two years course of
the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. His address
is 312 W. 122nd St., New York City.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.