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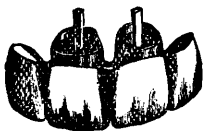
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## A CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE

CARELESS JUNIORS! How did those vibrations reach the halls for the wary Seniors to lay hold of? A Junior rush on Christmas eve! There was no shutting it out. It would come.

Had only some faint impulse been perceived a day earlier some plan of escape could have been invented. But this very night when the cream (Seniors) of the institution were to have a cherry time all to themselves, those greedy Juniors had to "butt" in. Brains were raked and reraked which resulted in an idea—an airy one. Komura's motor.

The folks of Bellingham had waxed conservative in course of time and were suspicious of any thing tending in an airy direction, so Komura, whose ancestors had developed the desire of being somewhat out of reach, found little employment for his aerial vessel. All his means had been used up in building the contrivance and as luck would have it, the thing was too large for anchorage on native soil and wings had to be spread for a world of more space to the east.

The night was foggy and not a shadow was perceptible as the winged car moved noiselessly over the campus and stopped short near the window of an upper story. In piled the Seniors in company with an extra amount of victuals. But whither wend? A raw chill permeated the atmosphere and shivers were prevalent in spite of wraps. "To the crater," was the accord.

The motor now floated in free air. Below the fog wreathed and twirled in fantastical masses. From half way up the horizon fell the moon's calm and steady light, while the little stars flickered uneasily at a greater depth. Here and there hill tops with clumps of trees showed dimly through the fleecy whiteness, and in the distance rose bald brows of snowy peaks.

The crater is near! Odorous fumes and a most welcome warmth greet the comers. Where the rocks are warm but at a safe distance from the fummy caldron, anchor is cast and the party alight. In a groove among hot rocks a midnight repast is heated, served and eaten.

What a lonely place! Below, old Baker's sides are still coated with snow. Thither the maidens wend their way for a coast. One well proportioned young woman tries first. Seated on a folded mackintosh she starts down a small incline, but slides farther than expected and lands, near a clump of small evergreens, right into the arms of a huge bear. The astonished brute only blinks and the heroine neither screams nor weeps, but lays hold of a coil of rope dropped from above. The bear now realizes what he is about to lose and reaches out a paw, but only to clutch a rubber.

It was morning when the party reached home and there were all the "years" and Juniors too, even the faculty, to welcome them.

Komura's motor is no longer idle. There is no end to coasting parties. On suitable toboggans they coast down inclines, by ropes they are brought to higher levels, and at the crater limbs are thawed and bear steak roasted.

NEUTRAL.



**BEFORE (A Poem With Words)**

All hail to Christmas, our autumn vacation,  
Our long visit home we greet with glad hearts,  
We have bravely survived test and examination,  
For having escaped, thrill of thankfulness dart  
Through us making bright all the world.  
The fame of the turkey and juicy mince pie  
Has been shouted in song and in story,  
In meter most metric, in picture most graphic  
Has been heralded Christmas glory.  
Through many good things we've been giddily  
whirl'd  
So I will desist.

**AFTER (A Poem Without Words.)**

O-o-o-o-o-o-o-h!

R. C. R.

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**SIRIUS**

Friday, November 10

The Sirius Literary Society convened in Society Hall for a short program, made shorter still by the fact that four of the seven numbers on the program were omitted. Reasons obvious. The critic's report was read in assembly several mornings later by Dr. Mathes. Need we add that it was not complimentary?

Friday, November 24

Again the S. L. S. met, this time prepared to live down the failure of the preceding session and they more than succeeded. In addition to a very good program, the chairs were straight, the blinds at a proper angle, the room comfortably warm. Hallowe'en trash removed, etc. Let me say, in an aside, that a neat pile of kindling had been prepared as an emergency fund upon which to call in case of a sudden change in the weather.

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

The progress of the Y. W. C. A. during the month of November has been very noticeable. This has been manifested by the increased enthusiasm of the old members and in the gaining of new ones.

Miss Kyle, one of the four National Y. W. C. A. Secretaries visited the Association and spent several days interviewing and instructing the committees, and in lecturing to the Association in a body. A reception of welcome was given Miss Kyle by the "Y. W." in the gymnasium on the evening of her arrival, at which each class in the school performed a "stunt." The "stunts" included class yells by the First Years, charades, representing song titles, by the Second Years, selections, beautifully rendered, by the Third Year Comic Orchestra, a typical Normal class conducted by the Juniors and a song by the Seniors, which consisted of a solo by Miss Stone and chorus by the entire class.

The Association is planning to send a large delegation to the Northwestern Conference held at Gearhart, Oregon, next August. They are also planning to take up systematic Bible study in the near future. One class is to be conducted by Miss Gray and the other by Miss Sperry. From the number of girls already enrolled in these classes one may easily see that they have felt the need of classified Bible study and are eagerly availing themselves of the opportunity offered them for such study.

The World's Week of Prayer was observed by special meetings held at mid-day. Great interest was manifested at these meetings and everyone who attended was helped by them. The leaders of the meetings were Miss Kyle, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. McCartney, Miss Sperry, and Mrs. Todd.

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### CLIONEAN LITERARY NOTES

When in the course of human events, people discover that they have certain talents, which heretofore have been neglected, they find it necessary to develop these same talents. As a result of this discovery among certain Clionean members about fifty have with-

drawn and formed two separate societies, *i. e.*, the Dramatic and Literary.

We have full faith, that, since the membership has been reduced, more effective work will be accomplished in the future, making impromptu programs become a thing of the past.

THESPIAN

Have you heard about the Thespian Dramatic Society, a band of twenty-five young ladies—chosen from the two large Literary societies?

Yes, they now exist under the management of the following officers:

- President..... Frankie Sullivan
- Vice-President..... Stella Dodd
- Secretary and Treasurer..... Ada Myers
- Reporter..... Walda Wall

For their first program a discussion of the earliest dramas and dramatists of China, India, Greece and Rome was given.

In the future it will be the aim of the society to study the drama from its beginning to the present time and also to become acquainted literally with some of the famous persons who have interpreted it. Presentation of scenes from well known dramas may be given during the Second Semester.

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BOY'S DEBATING CLUB

The constitution was amended several weeks ago and the amendments went into effect the first of November. Until then the boys had met every Thursday evening at seven thirty (7:30), but now the meetings are held every other Friday. The program rendered at the last meeting was the best the society has given thus far. Every member on the program did his duty. The society feels proud of the fact that it won the prize offered by the MESSENGER to the society having the highest per cent of its members as subscribers of the paper. At a regular busi-

ness meeting a new set of officers were elected for the next quarter. Some of these officers are in favor of a more social time and a special Christmas program or banquet may be given some time before Christmas vacation. 100 per cent—What we lack in numbers we make up in proceedings—?

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### SENIORS

First in knowledge

First in stunts

First to the front in everything.

On the night of all, Hallowe'en, when the fairies, the brownies and goblins hold high carnival on the earth, our Seniors' class—bound to be left out of nothing—decided to entertain in a unique and quite informal manner, the members of the faculty. Accordingly they met on the corner of Oak and Garden streets, with their intellectual faces transformed by masks that were in keeping with the event. Here they separated and proceeded to "issue their invitations." A few of the teachers became alarmed at the unusualness of it all and went into secret quarters, much to their regret when they learned later what they had missed. Noticeable among the absentees was Dr. Bowman. In some way the Seniors learned that he was wandering around in the moonlight, on the summit of Sehome Hill, searching for "nothing" and they did not have the heart to interrupt the quest. However, the majority of the faculty were captured and a march for the Normal began. The gentlemen members were loaded down with the good things that the Seniors had prepared for the evening's refreshments and the pumpkin pies, cakes and doughnuts aided greatly in keeping them in the ranks. On the campus the Seniors and their guests were met by a band of Juniors who made football rush at them. The Seniors, thanks to the experience and skill of the gentlemen of the faculty,

wedged their way through the on-rushing Juniors and reached the Normal in safety. The only booty secured by the Junior class was a bunch of empty shoe boxes that they mistook for pumpkin pies. Arrived at the building the faculty were invited to perform some appropriate stunts, the crowning feature of which was the serving of "tea and small talk" by Prof. Wilson. After this, refreshments—such as the Senior class only can serve—were placed before the guests and as the hand of the clock counted of the weird hour of the Hallowe'en midnight, the spell was broken and the revellers dispersed.

The Senior caps have come. They are dark blue with the '06 stitched in old gold.

The "Beautiful Bellingham" hat pins that were gotten out by the '06 class are ready for the market. They are not only unique and artistic but are the product of excellent local workmanship. They are but another expression of that genuine Bellingham spirit that should animate the being of every resident—either permanent or temporary—of the city. A partial view of the town, including court house and city hall is shown, also a view of Sehome Hill and the glorious Puget Sound sunset over the bay. But they must be seen to be appreciated—you will find them for sale in all the leading establishments.

The pie and cake sale given last Friday was a complete success. The only thing that was lacking was a sufficient supply to meet the demand.

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## JUNIORS

The Junior class with a force of forty-three girls and THREE boys has been fully organized. Mr. Scannel was unanimously elected class president; Miss Edith Perkins was elected vice-president; Miss Hattie Denzel, secretary; Miss Moyer, treasurer; Mr. Andrews, sergeant-at-arms.

The Juniors have selected several jolly class yells as well as class colors. Black and white being novel and adapted to all color combination was chosen.

### THIRD YEARS

Members of the Third Year class met October 17, and organized, electing the following officers:

Walter Nichols.....	President
Miss Jennings.....	Vice-President
Miss Cook.....	Secretary and Treasurer
H. F. Smith.....	Sargeant-at-Arms

A good spirit was shown and from appearances the Third Years will be doing things shortly.

### SECOND YEARS

Sophomore class colors, Crimson and Gray; class teacher Miss Mabel Moore; officers:

President.....	H. E. Bloyd
Vice-President.....	Miss May Call
Secretary.....	Miss Mae McCrait
Treasurer.....	Miss Mary Jacobson
Basket Ball Manager.....	Miss Francis Daly

Razzle, Dazzle,  
Bish, Boom, Bah!  
Sophomores, Sophomores,  
Rah! Rah! Rah!

There are those who like to lie at the gate of the Sophomores, and eat of the crumbs that fall from their table.

#### THAT COLONIAL PARTY

One of the most enjoyable social functions of the season was the party given by the Sophomore class on Saturday evening, November 25.

Old fashioned cozy corners, plants, flowers, rugs, and the class colors, "crimson and gray," in festoons, lampshades and a beautiful banner gave to the Society Hall and Y. W. C. A. rooms most unique and pleasing appearance.

The Freshmen offered a prelude to the evening's fun by kidnapping the president of the Sophomore class, but he managed to escape by means of a friendly trunk rope and a second story window and arrived at the

Society rooms in time to assist in welcoming the guests of the class.

The quaint costumes and merry laughter of youth as the young people entered enthusiastically into the old fashioned games carried us back to the dear old days of our great-great-grandparents and to those first thanksgiving days.

At 10:30 the doors of the Y. W. C. A. room were thrown open revealing a long table presided over by members of the class, and bearing in its center an immense punch-bowl, filled with old fashioned sweet cider, and piled high on either end with apples, nuts and doughnuts. Then toasts and wit held carnival until the lights were turned low and a thrilling "ghost" story, recited by the class president concluded the evenings entertainment. Very reluctantly we bade our hosts goodnight.

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### "CHUCK-A-NUT"

Bright and early Saturday morning (Nov. 4th) Miss Le Conte and ten other girls started on a delightful little trip. Dressed in their blue and white suits and with their lunches strapped on their backs they left South Bellingham and were, before many minutes, climbing Mt. Chucknut. After two hours of puffing and blowing the band of "Alpine climbers" reached, not the "jumping off place," but the place from where one of the grandest views of the northwest can be obtained. By the time the girls had gazed to their hearts content at the beautiful scenery, and, at the same time, had satisfied their hunger, to some degree, it was suggested that those present should form a club. And so, on the top of Mount Chuckanut the first tribunal of the C. C. C. was held. The following officers were chosen: Chief Official Adviser, Chief Mock-a-Mock, Chief Pathfinder, Chief Hiker, Chief Fanner, Chief Puffer, Chief Mender, Chief Router, Chief Skirt-checker, Chief Water Carrier, Chief Scribe and Little Chief, The Mascot.

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## EDITORIAL

Who does not admire the man who can come before an audience and give them, in a clear unhesitating manner, his opinion on the topic under discussion or who can write his views so that he will not be ashamed to see them in print?

The attainment of this ease of manner and the ability to express ones self, is the aim of our literary societies. Four years of thorough conscientious work in an active literary society, should take away that fear of the audience, which has probably lost more good causes for want of advocates than has any other thing, and it should give one a confidence in himself which will win half the battles of his life. Let us then be up and doing—ever keeping in mind the fact; that

“The heights by great men reached and kept,  
Were not attained by sudden flight,  
But they, while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the night.”

Jr.-Boys-Chorus—I'se no lady—I'se no baby—  
Wonder if I'se a man.



The staff extend to the faculty and entire student body their best wishes for a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

The editress sits in her sanctum,  
Her brow is furrowed with care,  
"Oh what shall I do," she mutters,  
"I don't consider this fair  
I've talked till I'm almost exhausted,  
I fear that my health will decline  
Yet strive as I may, there are students  
Who, when asked to subscribe, will decline.

Z. I. P.

The NORMAL MESSENGER is a paper for the students and by the students; its success does not depend on the editorial staff alone, but also on the literary and especially the financial support given it by the student body. We do not wish the students to feel that the staff editors desire all the "honor and pleasure" of writing for the paper. We should be more than pleased to find in the MESSENGER box in the library, any locals, poems, parodies, stories, essays or other material that would aid in making the paper a success.

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## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

DEAR SANTA—

Please send the Seniors a real live up-to-date boy (a very handy luxury, don't you know).

To to Juniors, some original ideas.

To the Third Years, some loyalties. (They are so elusive).

To the Soph's, some woolen hose. (They are noted for cold trilbys).

To the Freshies, a "pony" and a rattle.

Furs, coats and other articles usually marked down during the holidays, took a "brace" just before Thanksgiving and "went up."

A noted writer once said that it was the "empty can" that rattled the loudest. Faculty as well as students beware of the "noise" you make on the world's stage.

## ALUMNI

Miss Belle McRae '05 has a position as first primary teacher in Everett this year. Miss Myrtle Williams, '05, has a similar position in Arlington. Both of these young ladies visited friends in Bellingham over Sunday.

F. W. Rhoades, a graduate of '03, is now principal at Shelton, Mason county. The school there has ten grades and a corps of seven teachers.

Miss Birdie Winchell, '05, is teaching a country school near Shelton.

Miss Nellie Sweeney, who attended the Normal during the year 1903, is now superintendent of San Juan county.

Miss Christine Thomle, one of our elementary graduates, is studying in a medical school in Sweden.

Miss Myrl Hays spent Sunday with her mother and sister.

Miss Susie Andrews, '05, visited with her parents on the south side during Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Stella Carlson, '05, is teaching at Oak Harbor and Miss Gertrude Aldridge also of the '05 class, is teaching in her home school at Oso.

Miss Nellie Jones, of '04, is teaching at Ferndale. She is a very thorough worker in the W. C. T. U. and received special mention at the recent convention for her earnest efforts in the work.

Miss Carrie Risedorph, '04, is teaching in the Queen Anne school in Seattle.

Miss Emily Dodd, an elementary graduate of '05, is teaching the seventh grade at Blaine this year.

It is with deepest regret that we record the death of Miss Mariam Darwin which occurred at her home in this city several weeks

ago. Miss Darwin graduated from the elementary course in '04 and has since been teaching in the city schools, being employed in the Franklin school at the time of her death.

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## LOCALS

Miss Moore, head of the music department, has arranged for choral practice twice a week at the usual assembly hour.

Rev. Orr Wark spent a day visiting the classes in the Normal and training departments.

Two numbers of the lecture course have been given, and enjoyed by large audiences. The next number will be given by the Shakespearean reader.

### SECOND YEAR GERMAN CLASS

Mr. Jones (translating the following passage from "Wiltelm Hell" "die Herde schlagt er und den Hirten.") "It strikes the herds and the herdsmen."

Mr. Stone—Give a more poetic translation of schlagt than "strike."

Mr. Jones—"Slugs."

Mr. Eply gave a lecture illustrated by lantern slides at Everson, on Wednesday evening, November 23.

Dr. Mathes was absent from his post on Thursday, November 24, on account of illness.

Several new students entered school at the beginning of the new quarter. Among them are Mrs. Depew, Charlotte Andrews, Ray Smith and Hanah Jacobson.

Mr. Romine and Dr. Bowman were among the Knights who visited Sedro-Woolley, Friday, November 24.

Miss Hays' oratory class will soon begin work to be given before the student body.

The librarian has catalogued almost a

thousand new books since the beginning of the school year.

Miss Baker, of the department of mathematics, attended the state convention of the W. C. T. U., recently held at Seattle. While in that city she visited Mrs. Blanche Evans Whithan, former assistant in English, in her charming home on Beacon Hill.

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## EXCHANGES

The "Mirror" certainly reflects an active and enthusiastic High School and we wish you success.

The Academy Journal of Norwich, Conn., contains, not only some good stories, but also an editorial, which all patriotic students should heed.

Wa-Wa (Pt. Townsend) from cover to cover you are wide awake.

Upon our exchange table may be found the Bulkley News, The Review, Spinster, Western Independent, Mankatonian, Gitche Gumee, Comet, Normal Record, Wa Wa, (Puget Sound Academy), Purple and Gold, (Lewistown), Enterprise, Normal Outlook, The Pacific Wave, The Hodak, The Legenda, The Pharos—The Tocsin, the Adjutant, Purple and Gold (Huron College), The College Independent, and the Evergreen; each of the above, is an up-to-date school paper—and offer to its readers an opportunity, of acquaintance with its student body. This should be a school paper's mission—for are we not all climbing the one hill, Knowledge?

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## THE ALKISIAH

Friday afternoon, Nov. 4, the christening of the Alkisiah club took place in Miss Baker's recitation room which had been suitably arranged for the occasion. The president of the new club presided most charm-

ingly over the affair which assumed the shape of a reception with the faculty as guests.

The Alkisiah began life a week earlier with a membership of twenty-five young women, with the following officers :

- Miss Whitaker.....President
- Miss Peime.....Vice-President
- Miss Green.....Secretary
- Miss Long.....Treasuer
- Misses Ellis, Pearl Smith, LeSourd..Program Committee

Miss Baker performed the christening ceremony and set forth the aims of the new club which are to be along the lines of practical sociology. Miss Dodd gave a summary of recent political reforms in eastern cities, Miss Smith rendered the "Four Leaved Clover," and Miss Jennings read a dog story from Mark Twain. After the program refreshments were served and speeches requested from the faculty. Those present responded and gave the new society a hearty godspeed.

### JUNIOR SOCIAL NOTES

On Hallowe'en the Juniors gave a frolic which proved a great success. After a pleasant hour of serenading and tricks, refreshments of pumpkin pie and cream were served at the Dormitory.

J-u-n-i-o-r!  
 That's the way we spell it!  
 Junior! JUNIOR! JUNIOR!  
 That's the way we yell it!

Friday, the 24th, the Junior class gave a chafing dish party in the gymnasium. A merry evening was spent in nut-racing and story telling. Miss Sloan and Miss Stanley led the grand march. The party was chap-eroned by Miss Sperry, of the Faculty.

Interesting, isn't it, to discover  
 Prof. Romine's red mittens?  
 Prof. Wilson's historic ability?  
 The Senior's originality?(?)

Prof. Forrest: "I remember when girls wore some sort of thing called 'tilters,' fast-

ened under the bottom of their skirts.—Oh! no, I never saw any, but I know how they worked.”

If it takes seven yards of oil cloth to make a baby hippopotamus a bathing suit, how long will it take a cock roach with a wooden leg to bore through an onion one inch in diameter?

What is worse than a woman with a “waterfall” on her head, a “cataract” in her eye, a “ripple” in her laugh and a “spring” in her heel?

A man with a “notion” in his head.

Heard B. Fore.

Say, Don, how did the girls like the “hand out?”

Ask the Freshmen how it feels to be left holding the sack.

P. S. Some of the Dormitory girls might be able to shed some light on the subject also.

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## ATHLETICS

The contest for the Kline Cup begins on December 15, when the first of the series of Inter-class Basket Ball games will be played.

On Saturday the 18th the Snaps and the Snipes played a good game of basket ball in the gym. Capt. Cory of the Snaps and Capt. Goodell of the Snipes certainly kept things going. There were a number of fouls called, but the score of 18 to 11 in favor of the Snaps is evidence of close and careful playing. Mr. Lull acted as umpire.

Indoor tennis will be taken up early next week. A court has been formed in the gymnasium and as there are a number of students who have played tennis before, a contest as lively as in basket ball is expected. '07.

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## JOKES

Mr. R.—“What are the usual characteristics of southern men?”

Miss F.—“Lazy and indolent.”

Mr. R.—“Ha! Ha! I'm glad I see myself as others see me.”

Miss A. wants to know if days can learn the multiplication table.

Heard in psychology—Miss F.—Do you believe, Mr. Wilson, that days can make goo goo eyes?

Mr. Romine—“Some of the heartiest laughs I ever had were at funerals.”

How shocking!!

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