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Financial

Std Wolcott, under date of September 18th, reports the following actions of the custodians in a letter to Sam Levering.

Dear Sam:

During the summer we have executed the following orders on behalf of the Association.

Shares

100 Manhattan Co., common. 67
 50 Manhattan Co., common. 58 1/2
 5,000 Commonwealth Ed. 4/1981 94 7/8
 5,000 Can. Nat Rwy. 4 1/2/57. 100 3/4
 5,000 Pennsylv. R. R. 4 1/2/1965. 101 5/8
 5,000 Cons. Gas N. Y. 4 1/2/1951. 103 1/2

These bonds are off two or three points. While the prices of several of the stocks have broken through the prices set by the Convention we have done nothing toward the purchase of additional shares. My feeling is that the international situation is so uncertain that it is a dangerous time for the Association to put additional money into stock and I, therefore, propose to wait before selling the bonds and buying more stocks. This may be entirely wrong, but I feel that our money is reasonably safe in the bonds we have purchased and that it is a good time to do nothing in the stock market. If the Association were an individual I would not hesitate at all to make the purchases now, but under the circumstances I must say that I prefer to delay.

I hope that I will be able to get to Ithaca some time this Fall and then we can go into this subject in some detail. In the meantime it is my opinion that the thing to do is to sit tight.

With kind regards and best wishes,
 I am

Very sincerely yours,
 SID

Up to October 12th no further purchases or sales were made.

Following is appended the list of stocks selected by Convention, with authorized price and low of October 5th:

Stock	Au. Price	Oct. 5 Low
Am. Can	85	71
A. T. & T.	165	121
Consol. Gas, N. Y.	80	61
Drug, Inc.	63	43
Du Pont	70	54
Gen. Motors	28	22
Int. Harv.	32	22
Manhattan Co.	70	38
North Amer.	55	26
Pub. Service N. J.	66	51
Reynolds Tob. B.	40.	35
Sears, Roebuck	43	31
United Biscuit	35	25
United Corp.	17	10
U. S. Steel	75	62

Westinghouse	45	39
Stand. Oil N. J.	28	28

S. R. L.

McRea Parker

October 10, 1931

Dear Bill:

Some of us who had the privilege of reading Mr. Bailey's manuscript of the biography of L. L. Nunn were impressed by the large amount of excellent material which was characteristic of Mr. Nunn's active years. It is something which all members of the Association, both old and new, could read with much pleasure and profit and should be made available to them without delay. I would like to start some agitation to that end.

The minutes of the 1931 Convention indicates that the matter has been in the hands of one committee for a year with sufficient appropriation to cover publication, and has been referred to another or continuing committee with additional appropriation and instructions to get the job done. Apparently all that remains to be done is to let the contract.

However, it has occurred to the writer that there may be some difference of opinion in the committee as to the amount of "editing" which should be done before the manuscript is submitted for publication. Should it be published in its present form, which consists largely of collected anecdotes and such explanatory matter as the author felt necessary to round it out, or should it be used as a source of material for some "ghost writer" to put out a biography after the fashion of our modern best sellers?

The danger of editing a work of this character is that much of the flavor of the manuscript may be lost. Mr. Bailey has given a true picture of Mr. Nunn as the "Old Timers" knew him in his vigorous years. The Association can count itself fortunate that the services of one who was so long and so intimately associated with Mr. Nunn were available to compile these sketches of its founder. This is all the more important to the later members because the more recent years of his life were distorted by the inroads of disease, and could not depict the real man to those whose acquaintance with him was limited to that period.

Sincerely yours,
 McREA PARKER

Obituary

Benson Landon, prominent Chicago attorney, died at his home in Chicago on August 28. Mr. Landon, father of our old member, Benson, Jr., will be remembered by many members of the Association who met him on his visits to Cornell branch.

Tommy Tomlinson

Here is an excerpt from a letter received by Professor Burr from Tommy Tomlinson:

The Windmill Press,
 Tadworth, Surrey,
 September 16, 1931.

Dear Professor Burr:

I have returned to my native land. Not forever, I hope; for my wife and I both want to return as soon as possible. But I was offered the job of general designer and associate manufacturer to Heinemann, who print all their books at their own plant, "The Windmill Press." Not only that the chance of working in the country looked like a change for the better. I wanted to hear the songs of the birds again.

At the moment, in my spare time, I am working on an illustrated edition of dad's "Sea and the Jungle" for Dutton's in New York with an introduction. The book to be published next July. I ain't got it half done yet and the material has to be in February 1, so mine hours are well taken care of.

Remember me to any in the House that I know, and to any that have occasion to drop in. My very best to yourself.

Sincerely,
 H. CHARLES TOMLINSON
 (Tommy)

Dean Thornhill

* Critics Galore

One hundred twenty million critics here

In these United States, all on full time.

One hundred twenty million subjects prime

For each to work upon. Why should we fear

Our future, then, if so much help is near?

Why scold the past by critics made sublime,

Who give and take in jolly pantomime

And teach us how to shift to higher gear?

This law of democratic intercourse—

That each helps all and all help each

—the fates

Have willed it thus and so; man is,

they say,

Gregarious; seeks union with world-

force,

His larger self; seeks thus to open

the gates

To larger life; this is the critic's way.

E. A. T.

* Democracy is government by critics.

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Purpose and Plan

Telluride Alumni and Friends, Association Members working in every part of the country, Deep Springs men, and the members of the Cornell Branch have the common bond of abiding interest in the welfare of the Association. During the year, the only possible means of focusing these scattered interests, the only clearing house for opinions, and the one bureau for exchange and dissemination of information is the News Letter. It occupies a position of importance and might even become of itself important. But the mere possession of an eminent place does not confer worth upon the holder. Whether the columns of this sheet ring hollowly as the editorial staff attempts to fill them with manufactured news of artificial value, or whether the News Letter adequately shoulders its potential responsibilities, is absolutely up to the Association in its constituent parts. The quality of the News Letter will reflect now, as it has in the past, the quality of interest and co-operation shown by the body it was instituted to serve.

In at least five categories it can fulfill its purpose.

Discussion of major issues can be held prior to convention in these columns, and members, having obtained some notion in advance of the trend of discussion, can bring more expertly considered opinions to the floor than they do at present. We welcome concise notes on the problems of: pre-convention planning of committees; mailing of treasurer's report before convention; which of the suggested primary branches, if any, to adopt (God and the stock market willing); proper tenor and content of the L. L. Nunn biography; our system of graduating members without previous notification; and our moderate success (or failure) in achieving the ideals which give purpose to the Association. The floor is yours, gentlemen, for an uninterrupted and closely attended discussion of matters vital to the Association, and to us its members.

The News Letter will serve as bulletin for any officers or committees which desire to make reports and announcements of general interest periodically throughout the interim between conventions.

Men at Deep Springs will find in the News Letter a legitimate and val-

uable medium for introducing themselves to members of the Association, who are anxious to become acquainted with them. Deep Springs news that is of interest there is the worth-while subject for individual communications, and is welcomed by the News Letter as the most practical means of satisfying the never-ceasing interest of the Association in its sister institution.

The old-timers, hoary Olmsted ancients, may here keep in touch with new phases in old problems of the institution that they founded. And to us youngsters they can write reminiscences of early days, supplying background and tradition all too hard to preserve with our quickly shifting generations of members.

Nor is it to be supposed from any of the foregoing exhortations to discuss seriously our serious issues, that we attempt to exclude that Winchelliana which pleasantly pervaded the News Letter before it assumed the pseudo-formality of a news sheet. Personal items in the News Letter hold a quality of immediate interest peculiar to this organization, where the members know each other well.

Such is the manifold purpose of the News Letter. Our plan for executing it is simple. We solicit voluntary contributions, but will employ all methods of persuasion available to us, subtle and otherwise, if we are forced so to do. We urge no man to feel under obligation to indulge in rambling discourse, and would prefer to run a large number of concisely pointed articles.

W. B. K.

C. H. Yarrow

1645 Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.
October 10, 1931

Dear Bill:

Here it is only a week gone, and I am so thoroughly wrapped up in philosophic thought that I was almost afraid the promised contribution would not materialize out of the mist.

For those who have not heard and are interested, some explanation of my locus in time and space may be advisable. I arrived at the end of the college course with more than usual perplexity as to the future. The Association in convention assembled made the "magnificent gesture" of giving me a free choice for further study, and this summer I proceeded to exercise that free choice. Out of several possibilities, I finally chose Yale Divinity School. I won't waste your time by going into the various reasons or sentiments that produced this judgment except on one phase of the decision, namely, the question, whether to go to Telluride House or elsewhere. This may be of more value for discussion. It is the same old question of immediate loyalty to an institution of the Association or more distant service to the aims of the Association through self-development. In this case I was fairly sure that my own devel-

opment would be better furthered elsewhere and not thinking very highly of my possible contribution to the House, I considered that the interests of the Association might be better served in my self-improvement. It is a difficult question of balance, with selfish interests likely to complicate the matter. I must explain further that my reasons for discriminating against Ithaca are directed more against the University than the House. Although one cannot stay there forever, in the three years I was there, I think I was far from realizing the full benefits, and another year would have been very valuable. (Think of the luxurious air-conditioning I may be missing!)

Having been at Yale a whole week and a half, I can sit back in a satisfied way and say that my choice was fully justified and bring plenty of reasons for supporting it. But such is the conceit of human nature that I probably would have said the same no matter what the choice, and brought just as conclusive evidence. My work here is to be half in the School proper and half in the graduate school of Yale College. Thus I hope to get at least two very different viewpoints on philosophical and social questions, the scientific and the religious, with all sorts of variants of these. In the Divinity School I have two seminars, each led by four able professors. They will both probably have pretty much the religious and specifically Christian approach; one to contemporary philosophical thought, the other to contemporary life-social problems. In the Graduate School, I have a course in Philosophy of Science, which, I think, will give the scientific slant on speculative thought very ably. I also have a course in Economics under Professor Rogers, which consists in a study of Pareto's General Sociology. Pareto brings a very strictly scientific, objective method to bear on social problems. This neatly interlocking schedule, then, is the outline of my course for the first term and one week of it has me sufficiently up in the air to indicate much greater heights in the future. It is very interesting and stimulating. There is one question as to whether I will be able to get anything like unity and organization for myself out of the conflicting opinions and a bigger question as to whether a year in such a speculative atmosphere will bring anything in the practical realm of choosing a career. It may be simply an intellectual spree, but I hope to make the most of it anyway and get thoroughly drunk on ideas. It is certainly a complete change from a major in chemistry.

That ought to be more than enough of a completely self-centered recital, Mr. Editor, so I will sign off promptly, wishing the News Letter a highly successful year. Harvey sends his pastoral blessings, but says they might better come from the vice-president.

Yours for the asking,
MIKE YARROW

Cornell Branch Notes

Branch Members

ALBERT ARENT, Rochester, is a senior in the Arts College, majoring in Economics, intending to study Law at Cornell following his graduation. He is vice-president of the Hillel Foundation, and has been actively identified with the Liberal Club ever since his freshman year. As Senior Editor of the Cornell Daily Sun he constantly descends into Ithaca, but always rises again to Telluride.

PARKER BAILEY, Cleveland, Ohio, is taking his first steps toward the bar. Barring missteps, he should reach goal by June, 1934. In company with other musicians at the branch, he spends many spare moments at the piano.

JULIUS BRAUNER, Ithaca, will receive his LL.B. degree in the fall of 1932, having pursued his course as speedily as possible, and with conspicuous success. He is Assistant Editor and Business Manager of the Cornell Law Quarterly. For the second time, the Branch has chosen him as its chief executive. With Sam Levering, he makes up the oldest guard, having spent four years at the Branch.

HERBERT W. BRIGGS, a guest of the Branch for this year, is Assistant Professor of Government at Cornell, his teaching being devoted principally to International Law and Relations. It did not take the other members of the Branch very long to discover that he is also an accomplished musician.

JOHN H. BURCHARD, Lake Bluff, Illinois, comes to the Branch with advanced standing after three years at Deep Springs. He is a member of the class of '34 in the Arts College, and is interested in the study of economics. He was elected to membership in the Association at the 1931 convention.

HARRY CAPLAN, another guest of the Branch for this year, is Professor of Classics at Cornell. However widely opinions may differ as to the value of Caplan's Classics in the education of youth, all are agreed that his companionship is exhilarating. One is reminded of the words of Hamlet over Yorick's skull: "a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy . . . flashes of merriment, that were wont to set the table on a roar. . ."

DUANE CARNES, San Diego, California, is entering upon his third year at Cornell Law School. When the mazes of Future Interests and Jurisprudence become wearisome to him, he is always able to summon the refreshing spirits of musical classics, with his flute.

CHARLES M. GILBERT, Washington, D. C., is a junior in the Arts College, majoring in Geology. He is the A. W. Mellon of the Branch cabinet, and his services in that important office are highly appreciated.

WILLIAM KUDER, Oakland, California, is a Junior in the Arts College, majoring in Economics, intending to study Law after graduation. But for his constant goading, there would be no writers for the News Letter, and still fewer readers.

WILLIAM C. JAYTON, Concordia, Kansas, is a Junior in the Arts College, majoring in Zoology as a pre-medical student. He is a member of the editorial board of the Cornell Daily Sun.

SAMUEL R. LEVERING, venerable Branch member, who has seen generations rise and decline during his span here, is doing graduate work in Pomology, concentrating upon teaching during the first semester, and research during the second semester. He is chairman of the Board of the Cornell Contemporary, a publication of the Graduate Students' Association. He is chairman of the Public Speaking Committee in the Branch.

HORACE PETERSON, a guest of the Branch for the year, received his B. A. degree from Pomona College in 1931. He is beginning graduate work in History, planning eventually to teach the subject. He is especially interested in research covering the period of the World War, with emphasis on American participation.

DONALD B. READ, Golden, Colorado, is a Junior in the Arts College, majoring in Zoology and Chemistry as a pre-medical student. He is chairman of the Model League of Nations Group, and is a member of the Liberal Club. In the Branch he performs the indispensable duties of Secretary.

ROBERT D. RICHTMYER, Ithaca, is a graduate student in Physics, holder of the Andrew D. White fellowship. His fine violin-playing has given much pleasure to his fellow-members at the Branch for two years. He was elected to membership in the Association at the 1931 convention.

GEORGE B. SABINE, Ithaca, is also a graduate student in Physics, and became a member of the Association at the 1931 convention, but he is unlikely to be mistaken for Richtmyer merely because of these factual coincidences.

RICHARD M. ROBERTS, Winnipeg, Manitoba, is a junior in the Arts College, entering with advanced standing after three years at Deep Springs, and majoring in Chemistry. He was elected to membership in the Association at the 1931 convention. He upholds the dignity of the third flute chair in the University Orchestra, and at the Branch he may often be heard in concert with the aforementioned Carnes.

CAMPBELL SCARLETT, Columbus, Ohio, is described by an associate as the Comparative Lit. star of the University. In his capacity as book-review editor of THE COLUMNS, he doubtless has opportunity for extracurricular comparison of literature.

He plans to teach English before many years have elapsed.

ROBERT SHERIDAN, Piqua, Ohio, is a Junior in the Arts College, having entered with advanced standing after three years at Deep Springs. He is headed toward Engineering. As an expert trumpeter he brings a new tone-color to the musical life of the Branch. He was elected to membership in the Association at the 1931 convention.

MORGAN SIBBETT, Provo, Utah, is another Arts Junior, combining his courses toward engineering. He is active in the work of the Cornell Liberal Club. He is a member of the Branch Advisory Committee, and has been elected to assist Treasurer Gilbert, but his influence here is not measurable in terms of mere office.

FRED SPOONER, Piqua, Ohio, with his two predecessors on this list, rounds out a mighty trinity in Engineering. He is a junior, and is quoted as saying that he hopes to put a bit of lace on his tool-kit before he graduates. He is vice-president of the Branch, and chairman of the Advisory Committee.

WILLIAM F. SULLIVAN, Amsterdam, N. Y., begins his second year in the Cornell Law School with a reputation which is sufficient to cause his professors of last year to refer to him with something akin to trepidation. By inaugurating a vigorous plan of voluntary informal study, he succeeded in leading his class. He is a member of the Branch Advisory Committee.

DAVID WITHROW, Columbus, Ohio, is a Freshman in the Arts College, a guest of the Branch for this year. He asserts that he has ambitions, but prefers not to define them. He was elected catputter of the Branch by a landslide vote.

JAMES WITHROW, Columbus, Ohio, is a Senior in the Arts College, majoring in Mathematics. He plans to attend the University of London next year, to study Social Philosophy with Harold Laski and others. He is President of the Liberal Club, and holds a high diplomatic job in the Branch as chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

PROFESSOR GEORGE L. BURR, beloved by uncounted generations of Telluride members, again lends his genial presence to the Branch.

Guests

Dr. Bob Aird and two colleagues from Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester were our first Sunday guests this year, visiting us on September 27, and being welcomed by a Branch only partially populated. Mrs. James R. Withrow, of Columbus, Ohio, was the first guest of the season entertained by the Branch entire.

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Deep Springs Notes

On Monday afternoon, September fourteenth, the Deep Springs Student Body arrived here in the midst of a heavy rainstorm. Both look very promising for a good year ahead. Again we have twenty members, half of them being new fellows.

First Year

Charles Brunel	Fred Laise
Bonham Campbell	Henry Lantz
Owen Dickenson	Dick Lewis
Ward Fellows	Malcolm Mooers
Tom Gilliard	Richard Wheatley

Second Year

Walter Balderston	Armand Kelly
Charles Dimmer	Don Matson
Jim Haughey	Roy Ryden

Third Year

Carl Allen	Earl Ohlinger
Ellot Marr	Ted Rust

The faculty this year, consisting of Dean Kumler, Mr. Camp, and Mr. Moeller, is the same as that of last year with the exception of Wally Cook, who is continuing his studies in the Yale Graduate School. There are two outstanding innovations in the scholastic work. One is the course in the Evolution of Society which Mr. P. N. Nunn has outlined for us. Divided into four classes, the whole student body is taking the course. Discussions at present are presided over by Mr. Kumler, and later on we are to have lecturers on the subject.

The other course which everyone looks forward to is that in English to be given by Mr. Johnson. The present plan is for the fellows to read and study from a bibliography. This will be supplemented by classwork and lectures during two months in the Fall and the Spring when Mr. Johnson expects to be at Deep Springs.

This last summer has seen quite a few changes. Mrs. Heapy is now Ranch Manager and has charge of the Boarding House which at present is in the finishing stages of a complete remodeling. The Laundry, Store-room, and Dairy-room are all done over; the refrigeration system has been changed and greatly added to by a much-needed electric refrigerator; the kitchen now boasts of a chrome-green paint job, and the dining room is unrecognizable since it went modern in tan walls and ceiling, with blue, silver, and red decorations and a checkered floor design of black and tan. Henry Suhr did the painting, and the result is a mighty good-looking room.

The summer also brought a few cloudbursts to the valley. Westgard went out twice, once for five days, and another time for two weeks. Two cloudbursts came down Crooked Creek and washed out a part of the channel in Wyman just above the Headworks. Due to the late rains we were able to get a fourth cutting of alfalfa which, though small, added a bit to the total of about seventy-eight tons. The water during the hottest part of the summer often dried up completely

before reaching the end of the stone ditch, and consequently only a few of the old checks have yielded anything at all. Our hay-crop, though, has been greatly augmented by the rental of the Young Ranch in Fish-lake Valley. The water supply there has been much better than ours, and a good-sized crop is expected when the last cutting is finished.

TED RUST

Notes and Clippings

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Telluride Association gained three members during the past summer. In order of admission they are: Miss Helen Pratt of Salt Lake City, now Mrs. Lee G. Davy; Miss Marjory Ufford of Canastota, now Mrs. Robley C. Williams; and Miss Lulu Mabel Williams, now Mrs. John Augustus Whittle. The Davys are now living at 318 Elmwood Avenue, Ithaca; the Williamses at 219 Bryant Avenue, Ithaca; and the Whittles at 701 West Main, Rochester, Lee and Robley hold instructorships in the University, while John is helping the Eastman Kodak Company withstand the depression.

The engagement of Raymond McKelvey to Miss Margo Elizabeth Ringnald, of Los Angeles, was announced formally last month. This news followed shortly after Ray's appointment to an instructorship in political science at the State Teachers College, Santa Barbara, California.

J. C. "Pat" Othus writes from Urbana, Illinois, that he is spending his sabbatic year at the university working for his Master's Degree in the Department of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. Mr. Othus has for several years taught physics at Oregon State; he returns there at the end of this year. Mrs. Othus and daughter Jeannette (6 1/2 yrs.) are at Urbana with Mr. Othus.

Clipping from the Portland Oregonian: "Election of Dr. H. V. Hoyt, 46, graduate of Purdue, Harvard and Stanford universities, as dean of the school of commerce and head of the department of business organization and operation, was announced today by President Kerr. He will succeed J. A. Bexell, dean of the school for 23 years, who on September 1 was given the rank of dean emeritus.

"Dean Hoyt, who is 46 years of age, comes to the college with a background of high academic training, professional experience, and administrative success that fits him exceptionally well, according to officials here, to head the school of commerce with its close connection with other technical curricula on the campus. His appointment is effective October 1."

Mr. Hoyt was a constitutional mem-

ber of the Association and is at present an active member.

Fred M. Moore has started work this autumn with Sears, Roebuck & Co., at their Salt Lake City retail store. Mr. Moore is at present assistant to the Merchandise Manager, in charge of all detail work in that office. He says, "I have an excellent opportunity to learn the ropes thoroughly concerning the operating and management of this type of business."

W. Paul "Prof." Jones has accepted a position in the English Department at Ames, Iowa—teaching, with no executive work attached. Mr. Jones majored in English composition and literature at Wabash College, receiving his B. A. degree in 1913. He attended the University of California during the summer of 1919, and received his Ph. D. at Cornell. From October, 1913, to June, 1917, he was an instructor in the preparatory industrial branches of the Association, and many a pinhead still carries rosy mental welts.

Cornell Branch Notes

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We enjoyed her company during the opening days of the semester. Mr. and Mrs. McRea Parker, of Cleveland, Ohio, visited us on October 8 and 9. Our guests on Sunday, October 4, were all within the family, so to speak, being Chancellor and Mrs. Elmer Johnson, and the three most recent Telluride bridal couples, the Davys, Williamses, and Whittles. Dan Lindsay, with Miss O'Sullivan and Miss Canfield, spent the week-end of October 10 here. For Sunday, October 11, our hospitality was extended one step beyond the immediate family, when we entertained Dean and Mrs. Richtmyer and Miss Richtmyer, Dean and Mrs. Thornhill and Miss Thornhill, and Miss Dorothy Read.

Bulletin

In preparing a revised list of addresses for publication in the December issue, we were unable to discover where these people were. Please send in any information about their addresses that you can.

Frank Lumpee	J. J. Nunn
J. L. Nelson	R. C. Washburn
H. H. Pittinger	W. F. Courtney
Charles Pitzer	Henry Gonner
Gordon Pollock	P. A. Goodwin
H. E. Snedaker	L. H. Hutton
W. L. Cook	N. K. Chamberlain
J. K. Sexson	Bradford Yaggy

Please advise us before December first of any change from your present address as we now have it.

Clippings from newspapers concerning Association people are earnestly solicited.