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## COLUMBIA'S RECORD VERY UNIQUE

New York, Dec. 8.—After ten years without football, without a single defeat, Columbia's Blue and White ploughed through the colleges it met upon the 1915 gridiron. An edict of the faculty's barred them from the realm of footballers this long time, but my! what a come-back!

Columbia, fairly hopping around on her toes in glee over this year's doings, is expecting great things of the Blue and White eleven next year. The only thing that now appears which might militate against anticipated realization of that expectation is the fact that Columbia is doomed to lose three strong men from this year's lineup: Captain Francis M. Simonds, left half back; Eddy Calder and Herb Buermeyer, left and right end, respectively.

Columbia is getting ready to go after bigger game next year. Columbia wouldn't be at all averse to including Yale in her 1916 schedule. Columbia, in fact, is quite considerably chafing over this year's football not, it might be added, altogether without justification.

Blue and Whittens led off by St. Lawrence 57 to 0, and Stevens 15 to 6, sloughed Connecticut Aggies 17 to 6 and listed N. Y. U. 19 to 16, to say nothing of topping off by shoving Wesleyan off the field with a score of 18 to 0.

Maybe this ten year layoff business is great stuff, after all. Maybe the Miracle Man will try one of 'em. Maybe there's a thing of this so-called psychological stuff in a ten year lay off at that. After Booth Tarkington wrote The Gentleman From Indiana, The Man From Home, The Two VanRevels and other books quite some ten years or so ago, he announced that he'd have to lie fallow for ten years before he could write again, because he was written out. Tarkington's 1914-15 seasons has been a royal come backer too. May be something to it. Columbia ought to know she has one of those psycho departments and maybe there was method in the professor's madness in banning football after all.

The Church league games resume tonight at the Y. M. C. A. As the Baptists and L. D. S. are tied for first place, the contests will no doubt be hummers.

Assurance has been given that sportsmen who go to North Powder next Sunday for the big shoot, will be able to get home by 9:45. This is a big item and insures a greater attendance. Lunch will be served free at some farm house on the fields, and at 5:30 North Powder sportsmen will be hosts to the visiting delegations. All should bear in mind that he should be listed by tomorrow with the club officials here.

E. D. Emahiser is leading a bunch of scrubs against the All-star volleyball players at the Y next Saturday evening. The scrubs assume that the All-stars can be beaten and are going to proceed along that premise.

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Peculiar Facts About People  
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Berlin, Nev. 20.—When State Secretary von Jagow is not engaged upon a diplomatic or something, he's a cartoonist and decorator. As you enter his big office you note a large clean blotter on his desk. As he talks he gradually covers the blotter with pen sketches of humans, animals, all sorts of things. It is said that his servant brings him a new blotter for every visitor.

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The late Horace Hutton used to say that having to take a little trouble would impress a fact on any one's memory so that he would never be able to forget it. In illustration he would tell this story:

"Our waitress, Maggie, could never remember to put salt on the table, and time after time Mrs. Hutton would remind her to do it. One morning it was absent, as usual, and I said, 'Maggie, where is the stepladder?'"

"It's in the pantry, sir!"

"Please bring it in Maggie, I said kindly."

"Maggie brought it in with a look of wonder on her face."

"Put it right beside the table," I commanded, and when she had done so I added:

"Now I want you to climb up to the top of it, look all over the table and see if there is any salt there."

"Maggie never forgot the salt again."—Youth's Companion.

**Envious**

"We had hard work getting a cap on my oil-well. Thousands of gallons of oil spurted into the air."

"I wish my coal-mine would act that way."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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## RURAL CHURCH FARMERS GUIDE

Columbus, O. Dec. 8.—To make the rural church in America not only the religious but the social, commercial and agricultural center for the farmer and his wife and children, is the object of a conference here today between Gifford Pinchot, agricultural exponent and many prominent educators, churchmen, farmers and others are meeting with the Federal Council of Churches and the National Commission on Church and Rural Life. President Wilson is expected to address the convention Dec. 10, the last day, discussing his ideas of rural credits, one of the big questions with which congress is expected to deal this year.

Gifford Pinchot, who is chairman of the commission, in his address before the conference today, said in part:

"I believe we stand today on the threshold of a great movement which will bring back to the church in the country and smaller towns the greater power for good it used to have. I do not contend that the church should take the functions of the Grange or the agricultural school, but I believe the failure of the country churches, through their ministers, to get into productive touch with the work and needs of the country people is one of the fundamental reasons for the present weakness of the country church. Good farms, good roads, good schools are necessary to the success of churches and active churches should assist powerfully in securing such material improvements."

"We are not here to advocate the weakening or strengthening of any one denomination at the expense of another; nor have we any theory to exploit or any ax to grind. We merely seek the truth about conditions, together with remedies that are both wise and practicable."

Ohio has been selected as a field for the first intensive rural church reform campaign. A survey by the state shows that 800 of the 5000 Ohio country churches have been abandoned, one third are growing, while two thirds have ceased to grow or are dying. Eighty three percent of them have a membership of less than 100 each. Only six percent have individual preachers, the others having from one half to one sixth of some minister's time.

The plan is to combine the strength of these country churches and establish at the logical points, community churches which, in addition to being houses of worship on Sunday, will be expected to be active in promoting good roads, scientific farming, public health and sanitation, temperance, public recreation, community beautification, better schools, library organization and other things of that sort.

It is the belief of the leaders of this movement that the average country minister is underpaid and often needs wider practical experience and training. Among those on the program today were:

Dr. Washington Gladden, Columbus; Dr. W. F. Richardson, Kansas City; Prof. Edwin L. Earp, Madison; N. J.; Dr. Alva W. Taylor, Columbus, Mo.; Dr. S. K. Mosiman, Bluffton, O.; Dr. Ward Platt, Philadelphia; Albert E. Roberts, New York; Miss Jessie Field, New York; President W. O. Thompson, Ohio State University, Columbus; Rev. Herbert C. Herring, Boston, and Rev. A. R. Hutchinson, Pittsburg.

**A Bitter Fate**

A number of local Grand Army veterans were having a reunion, and were entertaining brother members from a neighboring State. Some of the visiting veterans protested against certain proposed legislation by the State Assembly.

One of the speakers became so vehement in his remarks and painted the situation so despairingly that an earnest auditor, overwhelmed by the oratory jumped to his feet and cried excitedly:

"Comrades, is it possibly that we died in vain?"—Everybody's.

**A Testimonial**

Judge Parry, in a recent article on "Rufus Choate, Advocate," says on occasion Choate would meet with his Sam Weller. Defending a prisoner for theft of money from a ship, a witness was called who had turned State's evidence and whose testimony went to prove that Choate's client had instigated the theft.

"Well," asked Choate, "what did he say? Tell us how and what he spoke to you."

"Why," said the witness, "he told us there was a man in Boston named Choate and he'd get off if they caught us with the money in our boots."—Tit-Bits.

**Inside Information**

Jack—"Do you believe marriages are made in heaven?"

Jim—"Probably. Heaven only knows why some are made."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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**Poodle Gives Way to the Potato**

Dallas, Tex. Dec. 8.—Dallas society women have put away the poodle and taken up the potato. They are planting sweet potatoes in costly cut glass bowls, covering them with water and watching them grow.

The result is a beautiful vine of delicate yellow-green leaves. They require no earth, but they have an awful thirst.

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**ELECTION NOTICE.**

Public notice is hereby given, that on the 13th day of December, A. D. 1915, a general election will be held in the City of La Grande, in the County of Union and State of Oregon, for the purpose of electing one commissioner for the term of three years, and also submitting the following charter amendment to be voted on:

"An act to amend the charter of the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon," filed in the office of the City Recorder of said City on the 6th day of October, A. D. 1915, which was proposed by initiative petition signed by the requisite number of legal voters, and submitting the same to the electors of said City for their adoption or rejection, at the regular election to be held therein on December 13th A. D. 1915.

The polling places designated for said election and the judges and clerks appointed to conduct said election, are as follows:

**FIRST WARD**—Polling place at Court house. Judges—M. McMurry, L. H. Russell, Geo. J. Wagener. Clerks—Mrs. Wall Lane, Ray Williams.

**SECOND WARD**—Polling place at Commission Chamber. Judges—H. W. Stoner, C. W. Noyes, Mrs. Dora B. Schilke. Clerks—W. R. Jones Oscar Berger.

**THIRD WARD**—Polling place at W. D. Grandy's house on the west side of Second street, between Grandy avenue and Palmer avenue. Judges—Mrs. P. L. Thornton, J. M. Hiltz, W. D. Grandy. Clerks—Fred Curry, Howard Davis.

**FOURTH WARD**—Polling place at Little Brick school house on North Fir streets. Judges—John Ladd, E. S. Brasel, R. A. Masterton. Clerks—W. W. Randall, C. W. Van Fleet.

Said election will be held and conducted and the returns thereof filed as provided by law in the case of general city elections in said city.

The polls of said election will be opened at the hour of 8 o'clock a. m. and closed at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. on said election day.

All qualified electors of said City will be permitted to vote at said election.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, November 30, A. D. 1915.

By Order of the Commission of the City of La Grande.

LEE WARNICK,  
City Recorder.

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