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ANNUAL PHI PHI ALPHA BANQUET

Held on Lincoln's Birthday at Wright House Was Successful Affair.

Journalistic composition does not hold in it the possibilities of an adequate description of the Phi Phi Alpha Lincoln banquet, held in the Wright House on the evening of February twelfth, Lincoln's birthday. About forty couples were present for the occasion. At eight o'clock the grand march began from the upper reception room, led by President Perrigo and the guests of the evening, Dr. and Mrs. Notestein, Dr. and Mrs. Randels, and Mr. A. J. Williams of Olivet. It wended its way down the long stairs to the accompaniment of a lively march played by the orchestra, and then into the big dining room.

The banquet room was simply but very effectively decorated. The light came from a number of beautifully shaded floor lamps. The two long tables were brightened by vases of cut flowers which they bore. Just behind the speakers was the picture of Abraham Lincoln, seeming to grant sanction and give benediction to this event in his memory.

Dr. Notestein delivered the Invocation. Then, when all were seated, and and read and admired the programs, the meal was served and enjoyed to its fullest extent, extra pleasure being produced by the splendid music of the orchestra. When the last course was cleared away, chairs were pushed back and the toastmaster of the evening, President Perrigo, arose and announced that the program, following a unique arrangement, would be a "Phi Phi Alpha Canoe Trip." He designated himself as "stern paddler" and called upon Mr. Thoms to speed the parting voyagers with a violin solo. Mr. Thoms responded with an excellent bit of playing, and an encore.

Then a little man was given a big man's job, and William Amos took the "Push Off." His keynote was: "Before one can 'push off' upon any enterprise, whatever it be, and hope to reach a successful destination, there must be an impelling motive to guide the ship," and he pointed out some of the motives which actuated the society in its enterprises and also the motives of the seniors, who are new about to "push off" into the sea of experience.

"Cushions and Lazybacks" was most appropriately the topic taken by Miss Marion Reid. She dealt with the joy of the idler, who contrary to his seeming character is one who sees and enjoys the things about him, and she brought back pleasant memories of the Pine as she spoke of the pleasure of gliding up the river with a strong and certain paddler behind to propel the canoe. Finally the speaker touched on the pleasant affiliations of Philomathean and Phi Phi Alpha and ended with the toast to the men.

The men, led by President Perrigo, responded.

Next to speak was Frank M. Vreeland with the subject "Snags." Snags on the River Pine and snags on the River Life are alike, said Mr. Vreeland, and both, with their unpleasantness have their values. The obstacles in our lives only make us stronger when we overcome them. To avoid snags is well, to surmount them is also well, and when the worst are gone by we may look back at them with pleasant memories, and ahead at clear water with pleasant anticipations.

No canoe trip would be complete without music, so the Phi Phi Alpha quartette, Amos, Perrigo, Lyons, and Peterson were the next to entertain.

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Girls Glee Club Home Concert

To-Night Presbyterian Church

MASQUERADE PARTY

All-College Valentine Masquerade Planned for Next Friday Evening at Wright Hall.

The next big social event of the college year will be the Valentine Masquerade party, to be held in Wright Hall Friday evening, February 18th. Those who remember the party of last year know something of what to expect from this one, and it is promised to all those who come that they will enjoy themselves thoroughly.

The party is being put on at the initiative of the Y. W. C. A. of the college, which has such a successful record and reputation in planning and carrying out social events such as this one. A great deal of preparation is being made for the masquerade by the committee, and indications are that it will be a big affair.

To engender interest in the masquerade, prizes are offered for costumes. One will be given for the prettiest, one for the funniest, and one for the most original. Here is an opportunity for the college artists, humorists, and those who have bright and happy inspirations, to make use of their talents in designing a costume for the evening.

Stunts of all sorts, every one interesting, will fill the evening's program, and eats, more properly designated as refreshments, will come at the conclusion of the evening's entertainment.

Those who are planning the event are doing everything that they can to make the evening a pleasant one, and it only remains for the students to cooperate with them and attend in full costume to bring success to the undertaking.

INTERESTING EXHIBIT

Shown in Library Contains Newspaper Account of Lincoln's Assassination.

An interesting exhibit is being shown in the Library in connection with the anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The exhibit is a collection of books and papers dealing with Lincoln's life and works, and is placed in the showcase just inside the main entrance to the building. The books and other documents shown here should be of great interest to the lovers of the great patriot.

Perhaps the most remarkable paper in the case is a copy of the New York Herald for April 15, 1865, which contains an account of the assassination of President Lincoln, and the attack on Seward. The paper is yellow with time, and has been torn and repaired a number of times, but it is still entirely readable. All the despatches which told of the act of assassination are contained in it. Other sections of the paper contain other historical news which should interest everyone, but it is the main article which gives great value to the paper. This valuable copy of the Herald was given to the Library by Ammi W. Wright.

The whole exhibit is worth looking over, and should prove especially interesting at this time of the year, so near to the birthday of our Civil War president.

The University of Cincinnati has adopted the Honor System, as have several of the other colleges of the country just recently.

NEXT LECTURE

The fifth of the Alma College lectures for this year will be given next week Thursday, February 24th, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. in the college chapel. The speaker will be Mr. William Warner Bishop, Librarian of the University of Michigan Library. All who heard Mr. Bishop's two lectures of last year will know that the coming number promises to be worth hearing. The exact subject will be announced later.

ANOTHER TRIP

College Meets Adrian and Albion Away From Home.

Alma's basket ball aggregation hopes to improve its standing in the M. I. A. A. race this week, but to improve the standing must win from both Adrian, to be played Friday, and Albion, to be played Saturday.

The game at Adrian will be the first meeting with the Adrianites this year, and as Adrian made things warm for both the Michigan State Normals and Kalamazoo.

Alma defeated Albion by only three points on the local floor, and playing on the smallest floor in the association on Saturday night, the indications are that Alma will suffer a defeat at the hands of the Methodists.

Hopes are being held, however, that the Maroon and Cream may get not worse than an even split, and possibly grab off both contests.

RESERVES DOWNED AGAIN

Playing the best game they have played this season the Alma College Reserves went down to defeat before the St. Louis Independents last Friday night, 10-6. The game was fast and furious as is evidenced by the fact that only three field baskets were caged during the entire game. Close guarding was a feature of both sides. Erickson played a stellar game at guard for Alma, and succeeding in breaking up many of their plays. Jerry Marks was the point getter of the game, making every point for Alma on free throws. He had an uncanny eye for the basket making 6 out of 8. Cathcart and Brewer played the floor well, and Simms, who replaced Graham, showed St. Louis that football tactics can easily be converted into basketball playing. Andrews was the shining light for St. Louis. Lack of sufficient team-work and inability to cage field goals lost the game for Alma.

MENTAL TESTS AT MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan will be the first institution of learning to give mental tests to all students who fail in their studies. Under the direction of Professor Guy M. Whipple, professor of experimental education, tests similar to those of the army will be given in an attempt to discover the reasons for scholastic failures.

From two to four hundred students fail yearly in at least one subject. This is a loss to both the student and the school. Professor Whipple hopes by these tests to weed out the mentally deficient from those who fail because of lack of application, or time for study. The mentally deficient will be advised to take work for which they are best fitted, and definite recommendations will be made to the other delinquents, for the purpose of minimizing the loss, in both time and money, to the college and the student.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PARTY

Christian Endeavorers Have Big Time at Church Friday Evening.

When the call rang out for the Christian Endeavor Social the response was not great in number but it was great in spirit. "Come and lose your dignity" was the motto of the occasion, and it was well lived up to. Dignity began to ooze away when the high chief keeper of the yardstick began to measure for the entrance tax. Two cents a linear foot was the tax, and how happy the committee was to see a six footer come in the door.

When everyone was measured the fun began with the whisk broom game. The whisk broom is a common object, and no one realized before that time how elusive it could become when one was trying to catch it.

Then under the leadership of Wenger and Ainsworth a great contest began. First there was the clothespin relay. It may seem easy to set two of these wooden things on their wooden heads, but it isn't, and when the process is repeated along the whole line, it becomes interesting. Then came the caramel chew. The caramels were the hardest to be procured in Alma, but strong jaws made quick work of them. And then two teams made quick work of walking, hopping, and skipping across and back the width of the room. The exchange of smiles seemed about to be a tie, until the judges declared a forfeit for violation of the rules and another point was chalked up for Wenger. If you ever want to know how hard three men can blow, just put them at the end of a table, with three more on the other end, and let 'em play blow football with an empty eggshell. It takes almost as much exertion as the real game. That was the last contesting event, and when the clothes pin awards, one for each victory, had been counted up it was found that graft existed on both sides and no decision was possible.

Cocoa and wafers made up the refreshments, and when every one had seconds—and thirds and fourths—it was time to depart, and the party broke up. Whenever you want to have a good time, come to a C. E. party.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

From the Business Staff of the Maroon & Cream Play.

The accounts for "The Man From Home" are now all settled and the following financial statement will be of interest to the student body.

Total receipts	\$467.00
Total expenditures	208.88
Net profits	\$258.12

This amount has been divided equally between the Senior and Junior classes, making a total of \$129.06 for each class.

The management realizes that the co-operation of the student body and the faculty, the townspeople, and the efficient sales organization made possible this financial success, and expresses its thanks to all for their part in the undertaking.

Wilson: How come that Jimmie Rose is stepping out with Peg Ardis now?

Vreeland: Oh, Beshgetoor and Calkins got mad at her and set Jim up to it to punish her.

LOSE TWO GAMES ON ROAD TRIP

College Tossers Drop Rough One to Olivet; Drubbed by Kalamazoo.

Those who have seen the Alma College basket ball team in action this year on the local floor would be willing to swear that no team could defeat the Maroon and Cream 46 to 8, but this happened at Kalamazoo College Saturday night, following the Olivet game of Friday evening, which was turned into a football contest that left the Alma midgets so worn down that they were practically helpless before Kalamazoo. Alma was defeated at Olivet 9 to 5.

Mathematically the Alma five is still in the race for the M. I. A. A. title, whatever that may mean. To all practical purposes however, the race has been decided and the Michigan State Normals of Ypsilanti can now be called the 1921 champions. The balance of the season will see a fight for positions in the race, with the probability that Alma will not finish better than third; Kalamazoo undoubtedly having the strength to take second place in the race.

The game at Olivet resembled a football contest more than any other thing, in which, reports indicate, everything was allowable except running with the ball.

Hacking was one of the features, and there was hardly a time that Alma got a shot at the basket but that this took place. Not a field basket could be obtained, the five points coming on fouls.

Olivet won, but the victory was a costly one for her, in the minds of Alma fans.

The team was so worn out from its struggle on Friday night that it fell an easy prey to the Kalamazoo collegians on Saturday night, and the Kazooks led by Captain McKay, ran up a count of 46 to 8 on the tired, worn-down Alma bunch of cagers. Good treatment was shown the team at Kalamazoo.

CHAPEL TALKS

Taking for his subject the ancient Hebrew practice of garnering, Professor Hamilton spoke Thursday morning on "leaving the corners of your fields." It was the practice of the reapers of Biblical times to leave in every field which they harvested a certain amount of grain in the corners and the odd nooks. The reason of the practice was that those, too poor to have grain of their own, might from these uncut corners gain enough to furnish them food for the year. In our own lives the speaker impressed the necessity of leaving "corners" of our fields for those who are less fortunate than we, that they may, out of their bounteous store, receive some small part.

On Friday President Crooks took the topic of "Faith" and spoke of its relations to our lives. There is much all around us which inquires implicit faith. Almost unconsciously we have placed our faith in many of the common things of life. Faith is an essential element. But when we lose faith there is an upheaval, often a re-arrangement. Much of our industrial and financial trouble of the last year or so has been due to what President Wilson titled a "psychological panic," but which, when analyzed, proves to be a lacking of faith. We seldom realize how much we must depend in faith for our belief in all that surrounds us, yet our faith is remarkable in its instability. But so long as the world is, faith must be a large part in the life of every individual, and a firm and true faith will help that life greatly.

Frank Notestein, son of Professor Notestein, and a student at Alma last year, will take the leading part in a play soon to be given by the Sophomore Class of Wooster College, says the Wooster Voice.

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THE HONOR SYSTEM

It is a popular thing to write editorials on the honor system, but this article is not motivated by that consideration, but rather by the inherent worth of the idea and its importance to Alma. We cannot blindly advocate the adoption of this policy of examinations in our college, but a consideration of its worth as it effects us is worth while.

The honor system is not a new thing; it has been in use, especially in the preparatory schools and academies of this country for many years, but it is only recently, in the past two years, in fact, that it has been taken up widely by the colleges and universities of the United States. Within the last year its popularity has grown with astounding rapidity, and one after another of the greater institutions of learning have taken it up. Among the more prominent of those places where the honor system has recently been adopted are Valparaiso University, Ohio State University, Gustavus-Adolphus College, Minnesota, and certain departments of Colorado Agricultural College.

The rapid growth of the honor system idea cannot be charged to a fad; there must be something behind this growing movement which is so deeply interesting the colleges of the country. It must be that the worth of the system is coming to the front and compelling consideration of it. And if the system is worthy of consideration elsewhere, it may not be out of place to take some thought of its relation to Alma.

This honor system, though taking slightly varying forms, is essentially an agreement entered into by the students and faculty of the college, whereby the students agree to play fair in examinations without being under constant observation, and not only that, but to do their bit in bringing to justice any offenders. Usually the direction of such a system is under the student council or senate. It is, in the main, an effort to do away with cheating in examinations.

Despite the high standard which Alma students have always upheld, it has been unpleasantly brought to our attention just recently that the student body is not entirely free from those who are willing to stoop to unfair means in examination work. The circumstance is a lamentable one, and steps should be taken to remedy it. The question is whether or not the honor system as being taken up would fit our case and eradicate the cribbing evil.

This is not a matter to be lightly thrown aside or lightly taken up. It requires deep thought and a conscientious effort to determine what will be best for Alma. And it should be considered.

"Openmindedness is the willingness to take suggestions. The man who knows it all is standing on a banana peel placed there by a fool-killer just around the corner. The man who is not openminded will get into a rut, and after all, the only difference between a rut and a grave is the width and depth.

A man might have honesty, health, ability, initiative, knowledge of business, tact, sincerity, industry and open-mindedness, but without enthusiasm he could only be a statue. Enthusiasm is the white heat that fuses all these qualities into one effective mass."—V. H. Hayden.

"Cheerfulness, courtesy and tact are the lubricators of business."—James Samuel Knox.

Five women students are learning auto mechanics in the engineering shops of the University of Wisconsin.

TRAGIC SCENES FROM LIFE

(Apologies to Bill Shakespeare)

Is this Hering's Theory which I see before me,

The words upon this page? Come, let me learn thee.

I read thee now, and yet I understand thee not.

Hast thou not, Doc Randalls, sensed The feeling of the class? or art thou but

A tyrant o'er us all, a cruel master —cruel mystery

Who tortureth our heat oppressed brains?

I see thee now, with cheeks as red As the apples on thy trees.

Thou commandest us the things that we should study;

And what experiments we are to do. Thou makest mine eyes the fools' o' my other senses

At least worse than all the rest, I see the eye,

And in its retinal layer rods and cones,

Which I knew not before. There's no sense in it:

It is the impracticable details which whirl

Before mine eyes. Now in one-half my brain

There's nothing stirring, at night these psychic dreams abuse

My restful sleep; at two we celebrate

And make our offerings, such as they are.

We're frightened by the thought, "next hour."

I view my watch which with its rapid pace,

With awful ravishing strides, towards our fate

Moves like greased lightning. Thou sure and firm-set prof,

Give not hard questions, which tax our brains, for fear

Our very papers shall be perfect blanks.

Oh, take the present horror from the time,

Which now consumes us. Whilest I wait, time flies:

As also does what little I did know. (class bell rings)

I go, and it is done; the bell invites me.

Hear it not, classmate; for it is a knell

That summons thee to heaven or to —psych exam.

(exit)

ANNUAL PHI PHI ALPHA BANQUET

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They sang two numbers in fine harmony and melody.

"Around the Bend," the topic taken up by Clarence Hendershot was a review and a prediction. Ahead of us lies the great bend, he said, and we are about to round it to bigger and better things.

The representative from Phi Alpha Pi of Olivet, Mr. A. J. Williams, called to mind in an entertaining manner the pleasures of the affiliations of Phi Alpha Pi and Phi Phi Alpha, broken by the closing of Olivet, but again so happily renewed. Mr. Williams expressed the hope that our friendships might always be kept and enjoyed.

Stuart Pratt furnished much amusement and laughter by his recital of the troubles of the Yiddish merchant in his business relations and in his pleasure trips.

Speaking for the Freshmen, Orville Ingersoll in "Rough Waters" sketched some of the experiences of the new college students and spoke of the trials and difficulties, which when passed make such happy memories.

A searching look over three and a half years of college life was given by Lyle De Barnhart, speaking on "Grassmere Memories." The speech was an appreciation of some of the things of college and society life which mean so much to the student who is leaving them behind.

Hartzell Lyons furnished more music, rendering "On the Road to Mandalay" and "Mother Machree" to the great delight of his hearers.

The crowning event of the evening was the Lincoln Toast, given by Dr. G. B. Randels. The speaker treated the youth of the great man, when he was at about the age of those gathered around the banquet table, and told of some of the troubles as well as the pleasantries which young Abraham experienced in gaining his education. Abraham Lincoln, said Dr. Randels, was a rare combination of great intellect comparable to the greatest of all times and a spirit of love and mercy like that of the finest men and women of every age.

Rarely is such a dual greatness found in a man. His toast was summed up in "Abraham Lincoln, Student": the one who from all his subjects learned the great truths of life which gave our martyred president his greatness.

With the spirited singing of the college song, the gathering broke up, and the merry couples departed for Wright Hall and home, with happy memories of a joyful time, and inspirations from the thought of the character of Abraham Lincoln.

THE ANTI-ALCOHOL SITUATION IN EUROPE

College "Dry" Returns After Touring Universities of Europe Eight Months.

European opinion is one of great surprise concerning America's attitude toward prohibition. The majority cannot grasp it." Thus Mr. Harry S. Warner, general secretary of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, summarized the European attitude upon his very recent arrival in the United States. Mr. Warner has just returned from an eight months tour of ten European countries where he studied the alcohol situation, and visited the various university anti-alcohol organizations.

That the students were eager to get at the facts of the matter was indicated, according to Mr. Warner, by a meeting at King's College. There the students who had 'ragged' 'Pussyfoot' Johnson were anxious to make amends and in a prohibition debate gave close attention took part in a general discussion and were insistent for an American speaker.

In interviewing the leaders of European industries and intellectual improvements, Mr. Warner declared that the great opinion was that if America enforced prohibition for a period of three years, it would have a dynamic influence toward furthering the progress of the prohibition movement throughout that continent.

Y. W. C. A.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held Thursday evening, Feb. 10th, at Wright hall. Miss Harriette Davis assisted by Miss Lucille LeVanseler and Miss Gladys Edgar told about the great needs of Japan. The Y. W. C. A. is based on friendship, Christian friendship. Whenever Y. W. C. A. wishes to organize in a place the first essential is to become friends with future members and leaders. Is there any reason why we cannot stretch out our helping hand to needy ones in Oriental Japan as well as to the needy ones in our county or neighborhood and make them just as comfortable in comparison to the different situation that must be met?

One of the big problems in Japan is the health problem. Young people are taught to refrain from drinking water, advised to have short vacations or none, to go without hats, go out into the heat and to close all windows and doors at night to keep out the night air. To aid this situation young people are encouraged to come to America to study medicine, if not to become specialists at least to know as much as possible of hygiene.

There is great need for good books and the right sort of reading material. The social, moral and religious needs of these people is a serious one, too, and demands much careful consideration. This is part of the work of the Y. W. C. A. and we should help these friends see their needs and to make their lives better.

ALUMNI

The official organ of the "Lion's Club" of Quincy, Illinois, contains an interesting sketch of Rev. Edward Archibald Thompson, the pastor of the Union Congregational Church of Quincy.

Rev. Thompson is an alumnus of Alma, and one whose record in the college is an enviable one. While here he was Almanian editor, master in debate and oratory, and Y. M. C. A. president. After graduation from Alma with the degree of bachelor of philosophy he continued his studies at Yale University School of Religion.

After being pastor of the West End Congregational Church at Bridgeport he took up the pastorate of the First Congregational Church of Greeley, Colorado. During the war he enlisted in the National War

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CAMPUS NOTES
"Fluey" Jackson's presence graced the campus this week end, when he came to Alma to attend the Phi Phi Alpha banquet. Everyone was as glad to see him as he was glad to see everyone.

Emberson Ardis of McBain was an Alma visitor over the week end.

Clinton Seeley was in Alma Saturday renewing old acquaintances.

When business brought "Frenchy" Hebert to Saginaw he was unable to resist the temptation to come to Alma and call on his old friends. Hebert has a position in Detroit now.

Dale VanDuzen was in Alma for the Phi Phi Alpha banquet.

EXCHANGES
Students at Baylor University, Texas, cannot have a vote in the Student Government Association unless they pay a poll tax and have a receipt to show. The income thus derived is spent in booster activities carried on by the Student Association.

More than 2,000 young people were turned away from Presbyterian educational institutions this year because of lack of room. This report was recently compiled by the General Board of Education of the Presbyterian church.

These figures come from only twenty-three of the fifty-seven colleges supported by Presbyterians, of which this college is one. Many of the same colleges are now receiving applications for admittance, and one institution which makes extra effort to provide an education for young men and women who must work their way, is receiving ten to fifteen applications, a week, and has been for some time.

"Nothing succeeds like the appearance of success. It pays to be a gentleman in every sense of the word, and I assure you no gentleman will inflict his presence upon the public while wearing a dirty collar, finger nails that are decorated with mourning, or clothes that are soiled. You have often heard the statement that "clothes do not make the man." This is only half a truth. Paint does not make the picture but there would be no picture without the paint."—James Samuel Knox.

"The greatest foe of ignorance is publicity."—Hugh Chalmers.

PUBLICATIONS CATALOGUED
The library recently sent to the Library of Congress a copy of the latest Maroon and Cream, and a few numbers of the Alma College Bulletin with the request that these might have Library of Congress catalogue cards printed for them. Word has just been received that the request has been granted and that the cards will be sent as soon as ready. This will make these publications and Alma College known to many libraries, as the cards will be sent to all the Depository card catalogues of the United States.

The thirty-four Chinese students who are attending the University of Wisconsin this year recently celebrated their native "Fourth of July," commemorating the ninth anniversary of the birth of the Chinese republic. Among the leaders in this was L. H. Muller Kung, who is a direct descendant in the seventy-seventh generation of Confucius, famous Chinese philosopher of 478 B. C.

If all the money, talent and genius that has been squandered for war purposes had been used to enlighten and humanize the race; we should long ago have risen above the barbarism of war. Mankind is eminently teachable; make the world just, reasonable and sincere, and there will never be any cause for war.—Schultz.

Child study from the standpoint of the mother is the subject of a course offered by the State College for Women of Texas. The course consists of lectures, library readings and psychological laboratory work, intended to fit the young woman to be mistress of a home and mother of a family.

Brevity is the soul of wit but not of love letters.

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Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents

By JAMES MORGAN

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NEITHER Woodrow Wilson nor his administration has yet passed into history, whose judgment on them it would be folly to try to foretell. Nevertheless, much of the record of the presidency is made up and closed, and may be summarized at least, although it is perhaps foolhardy to venture into the flames of passions that blind men alike to the merits and demerits of almost every president while he remains the central figure of partisan strife. "A statesman is a politician who is dead," said Thomas B. Reed.

In this age of ours, when men are going to school to learn business and farming and all manner of vocations, it was natural that there should appear in the White House a man like Woodrow Wilson, who had learned politics in the classroom rather than in the wardroom. The eighth of our Virginia-born presidents—in reality he is not



Woodrow Wilson at 30.

a Virginian, but the son of an Ohio clergyman and of an English mother—was a student or teacher of the science, or rather the art of governing for 30 years before he held a political office.

That fact was left out of their reckoning by the Democratic bosses of corrupt, machine-ruled New Jersey when they summoned the president of Princeton university from the golf links one afternoon in the fall of 1910 to receive the nomination for governor. When this supposed novice in politics declared, as he floundered through what, as he had to own up, was his first political speech, that if elected governor he would govern, the politicians nudged one another and laughed in their sleeves at the idea of a professor trying to run their machine. They laughed out loud when they saw him actually sit down in the governor's chair and begin to play politics out of a book.

Of all things, it was a book which he himself had written in his youthful school days merely as a thesis for his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins. The young graduate-student made the discovery that our Constitution created a vacuum, which the bosses had rushed in to fill.

Alas, popular leadership is neither a science nor an art that can be taught out of a book.

Where other leaders of our democracy have appealed to the emotions, he is one of the least electric, least dramatic of our presidents, with no anecdotes to popularize him, with no legends of his youth or myths about his political career to vitalize him to the general imagination. He owes his various successes at the polls to the cold logic of the political situation and little to his popularity. His academic aloofness from politics, at a time when politicians had fallen into disfavor, made him the available man for governor in 1910. As a candidate for president, he ran a poor second to Champ Clark in the popular primaries of 1912. He was nominated at Baltimore only after 45 ballots, and then only as a result of Bryan's overthrow of the steam roller. And he was elected by the division of the Republicans between Roosevelt and Taft, though he received a smaller vote than the Democrats had polled in three past elections.

It is the tragedy of Woodrow Wilson's nature that when the elements were mixed in him, magnetism was denied him, that lodestone which draws the hearts of men. The head has been the powerhouse of his leadership.

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