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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1906.

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CALENDAR

Friday, April 20, Literary Societies
7.40 p. m.
Saturday, April 21, Base Ball,
Lafayette at Easton.
Monday, April 23, Glee Club Prac-
tice, 7 p. m.
Tuesday, April 24, Orchestra Re-
hearsal, 7 p. m.
Wednesday, April 25, Y. M. C. A.
6.40 p. m.
Thursday, April 26, Glee Club
Practice, 7 p. m.

BASE BALL

The baseball season at Ursinus was opened on Saturday, April 7, when the home team played the Albright College team. The game was a fairly interesting one, but it utterly failed to bring out the faults and weakness of the home team. The opposing team was far stronger than any other that Albright has of late years placed in the field. Last year's score against Albright was 11-4, so that if you can count on comparison, this year's Ursinus team ought to develop into strong combination. There were no brilliant plays made on either side.

The score :

URSINUS	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Paiste, p, ss	0	2	3	4	0
Garcia, ss	0	0	0	1	0
Kerschner, 3b	2	2	0	1	1
Faringer, 2b	2	1	2	1	1
Colyer, rf	1	1	1	0	2
Roth, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Abel, rf	0	0	0	0	0
Fenton, 1b	1	3	6	0	0
Koerper, cf	1	1	0	0	0
Crunkleton, lf	1	1	1	1	0
Tobias, c	1	0	13	1	0
Mabry, p	0	0	0	0	0
	9	11	27	9	4
ALBRIGHT	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Rothermel, lf	0	1	0	0	0
Buck, cf	0	0	1	0	0
C. Kelchner, 2b	1	2	2	0	1
Croman, 1b	1	0	8	0	1
R. Kelchner, c	0	1	11	2	0
Mumma, 3b	0	0	0	0	1
J. Kelchner, ss	0	0	0	0	1
Glassmiere, rf	0	1	1	0	0
Eisenberger, p	0	0	1	8	0
	2	5	24	10	4
Ursinus	1	2	5	1	0
Albright	2	0	0	0	0

VACATION SERIES

The baseball teams left Collegeville on Wednesday morning, April 11 for its four-day trip. Carlisle was reached about 2.45 p. m., and at 3.15 the game with the Carlisle Indians began. It was evident from the first few innings that our boys were up against it, for they were unable to connect safely with the speedy delivery of the Indian pitchers. The result was a shut-

out, 5-0. However, Ursinus put up a stiff up-hill game. Paiste pitched a steady game allowing the Indians only seven hits. Had he received perfect support he would have blanked the Redskins, since they did not have an earned run. Several disastrous errors were made behind him which turned out to be costly. Charles held the Ursinus batsmen completely at his mercy, allowing but two scattered hits, and striking out fifteen men.

The score :

URSINUS	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Paiste, p	0	1	3	5	1
Garcia, ss	0	0	2	2	3
Kerschner, 3b	0	0	2	1	0
Faringer, 2b	0	0	2	0	2
Colyer, rf	0	0	1	1	0
Fenton, 1b	0	0	7	0	0
Koerper, cf	0	0	2	0	0
Crunkleton, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Tobias, c	0	1	5	0	1
	0	2	24	9	7
INDIANS	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Roy 1b	1	1	6	0	0
Youngdeer cf	2	0	1	0	1
Balenti, lf	0	2	0	0	0
Twin, 2b	0	1	0	0	0
Pappau, ss	0	0	1	1	0
Henrick, 3b	0	0	2	0	0
Archiquette, rf	0	1	1	0	0
Baird, c	1	1	16	0	0
Charles, p	0	0	0	2	0
White Crow, p	1	1	0	0	0
Mt. Pleasant, p	0	0	0	0	0
	5	7	27	3	1
Ursinus	0	0	0	0	0
Indians	1	0	0	4	0

Thursday morning early the team started for Mercersburg, arriving there about ten o'clock. The game was called at one o'clock. Ursinus started off with a rush. After Paiste had been retired Faringer and Kerschner singled, and Colyer scored both by a slashing double to left centre. The next men failed to score Colyer. Seven more hits were made in the game but were scattered too much to do any damage, although bad base running in the fifth inning cut off a sure run.

For Mercersburg, Moore walked in the opening inning, stole second, and scored on an overthrow to third. In the fifth inning Swank singled to left. The next two men struck out. Moore then tripped to left, scoring Swank and himself scoring the winning run on a combination of poor throws.

Ursinus outbatted Mercersburg two to one, but lack of team work lost the game.

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URSINUS UNION

The regular meeting of the Ursinus Union was held Monday, April ninth. Papers were read by Reisner, '07, and Steward, '07, and reports were given by the heads of the Departments of English and History. A brief abstract of Mr. Reisner's paper follows :

The Instrument of Government is an obsolete English constitutional document promulgated during the period of the Commonwealth. It was put forth by the New Model as a substitute for the monarchy, and although it purported to represent a government by the people, it was in spirit and practice sectarian. By the Instrument, the powers of Parliament were expressly stated and realized the contentions which had brought on the Civil War. The executive department was rested in the Lord Protector and a Council, which had power to checkmate the chief executive at almost, if not every point.

The chief innovations to be noted in the new constitution were : (a) there was no house of Lords ; (b) there was a high property qualification for suffrage ; (c) the parliament was made supreme in the making of laws ; (d) the chief executive was deprived of many powers which the king had formerly exercised ; (e) the new Council of State. The Instrument of Government represents an entire change from the genius of English institutions. It was sectarian in spirit and practice. It was the work of the Army. These three reasons briefly explain the downfall of the Instrument in less than a year from the time it was set up.

Mr. Steward's paper was on Mark Twain :

The spell of humor is wonderful and can provoke praise and admiration, where other forms of literature fail. Mark Twain by his ingenious humor has won a name both in our own and foreign lands. Many foreign critics and writers declare him their favorite of our writers. At home his fame is still greater. No American is so much sought after as an after-dinner speaker and lecturer as Mark Twain.

His best productions are his books of travel, including "Innocents Abroad" "A Tramp Abroad" and "Following the Equator," his portrayals of boy-life, Tom Sawyer and "Huckleberry Finn," and his only attempt at a novel, "Puddin'-head Wilson." The books of travel, sparkling with wit and glittering

phrases have captivated his foreign readers, while the interpretations of boy-life have endeared him in the hearts of all Americans, young or old.

Mark Twain's humor is difficult to analyze. For convenience it may be said to be of three kinds : (1) humor by a combination of ideas ; (2) the light, effervescent kind ; and (3) the suggestive kind. The fun produced by the clear combination of ideas is his stronghold, and peculiarly his own. Other writers can cause laughter by a skillful handling of ideas. His funniest things are so funny because they are possible.

Mark Twain, then, is first and last a humorist. He will remain in the hearts of all Americans as a genial and whole-souled man surveying the world through a comic mask, and will hold the place, which has often been given him,—that of the Prince of humorists.

FIRE AT OLEVIAN HALL

Last Sunday about midnight several students who were spending their vacation at the college noticed a strong odor of smoke in the air. They became alarmed and upon investigating, they discovered that dense black smoke was issuing from Olevian. The fire started in the cellar and ate its way up between the weatherboards and plaster to the second floor. Fortunately the blaze was confined to one side of the building, and was discovered before the flames had gotten much headway. All the students and many of the citizens of the town responded to the alarm, and soon the bucket brigade was doing excellent work. The college hose was soon attached and the Collegeville fire engine was pressed into service. In a short time the fire was under control. The loss is estimated at about one hundred and fifty dollars and is covered by insurance. The reception room was flooded with water and part of the wainscoting was destroyed. The room directly above was damaged.

It was extremely fortunate that the blaze was discovered before it had a good start, and that there was little wind blowing at the time. The damage was not sufficient to interfere with the use of the building.

Rev. C. D. Yost, '91, was installed as pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, Phoenixville, Pa., on Thursday evening, April 5.

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EDITORIAL

At their last meeting the members of the Board of Control decided to try a new experiment in the editing of the URSINUS WEEKLY, and elected two editors-in-chief instead of one. The reasons for this change were that by the new system greater versatility would be obtained, and that there was too much work for one editor to do. In the minds of some, the change seems unwise, but we believe that it is at least worth a good trial, "An editor must take too much time from his regular studies," has been the complaint, and this defect should be remedied by the plan of dividing the work and responsibility.

Many valuable suggestions have been offered how our college paper may be improved. The general cry is for more news and less Society notes. It has been said that the WEEKLY is too dry, and that there is too much in its columns which nobody reads. Undoubtedly there is room for improvement and the suggestions are good, but it must be remembered that Ursinus is a small college and that material is scarce. The former staff did excellent work under the circumstances, and until its student-body takes more interest, there can be no improvements. If each student would feel a personal interest and cooperate with the staff, a more interesting paper would be the result.

The new staff will try to reflect the attitude of the student-body and to make the paper more inter-

esting to the Alumni. To do this we must have more cooperation from the Alumni themselves. Any item of news concerning Ursinus graduates will be thankfully received.

The darkest of the night is that immediately preceding the dawn. Four straight defeats in four days does not look encouraging for base ball at Ursinus, especially when we recall the brilliant success of last year's team in a similar series. What is to be inferred? Are we to think that a long string of defeats is staring us in the face?

Last year's team began its Easter trip with ten men, everyone of whom had had at least one year of experience in baseball. The battery work was done by two pitchers and a catcher who had played baseball in their respective positions for several years. This year, without much preliminary practice, the trip was begun with a team in which five out of nine positions were new to the men occupying them, and three of which were filled by men who had practically no experience.

In addition, the Indian, Gettysburg and Dickinson teams are fully fifty per cent better this year than they were last year. Moreover, the players of these teams are selected from student bodies ranging in number from 200 to 400. Two of these colleges have paid coaches who do their utmost to get good base ball material.

Our material this year is good. Individually, this year's team excels that of last year. What is needed to insure success is team work. Team work in fielding, team work in batting, team work on bases. Two games of the trip were lost because there was no team work. Good systematic practice and encouragement from the student-body will work wonders. Let the student-body come out and root. Show the players that the student-body is back of them and in a week Ursinus will be represented by a fast baseball team. Ursinus has a reputation in baseball to uphold. Let each one do his part.

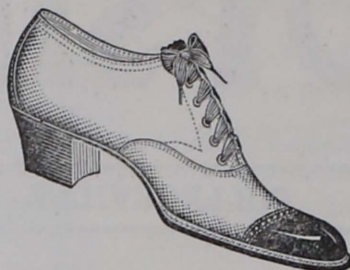
SOCIETY NOTES

SCHAFF.

The program rendered in Schaff was a debate. The question discussed was,—Resolved, That fraternities are beneficial to small colleges. The question was a timely one and provoked a great deal of interest and discussion. The lack of fraternities at Ursinus has been felt for some time, and consequently a hearty debate ensued.

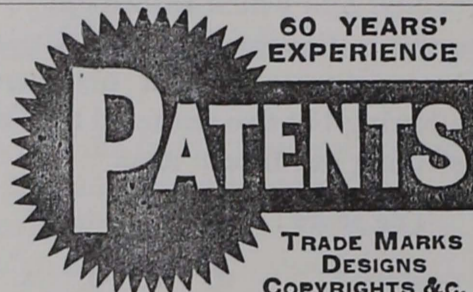
The chief affirmative speaker was Ellis, '07, the first speaker, Miss Hobson, '06, the second speaker, Beck, '09. This side presented the

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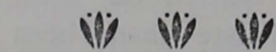
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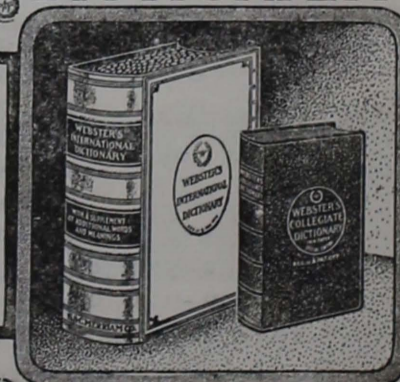
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3. Fraternities advertise a college and consequently draw a better class of people.
The Negative side was composed of Cook, '07, chief speaker, Danenhower, '08, first speaker, Miss Minta Beck, '09, second speaker. They said in part:
1. Fraternities fail to agree with the aims of college work.
2. They are unnecessary, and are an economic waste of time and money.
3. The evils are greater than the benefits.
4. They defeat the aim of good scholarship; and are highly detrimental to Literary societies.

The judge decided in favor of the negative on the merits of the debate. On the merits of the question the society voted in favor of the affirmative.
The musical numbers consisted of a piano solo by Harman, '06, and a vocal solo by Fogleman, '09.
The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term: President, Harman, '06; Vice-President, Steward, '07; Recording Secretary, Miss Spangler, '09; Corresponding Secretary, Sturges, '09; Financial Secretary, Koons, '09; Treasurer, Wolff, '08; First Editor, Smith, '06; Second Editor, Myers, '07; Critic, Ebbert, '07; Chaplain, Beck, '09; Pianist, Miss Long, '09; Janitor, Miller, '09.

ZWINGLIAN.
The order of exercises for the evening was a discussion of the subject, "Resolved, That the present system of political parties is incompatible with good government in country, city and state." The affirmative, Messrs. Kerschner, '09, Reisner, '07, Brown, '07, and Wise, '06, put forth the following arguments:
I. The Australian Government is a model government without political parties.
II. Initiative and referendum is a good substitute for political parties.
III. Destroying political parties does not promote monarchism.

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IV. Political corruption.
The negative, Messrs. Stoner, '08, Godshall, A, Long, '09, and Keasey, '06, argued as follows:
I. The Australian Government is inferior to our own.
II. Initiative and referendum was tried and failed in Switzerland.
III. Monarchical form of government is undesired and unsuited to the United States.
IV. We need not destroy but reform the party.
The judges and the house decided in favor of the affirmative. An excellent Review was read by Miss Behney, '06. Under Voluntary exercises Rhodes, '08, rendered a violin solo and Wise, '06 a vocal solo.

NOTES ON THE BASEBALL TRIP
Dr. Ebbert, former President of the college, greeted the team at Chambersburg.
Gilland, '09, witnessed the game at Mercersburg. Lindeman, '09 and Rhodes, '08, were the spectators at the Gettysburg game.
Kerschner and Mabry were the principals in a contest to see who could write the longest and sweetest love letter. Mabry came out ahead with Kerschner a close second. The longest letter written which won the contest for Mabry, filled eighteen pages and consumed four and one-half hours.

"Peanut" Paiste holds the world's record as a fire-escape descender. At Gettysburg, while Paiste was sleeping, his roommate Garcia yelled "fire" in his ears, whereupon "Peanut" jumped out of bed, slipped on his trousers, and descended the fire-escape in 13 seconds, beating the then-standing record by 2 1/4 seconds.

Paiste, Colyer and Koerper each made four hits on the trip. Kerschner followed with third. Ursinus made twenty-five hits to their opponents' thirty-two.

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BASE BALL
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The score :

URSINUS	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Paiste, ss	0	1	3	1	1
Faringer, 2b, c	1	1	4	0	0
Kerschner, 3b	1	2	1	2	1
Colyer, rf	0	1	1	0	0
Fenton, 1b	0	1	3	0	0
Koerper, cf	0	2	2	0	0
Crunkleton, lf	0	0	1	0	0
Tobias, c	0	0	7	0	1
Mabry, p	0	2	1	3	0
Garcia, 2b	0	0	1	0	0
	2	10	24	6	3
MERCERSBURG	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Moore, ss	2	2	3	2	0
Matchneer, 2b	0	0	1	2	2
Sparrow, 1b	0	0	7	0	0
Schultz, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Kelley, rf	0	0	2	0	0
Eichelberger, 3b	0	0	1	1	0
Swank, cf	1	1	2	1	0
Port, c	0	2	8	4	0
Edwards, p	0	0	3	0	0
	3	5	27	10	2
Ursinus,	2	0	0	0	0
Mercersburg,	1	0	0	2	0

The team left Mercersburg at three o'clock and stopped over night at Waynesboro. The next morning about nine o'clock they reached Gettysburg. Several of the players took a trip over the historic battlefield while others rested at the hotel.

The game with Gettysburg was stubbornly contested, but Ursinus was outbatted and outplayed. Paiste started in to pitch but after pitching five innings with a sore arm he retired in favor of Colyer, Paiste going to short and Garcia to right. The game turned out to be a slugging match, poor throwing again helping to swell the score for Gettysburg. Colyer led the hitting for Ursinus with a double and a home run to his credit.

The score :

URSINUS,	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Paiste, p, ss	3	2	0	7	0
Garcia, ss, rf	0	0	0	0	1
Faringer, 2b	0	1	0	1	0
Kerschner, 3b	1	1	0	0	3
Colyer, rf, p	1	2	0	2	0
Fenton, 1b	0	0	11	1	0
Koerper, cf	1	1	2	0	0
Crunkleton, lf	0	1	2	0	0
Tobias, c	1	1	9	0	0
	7	8	*23	11	4
GETTYSBURG	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Lantz, 3b	3	2	1	4	2
Poffenberger, cf	1	2	0	1	1
Sieber, 2b	1	2	0	1	1
James, ss	1	0	1	1	1
Kauffman, rf	0	1	1	1	0
Elliot, 1b	2	1	12	0	0
Himes, lf	3	3	0	0	0
Rowe, c	0	1	0	4	1
McDonald, p	0	1	0	4	1
	11	11	†25	12	5

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*Rowe out, hit by bsted ball.
†Colyer out, cutting 1st base. Only 2 out in ninth inning.

The team reached Carlisle about ten o'clock Saturday morning, determined to take one game of the series. Again Ursinus was outbatted and outplayed, but especially were they outrun on bases. Mabry was in poor condition to twirl, but nevertheless pitched a steady game. Dickinson has a team of experienced players who put up a fast, snappy game, their base running being a feature.

The score :

URSINUS	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Paiste, ss	0	0	1	2	1
Faringer, c	1	0	5	0	0
Colyer, rf	1	1	4	0	0
Kerschner, 3b	1	0	0	0	1
Fenton, 1b	0	0	7	0	1
Garcia, 2b	0	1	1	1	0
Koerper, cf	0	2	1	0	0
Crunkleton, lf	0	0	4	1	0
Mabry, p	0	1	1	2	1
	3	5	24	7	4
DICKINSON	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Smith, ss	2	1	1	5	0
F. Simpson, c	1	0	6	0	0
Davis, 1b	2	2	14	0	0
Lathan, lf	1	2	0	0	0
McIntyre, rf	1	0	2	0	0
J. Simpson, 2b	0	2	0	2	0
Lingle, 3b	0	1	1	3	1
Crutchley, cf	0	0	3	0	0
Houseman, p	0	1	0	3	0
	7	9	27	13	1
Ursinus,	2	0	0	0	0
Dickinson,	3	0	1	0	0

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