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**THE FASHION OF GOING TO COLLEGE**

The positive stimulus of going to college—an ambition to secure an education—has been replaced by negative stimulus—a wish to avoid the stigma of being one who has not a college education, declared President Hopkins of Dartmouth recently.

Commenting editorially on this speech, the "Harvard Crimson" says that two facts in particular appear to account for this condition.

"One is the prevailing fashion of a college education, for the unfit as well as the fit, a fashion which may be accounted for by the great increase in American wealth—relatively true for all classes since the war. The other is the changed policy of the colleges themselves. 'Broadened,' which generally means lowered, entrance requirements, and the growth of departments which are vocational rather than academic in character, permit the attendance at colleges of large numbers of 'students' who are seeking not an education but a short cut to a job. Such people want, not learning, but a certificate of college residence.

"While the situation which President Hopkins remarks upon undoubtedly exists and constitutes a serious menace to American education, already there are apparent tendencies which promise to mitigate it. The fashion itself is beginning to share the fate of all fashions. As a college education becomes more and more common, the prestige attached to it is minimized. The hordes of young college graduates who pour annually into the world find that diplomas are not exempt from the working of the law of supply and demand. Business men and other observers examining the early products of the new theories of quantity production become increasingly skeptical as to their value;—witness the recent report of a Yale commission deprecating the worth of college graduates as railroad executives. And finally, the sharpening of the distinction between cultural and occupational education in modern universities will operate to decrease the social value of the latter and to restrict the former, in name as well as in fact, to those whose desire for genuine learning entitles them to it."

Then again we hear of the graduate of the University of Nebraska, who, after having been out in the world for six months concludes that four years in college are absolutely thrown away. He complains that at the university they "Trained my mind by methods of study, they crammed it full of History, Philosophy, theory and facts, but left me untrained to meet the world and its problems." This college graduate says the dreamy idealist is welcome to his philosophy. He says to let him say that money is not everything, "But for everything that he tells me money will not buy I will tell him ten things that it will."

"The Daily Nebraskan" agrees with the dissatisfied alumnus in that the University is to blame for an accurate and popular conception of the Arts College. "Mr. Mann (the alumnus) like thousands of other prospective college students, probably heard that the average earnings of eighth grade graduates are so many hundred dollars, the earnings of high school graduates so many hundred dollars more, and the earnings of college graduates so many thousand dollars more."

"The Daily Nebraskan" says further, however, that "Mr. Mann's failure to get rich quick will not worry the friends of the Arts College. The pitiful philosophy of a graduate who volunteers to name ten things that money will buy for every one thing that it will not buy, may cause them much more alarm. Such materialistic views do not reflect credit on a cultural college."

President Crooks, speaking to the Seniors last week, spoke in somewhat the same line of thought. He told of the girl who after having found out that Alma College would not make an interior decorator out of her or a few other things asked "Do you mean to say that if I graduate from Alma College I won't be able to do anything?" Our own Seniors on the brink of severing collegiate ties often have somewhat the same thoughts. Here they are graduates and not able to build a bridge,

cure a case of the measles or convict a murderer.

Yet the college of Liberal Arts does not profess to make tools of its students. Many of them feel doubtful about being "cultivated" or "broadened." Yet they would not claim that their college courses had landed them no place. They may not remember all the economic causes of the Revolution but they could find out what they were. We had always supposed that the Americans gave the British a much deserved whipping in the War of 1812, yet after reading a recent article in the "Century" we are somewhat doubtful. The Tories used to be a villainous group in our minds, yet we have since learned that the patriots drew their greatest constituency from the riffraff of the colonies.

We do not mean that an education in a Liberal Arts college shows the greatest benefits from an intelligent American history course. But a college course should give us the proper disillusionments, equip us with the ability to easily avail ourselves of essential facts in most any field, set us in the direction of right thinking by our own selves, and make us able to judge people, things and events in a sensible manner when we leave the protecting walls of the academic institution.

**LITERARY NOTES**

(There were some errors in our recent article on the history of the Alma College Library. The verifications are as follows:)

"Later librarians; . . . Miss Case . . . being absent on leave the last two years. During her absence, 1900-1902, Miss May Z. Springer was librarian 1900-1901 . . . succeeded for one year by Miss Minnie L. Converse, who served in 1901-1902. Miss Helen L. Coffin was the librarian for one year, 1902-1903, and was followed by Miss Essie G. Hooper, now Mrs. C. W. Sidebotham, who held office from September, 1903 to March, 1907. From then until June, 1908 Miss Edith L. Cook was librarian. She was succeeded in September, 1908 by her sister, Miss Helen B. Cook, now Mrs. John H. Collier of Washington, D. C., who held office until August, 1919 . . . .  
"A course in Library Methods has been included since 1913 . . . ."

There is a display of views on library building in the vestibule, and a collection of publications with illustrations has been placed on the south end of the charging counter. These may be of interest in following up the very interesting stereopticon lecture given two weeks ago by Mr. Goodrich on "Some Interesting American Libraries."

A list of new books recently added to the library has been posted in the reading room. Among these are many which should be of interest to all readers.

**ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE**

It happened in the year 1935; it happened in Alma, and on the Alma College Campus. The cavalry had been called out, but it was too late. Another martyr had been hastened away to his reward. And it all came about in the following manner:

There was in college at this date a queer gink. He was older than the average student (he should have better, 'tis true) and thus possessing considerable worldly knowledge, caused a lot of trouble. It wouldn't have been so bad if he had kept all his ideas to himself, but it was just like crooking his finger at Charon, to keep publishing those fool notions in the college paper.

At the beginning of the pigskin season he had asserted that it was foolishness to keep up the football games with the U. of D. Even if the expenses of the entire season were thus balanced, he maintained that the resulting injuries and damages to the team's morale made it a very unbusinesslike matter. (The coach in '35 was an Irishman.) Then, too, he found fault with other collegiate activities. Finally this intrepid journalist had said that an audible yawn during a particularly dull chapel service was entirely justified. Fortunately he still had the students on his side; then that fatal issue of October 13, '35 came out.

The martyr-to-be had been stumbling on potato crates and rummaging through the files in the new library stack room (in the basement of the Museum) and while looking over them suddenly was seized by an idea. His brain's first-born appeared in that fatal issue, on the front page.

It happened when the editor was walking home. Suddenly he was surrounded by a howling hooting mob of students. A rope was produced, and the martyr-to-be; was. The gang disappeared to the European.

The next day a short inquiry was held. The most popular student of the college appeared in court. He brought with him one of the fatal issues, and his plea was as follows:

"You see, your honor, up to Alma, we have a pretty hard and fast tradition. It's only ten years old, but any skunk of an editor that tries to do away with it, is bound to get his." He then displayed the paper with the appalling headline:  
"LET'S HAVE AN ALL-COLLEGE DANCE!"

**SENIORS BUMP INDEPENDENTS**

**Alma Independents Defeated in Tuesday Night Battle With Collegians.**

Tuesday night the Alma Independents were defeated by the Alma College Senior class outfit by a score of 36-24 the Seniors holding the upper hands at every stage of the game. The first half ended with the Seniors leading 16 to 6.

Harley Catherman was the big scoring noise of the night ringing eight baskets. Welhoelter, Davis and Lemon each contributed three to the Senior cause. Gettle led the losers in the scoring column.

In a preliminary the high school team was defeated by the Frosh team 28 to 20, Coach Gill using his entire squad, as a preventive measure to keep his regulars from any possibility of being stale Saturday night when Alma met Mt. Pleasant high in the tournament here.

**COACHES PICK M. I. A. A. TEAM**  
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forward court positions, while the attack is scarcely more effective in its field than the telling man-to-man defense which the five would present to an opposing line-up.

Kalamazoo, in taking the championship with only one defeat, experienced a return to the days of little more than a decade ago when the Orange and Black swept through the M. I. A. A. for ten straight court championships, the record being broken the next two years by the triumphs of Alma's wonder team, a scoring marvel last year when led by "Red" Carty, now track coach at Detroit Northwestern.

Rynearson at Ypsilanti found his winning combination just too late, dropping the first game of the season to Hillsdale by a 1-point margin on the Baptist floor. The defeat cost the teachers a tie for the championship. No team approached the two leaders, Alma and Albion splitting their won and lost games for a tie for third place.

Albion ran up the highest score for the season in beating Olivet on the Marshall High School floor, 51-38, while the low count of the year was Alma's 12-30 defeat by Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo had two close calls in staying out in front of the M. I. A. A. pack from the start of the schedule, Olivet playing a 21-23 game with the Orange and Black early in the season, and Alma almost taking the leaders into camp on the Kalamazoo floor, 29-28. Except for Albion's high game, Michigan State Normal was the only team to break 40 points, the teachers running up that score or more in four games.

Coaches choosing the all-M. I. A. A. team were R. W. Betchel, Albion; Roy Campbell, Alma; Elroy Guckert, Hillsdale, Chester S. Barnard, Kalamazoo; Elton J. Rynearson, M. S. N.; and Joseph N. Schafer, Olivet.

**Season's Statistics**

Standings at the close of the season are:

Team	W.	L.	Pct
Kalamazoo	9	1	.900
M. S. N.	8	2	.800
Alma	5	5	.500
Albion	5	5	.500
Hillsdale	3	7	.300
Olivet	0	10	.000

Total points made by the six teams are:

M. S. N.	357
Albion	314
Kalamazoo	292
Alma	283
Olivet	230
Hillsdale	222

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**CAMPUSOLOGY**

Ike—I can understand, Professor Clack, how they find the planets and all that. But tell me, how did they ever get to learn their names?

Mrs. Mann—That boy of ours gets more like you every day.  
Mr. Mann—What's he been up to now?

Hop Anderson just arrived in town and was walking across the street and happened to notice a sign on a hardware store: "Cast Iron Sinks." He stood for a minute and then said: "Any fool knows that."

Tommy—Say you were talking in your sleep last night.  
Jake—Pardon me for interrupting you.

**Y. W. C. A.**

Helen Benson was in charge of the regular Y. W. C. A. meeting this week. The program consisted of reports by Elma Bishop and Alma Gilbert concerning a district conference at Detroit of the Y. W. C. A., at which they were the representatives of our organization.

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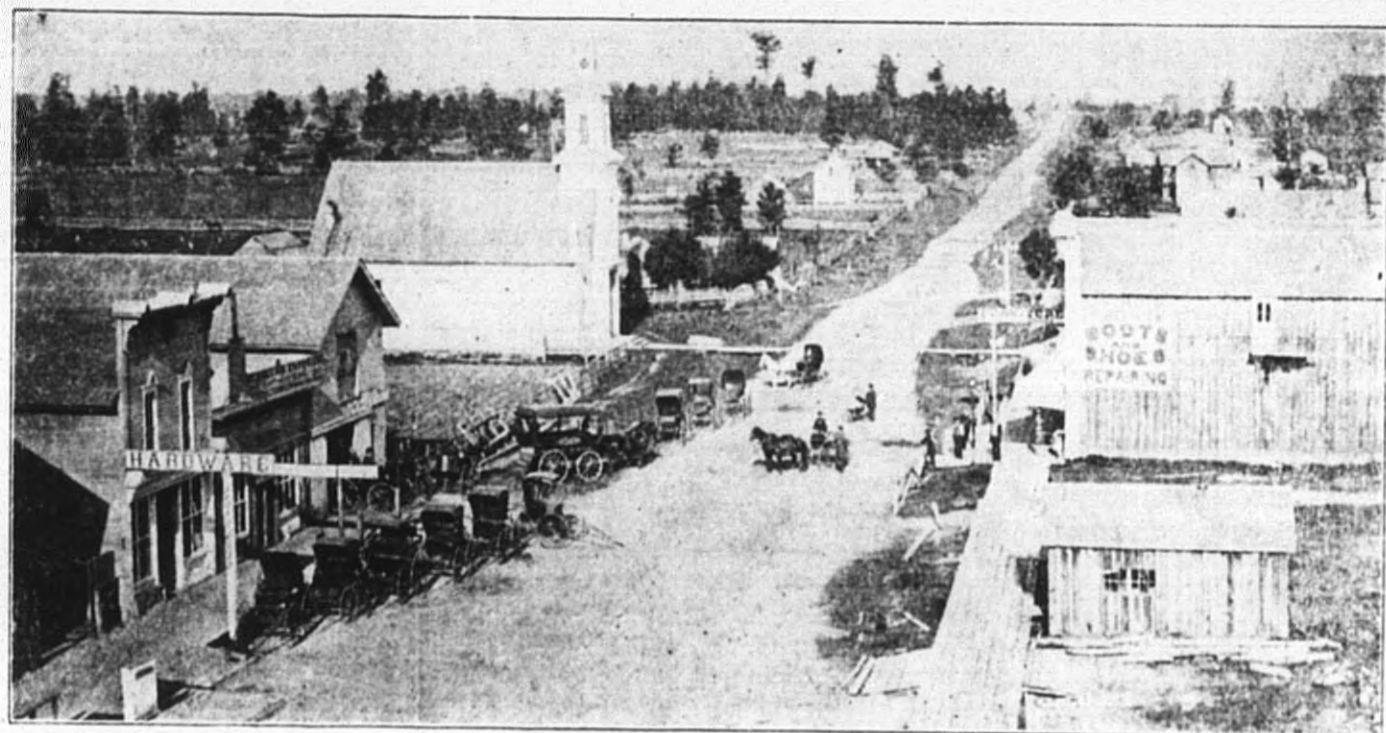
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ALMA IN 1870

There are students who come to Alma and call it a hick town because the banks don't stay open Saturday nights, because there are no Chinese restaurants, no street cars and no elevators in the department stores. Let these folks gaze at this picture and discover that Alma once might have been classed as a hick town but we could scarcely say so now.

The above picture, which we borrowed from the Alma Journal, was taken a long time ago. It was taken before there was any Recreation. We can't see any drug store signs. There seems to be no Strand or Idlehour. The picture was taken before Professor Cook got his bicycle, before President Crooks became bald, before Pioneer Hall was built and before Bill Gallagher or Bob Wyatt first came to college. And that, my dears, was a long time ago.

COLLEGIATE

According to Prof. C. H. Judd of the University of Chicago, "a good student can read a page of an average book in two minutes and absorb what he has read."

The University of Dubuque has discontinued athletic activities with other colleges because they proved more of a liability than an asset. Students now are permitted to compete only among themselves.

Andrey J. (Swede) Oberlander, famous back on the Dartmouth 1925 eleven, has accepted an offer to coach at Ohio State University under Dr. J. W. Willee.

In connection with the present day furor concerning professional football coaches it is interesting to learn that Harvard's first football head coach, George S. Stuart, was a man who had never played football in his life.

Sabin W. Carr of Yale University bettered the world's indoor pole vault record recently in the Yale-Willis-Brooks trials with a mark of 13 feet 1 inch.

Moving pictures of the Minnesota debating team in action have been taken. The debate coach believes that these will provide an excellent means of showing his team how they will appear to the audience.

The Charleston, as an aid in preventing fallen arches and flat feet, is being taught the O. A. C. basketball team by their coach. He uses it daily in their setting up exercises.

A course in canoeing has been offered at the University of Missouri.

Fifty Juniors and Seniors at the University of North Carolina were granted optional attendance during the winter quarter as a reward for making an average of eighty-five per cent during the fall quarter.

Mount Holyoke offers its students a course in the Ido language while Vassar includes a course in Esperanto. Ido and Esperanto are the two international languages which have been most efficiently adopted.

The University of Minnesota claims the honor of having the largest faculty of any school in the world. There are 1250 teachers listed there.

The government course in naval aviation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be open to Harvard University undergraduates again this year.

In the Oxford-Cambridge relays held early in the winter, five Americans ran for Oxford and one for Cambridge. The Cambridge team, with but the single member from the States, was victorious.

In collaboration with the Fleischman Yeast Co., coach Keen of the wrestling team at the University of Michigan, is trying the experiment of giving his squad two cakes of yeast each day.

For the second time, an American has won the prize awarded annually by the Royal Academy of Belgium for its mathematical competition. The 1925 winner was Prof. William C. Graustein of the department of mathematics of Harvard University.

Taking advantage of the fact that many of his players are more fluent in French than in English, Tulane's football coach developed a new set of signals in French.

A recommendation was made at the Intercollegiate Parley on Education at Wesleyan that the number of games played by football teams in one season be limited to four.

The city of New Haven recently passed a law against "jaywalking." The first violator to be caught was a law student of Yale University.

The University of Indiana has a pole-climb, pillow-fight, tug-of-war, cage-ball and greased platform contest to decide the victor of the inter-class field day.

As a protest against a new ruling at Baylor University, that women cannot take automobile rides in the evening, 40 men and women took buggy rides.

CAMPUSOLOGY

Shades of Sid Foster

A prominent student on the campus who hails from the U. P., was asked the other day if there weren't great wind storms in the far north.

"Oh, my yes," said he, "terrific ones."

"But don't you find them a great handicap?"

"Oh, my no, in fact the wind once prevented our bank from being robbed."

"Do tell!"

"Well you see every time the bandits blew the door of the safe open the wind would blow it back shut again."

"Is this the speedometer, dear?" she asked coyly as she peered at the instrument.

"Yes, darling, that's the speedometer," I answered softly.

"Is that the cut-out?" she asked sweetly as she tried to reach it with her foot.

"Yes, Honey, that's the cut-out," I answered as I took my foot off the accelerator and stopped for a fast moving freight train which was blocking our way.

"But what on earth is that?" she asked curiously as she gave the accelerator a vigorous push with her tiny foot.

"This sweetheart, is heaven," I said in a soft voice, as I picked up a gold harp and flew away.

Nisbet—Have a cigar.  
Smythe—No thanks. I've sworn off smoking.

Nisbet—Then stick it in your pocket for tomorrow.

A certain Scotchman gave a waiter a tip. If you must know—the horse lost.

"Why does she always cuddle next to the driver?"

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"Where's the connection?"

"He is in the auto repair business."

The Idlehour

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**AROUND THE CAMPUS**

We are thinking seriously of keeping a record of faculty blushes. It gives us unholy pleasure to find one of our pedagogues feeling that maybe he might feel a mite embarrassed. We already have Miss Landwehr and Professor Hamilton on our list. We have recently added Dr. Broken-shire. We have tried to tell other students about this but only those who were present in the Apostolic History class and actually caught the Doctor in the act will credit us with telling the truth. By printing it in The Almanian we establish the report as infallibly accurate.

There was once in the Christian Church some such a thing as a "Sacred Kiss." The custom has since been dropped but Dr. Broken-shire was telling us of an incident in Germany when it appeared to him that a good old German lady approached him after a church service with a seeming intent to revive the tradition. If you insist on knowing, Dr. Broken-shire, escaped. We are not sure whether his blushes in relating the incident to us are because of the good woman's intent or because of the shame he felt in confessing that he fled. Our present statistics merely credit him with a "faculty blush."

We hear the report that the upper-class girls in Wright Hall are making valiant attempts to free themselves from "Freshman tyranny." We don't like to mention how uppity these Freshmen girls are because they called us down for it last time but our duty towards a free and courageous press makes it necessary. It seems that at the N. W. meeting last week only a couple of the first year girls appeared to carry in the chairs from the dining room and after the meeting the upper-class girls found themselves in the sad office of carrying the chairs back out again. The real sorrow of the oc-

casional comes in when we hear that the Frosh girls suffered a fine of a social cut. We also hear that they are quite provoked about it. Now The Almanian is supposed to view college problems in a constructive attitude. We therefore recommend that the girls initiate a Vigilance Committee for the first year women, such as exists for the men.

Spring is coming. If you don't believe it look on your calendar. Our platform for the Spring convention is that Saturday night at Wright Hall should be open. We also believe that Friday night should be open until eleven o'clock. We would thus approach the freedom of high school students. We know a couple of Wright Hall girls who are going to stay at their grandmother's during Spring Vacation. The horrible part of it is that the grandmother thinks that eleven o'clock is late, both for going to bed and for getting up. These girls feel that they might almost as well stay in Alma as far as a vacation is concerned.

We have found a faculty member giving a test in which we were bound to get some credit. Mr. Sharrar gave the economics history class a test the other day sixteen questions long. Each question answered correctly gave four points. Then because it took four more points to make a hundred he allowed each member of the class four points free. Most tests have a handicap of a much different nature.

The Senior girls are still taking steps to alleviate the Senior debt. They are serving breakfast to late leavers in Wright Hall Sunday mornings. We can think of no greater sacrifice than the assuming of a duty which necessitates arising at seven o'clock on Sunday morning.

Them blushing and cheerful that first of all we had of the table should be ready for usual business during those first few farious moments of serving.

For five continuous hours the students in the Department of Architecture at Washington State College were held in session in order that they might obtain an idea of the conditions which await them when they leave college to practice their profession. Coffee and sandwiches were served at their desks in order that there would be as little interruption as possible.

The honor system in tests and examinations adopted at Rutgers five years ago, is to be abolished at that institution, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the undergraduate body of the men's college.

In appreciation of his services during the restoration of the University of Laurain, King Albert of Belgium has conferred upon Dr. Frank P. Graves, President of the University of the State of New York, the order of Knighthood of the Crown.

**"No Good Heads"  
Cry the Swipes**

The Wright Hall swipes are complaining against what they claim is a lack of good heads among the diners at Wright Hall. For those of those who do not eat in the dining room we will explain that the "head of the table" is the individual who takes the food from the tray and serves it to the other six people at the table. The head is supposed to be responsible for the decorum of the persons at his or her (usually her) table and is supposed to be an autocrat exacting the respect of the diners based on the scale.

But as far as the swipe is concerned the head is judged by the speed with which she can take the food from him and the speed with which she can get her table out of the hall.

Now certain folks often wonder why their swipe seems to carry a grudge with him throughout the entire meal and gives them the impression that of all the people in the world he hates them the most. The reason probably is that the head wasn't ready when he brought the food out, was fumbling with her napkin, was talking across the table, or asked him if he couldn't shut a window. No seeming fault there, but the swipe was delayed two seconds in delivering the food and was placed at the end of the coffee line and thus delayed three minutes. Then by the time he had served his coffee the seconds were all gone and the table held him responsible. The swipes also develop a grudge when someone at his tables seems to want to hold an endurance contest and he sees his brother swipes all sitting down to their table and dishing up the dessert leaving him the meager hopes that he can secure some by "scavenging."

Four years ago Edith Hughes was rated as the best head by the swipes. A year later Norma Messecar was claimed to be the most efficient. Last year Dorothy Flannegin seemed to be the prime favorite. But this year the swipes claim that there is no one individual who can reach the heights of these others and that the general average is very low.

The cause is due to the tendency this year of different ones acting as heads at different meals and the unholy tendency of the Freshmen men to make a grand rush for the rear of the dining hall to secure a stag table in the basement that they are thereby going to get more credit.

The swipes do not intend to get on a subject and announce the name of a "good head" contest. But they say that if Edith would have

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**G. V. WRIGHT'S**

**AVOID THAT COLD**  
We mend the Rips  
And patch the Holes  
Build up the Heels  
And save the Soles.  
**Mayes Shoe Shop**  
Opposite Idlehour Theater

**SENIORS**  
A good Photograph with your application will help you get that position. Have a sitting now—don't put it off.  
**"Baker"**  
The College Photographer  
Next door to G. V. Wright's

**Spring Time**  
The crisp snappy spring days compare favorably with our new lines for spring—  
Suits, Shirts, Neckwear, Hats, Hosiery and Gloves, —brimful of snap, style and color.

**Topcoats**  
A special early showing of the new models including the famous KNIT-TEX Topcoat at  
\$30.00  
Others \$20.00 and up

**Oxfords**  
Black, Tan, Blonde shades \$5.00 to \$10.00  
Freeman, Nunn-Bush and Crawford Shoes, leading American Footwear Makers

**G. J. Maier**  
Men's Fur and Clothier

**The STRAND THEATER**  
Tuesday, March 16  
LAST DAY  
**SID CHAPLIN**  
—in—  
**"THE MAN ON THE BOX"**  
The fun masterpiece of the entire year!  
Wednesday, Mar. 17th  
**LAURA JEAN LIBBY'S**  
**"A Poor Girl's Romance"**  
Thursday and Friday, March 18 and 19  
**LEATRICE JOY**  
—in—  
**"Hell's High Road"**  
A Positive Sensation!  
Saturday, March 20th  
**LEFTY FLYNN**  
—in—  
**"BETWEEN MEN"**  
Sunday and Monday March 21 and 22  
**RIN-TIN-TIN**  
—in—  
**"Below the Line"**  
The best "Dog Picture" ever made.