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## **"A STRENUOUS SLEIGH RIDE."**

A deep snow had covered the ground and the merry jingle of sleigh bells resounded on the crisp air. The Sophomores were trying to study in the assembly room but found their thoughts turning simultaneously to a sleigh-ride. After school they called a meeting for the purpose of arranging for a sleight ride on the following evening, which was Friday.

One of the boys was chosen to hire a four-horse team and a sleigh from the livery barn and have it at the school house at half past seven. But no one noticed a Junior listening behind a door to all that was said.

Friday evening came. At half past seven all the Sophomores, except the one who was getting the sled, were promptly on hand, but where was the sleigh? However, at 8 o'clock it arrived with boy and driver and the boy told the rest of the class that he heard the Juniors were going to play some kind of a trick on them, and as it was a moonlight night the Sophomores decided to go into the country.

About a mile from town the joyous Sophomores could see a large mass of moving forms steadily gaining on the slow-



moving sleigh. But they kept their spirits up in spite of the fact that the mass proved to be a lot of boys on the run.

"Hello, there," cried a voice from the crowd, that sounded as if the owner was out of breath.

"Hello, what do ye want?" drawled out Henry K., the largest of the Sophomores.

"Say, there's a fellow back there who wants to see you," said one of the pursuers.

"Who is there?" asked Henry, getting up.

"I don't know. All I know is that he told me he wanted you," replied the other.

With that a number of the Sophomore boys started to get out, for the sled had stopped, when a girl's voice rang out from the sleigh:

"Don't get out, Henry! Boys, don't go—those boys are Juniors who want the sleigh."

With that a loud shout arose from the boys on the ground and in a minute hats, caps, coats and gloves commenced flying in all directions, for the Juniors were going to take the sleigh by force, since their first plan had failed.

But the Sophomores were too strong for them, and soon had the Juniors rolling in the snow. The girls told the driver to go on, which he did, leaving the boys behind.

They had turned toward town and were approaching the top of a hill when, to the amazement and surprise of the girls, they saw another crowd of boys calmly awaiting their approach. The girls were questioning one another until they were close enough to see that these were Freshmen.

"I say, girls, let us have a ride, please," said one of the boys.

"Now, boys, this is our sleigh—you had better go over there and help the Juniors if you want anything to do."

But the boys began climbing in, and the girls saw it was useless to resist them.

The driver had turned again and they were now crossing a road that led past where they had left the Sophomores and Juniors fighting, but neither the girls or boys knew this. They had no more than passed the crossroads, and the Freshmen boys

were trying their best to entertain the girls, when on each side of the sled arose boys towering above the Freshmen.

The little Freshies realized their situation and began to scramble out so fast that it was only the swiftest of the enemy that had a chance to assist them to alight, head or feet first, in the snow. The girls, with one glance, recognized their classmates and tried to assist them. The change took place so quickly that the girls could scarcely realize what had taken place. All the remaining signs of the Freshies were the dark spots in the snow, swiftly disappearing in the distance.

Then the Sophomores got back into the sled and told how they had tied the Juniors up in a barn to rest till morning.

"Then we came back here to get you out of the hands of the Freshmen," continued the speaker, for it was Henry K. After a pause he added, "Who was the girl who told us who the Juniors were?"

The rest of the girls pointed out the one and Henry lead in giving three cheers for her.

The next day the Sophomores looked very innocent when they heard anyone ask a Junior or a Freshman about his bruises or scratches.

B. B. H., '12.

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### A MORNING OF MISHAPS.

"Hurry up, Maxine! It is almost time for the last bell and we haven't even started yet," called Johnnie Courtney, Maxine's brother, as he waited for her to join him. "Girls are always so slow, anyway," he grumbled to himself.

"Oh, wait just one moment," cried Maxine. "I wish you weren't so impatient, Johnnie."

"There, now, I'm ready at last. Well, here we go. Oh, Johnnie! I've forgotten my Caesar!" she exclaimed just as they reached the door.

"Well, hurry for goodness sake," said Johnnie, impatiently.

At last they were off. But just as they started to run to catch the car, Maxine dropped her books and the papers scattered everywhere. Johnnie, who was in advance of her, did not notice her accident but ran on. He had just reached the corner when he fell over the curbing and slightly sprained his ankle. By the



time he got up Maxine had gathered up her books and joined him.

"Oh, poor fellow, did you hurt yourself?" she asked.

"I only sprained my ankle a little, but we have missed the car," he replied.

"Well, the only thing to do is to walk to school," said Maxine. "We'll be late and get a scolding, I suppose."

They finally arrived at the school house. "Well," said the teacher, as they entered the room, "how came you to be so late?" Then Maxine hurriedly told her how they had got up late and how she dropped her books and then missed their car. "Well, I'll let you off this time, but hereafter you must try and get up earlier and get here on time," said the teacher. "Now go to your seats."

Just as they were seating themselves Maxine whispered to her brother: "Oh, Johnnie, we've forgotten our lunch." Johnnie only groaned in reply. Neither had had time to eat any breakfast and how were they to do without their lunch? A moment later he whispered, "I'll tell you what to do, sis; we'll just go home at noon and stay, for we never can get back on time."

"All right," said Maxine.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney had just seated themselves for lunch when two tired, hungry children rushed into the room.

"Oh," gasped Maxine, all out of breath, "what a morning we've had," and then she went on to tell of their many mishaps. "Neither of us had a lesson, either," she said; "we were too tired to study."

"Well," said their mother, "I will call you earlier after this. Now come and eat your lunch before everything gets cold."

So ended a morning of mishaps.

### WHEAT LOCALS.

The semester tests are now over and a few go around with a mournful look but the majority wear a smile which seems to say, "I got through."

The assembly walls now have the new pictures. They are certainly interesting. A very good selection was chosen from the art exhibit last year.

On a Tuesday night the jolly bunch of Sophomores had a sleigh ride party. It was a long, lovely ride but, Sophomores! remember you must take a chaperone next time.

The seating of most of the classes has been rearranged and is quite satisfactory to most students.

Why does Rosy look so down-hearted when she goes to Algebra now? Just remember she sat by Harley last semester but he doesn't take Algebra now. This is the only way it can be accounted for.

Miss Pearle Farrier, a member of the Junior class, entertained January 1st at her home to a company of about thirty-four. Her home was beautifully decorated and the whole evening was a success. Miss Alice Lewis received the prize for writing the best story in five minutes. She wrote on "My First Proposal."

Miss Elsie Starring, a former member of the Sophomore class, entertained for her brother Charlie, January 8th. It was a surprise and certainly worked out beautifully. When he stepped into the assembled crowd he hurried out and the boys say they found him in the cellar. However, the embarrassment soon wore off and a lovely time was reported by all.

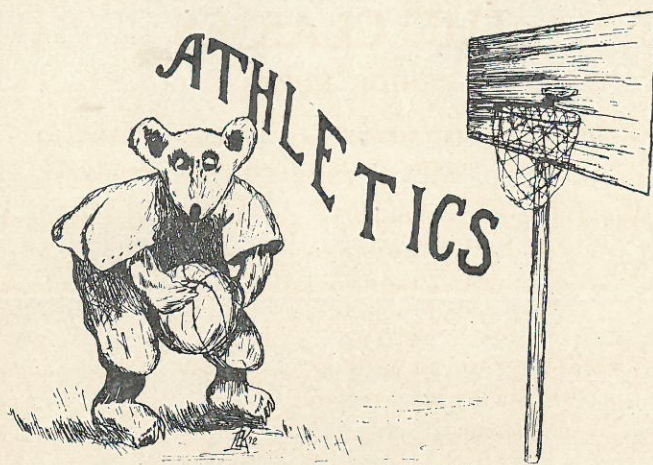
Lily S. (German)—And the "empire" will ride over my grave.

Miss Lena Seidl has not yet returned to school as the "measles" at her home are not yet over. Everyone misses "Smily Lena."

John D. certainly doesn't believe in breaking dates. Everyone was sorry he couldn't go sleigh-riding with his class but he said, "A previous engagement prevents it."







### ATHLETICS.

**Lind H. S. 14—Ritzville H. S. 13.**

On January 7, R. H. S. met Lind on the latter's grounds. The R. H. S. boys played the same fast, clean game as they always do, and their defeat is due to the fine playing of the Lind referee. Twelve of Ritzville's 14 points were made by field throws, while nine of Lind's were made by free throws from the foul line.

**Sprague H. S. 11—R. H. S. 18.**

In the cleanest, snappiest game of the season R. H. S. defeated Sprague High at Clark's rink on January 21. Sprague has no reason to be ashamed of her defeat as her boys played a clean, fast game from start to finish. Throughout the entire game the refereeing was as fair and just to both teams as it is possible for refereeing to be.

**Sprague H. S. Girls, 9—R. H. S. Girls, 6.**

The girls' game was interesting and well played throughout. R. H. S. defeat was due to the excellent team work and accurate basket shooting of the Sprague girls. Ritzville's lineup was as follows: Forwards, Thompson and Irby; center, Farrier; guards, Baird and Shragg.

Ritzville's next game will be a doubleheader with Sprague H. S., February 10, at Sprague. BE A BASKET BALL BOOSTER AND SUPPORT THE TEAM BY ESCORTING THEM TO SPRAGUE ON THE 10TH. DON'T FORGET THE DATE.

## THE CLASSES

### JUNIOR NOTES.

The Junior class has commenced to study "Macbeth," and from present indications the class will enjoy it greatly.

On Monday night, January 11, the Juniors and Seniors had a theater party and afterwards went out sleigh-riding. All those who went feel sorry for those who didn't have class spirit enough to go.

Miss Graham—Duncan—who was Duncan, Anna?

Waltimar P.—King of Scotland.

Miss G.—Yes, Anna.

Four out of the five members of the girls' basket ball team are Juniors. What's the matter with the other classes?

There are some now who look bright and happy, others look sad and grouchy. "Semester exams" explain it all.

Lillie S. (German II)—And the emppire will ride over me.

The Juniors at least are appreciative of the fact that arm-rests have been supplied in the old manuaal training room.

Where were M. T. and G. I. when the rest went sleigh-riding?

"Are you cold, Rosie?" was one of most frequent speeches heard at the Junior-Senior sleigh ride.

### SOPHOMORE NOTES.

Some of the old Sophomore members were here during the holidays.

Miss G. (English II)—By his talking you can tell what kind of a fellow she is.

The Sophomores still have a clean basket ball reputation. We don't know what defeat is.

Mr. Eells (Pl. Geom.)—How many steps would a frog take if he had toes as fine as a needle?



The seats, in the recitation of Geometry and English II, all on account of John M., who couldn't recite where he was before.

Many of the Sophomores turned over a new leaf when they saw their semester examination marks.

Mr. E. (Pl. Geom.)—We still have our friend the frog.

## FRESHMEN WHEAT NOTES.

Monday evening, January 10, the Freshmen spent sleighing, eating candy and popcorn, yelling for the Sophomores and R. H. S. Miss Graham and Mr. Eells accompanied them.

The Freshmen are getting over the shock of their first semester examinations and are enjoying the delightful after-sensations. Two out of the fifteen were excused from all examinations, while most of the class were excused from one or two.

English I class has nearly completed the study of the "Lady of the Lake" and will soon begin "Ivanhoe."

From a list of about twenty books we are to choose two for home reading this semester.

Lena Seidle has been absent from school part of this month, as two of her sisters were ill with the measles.

The Physical Geography class has made very good progress during the past semester, and Prof. Stone expects us to cover more ground the coming semester. He intends to perform many more experiments. The class is now studying "Shore Lines."

Algebra I the past semester has steadily progressed and only a few will drop out of the class but about the same number will enter. We are now working at "factoring."

Although the class in Latin I made good progress in daily work, it did not show up as well as was expected in the examination, but this shows us more clearly the need of intensive study on each lesson.

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## EDITORIALS.

### "Wheat"

Resolved that cities of the Northwest with a population of fifty thousand or over, should institute a form of commission government, modeled after that of Des Moines. Provided, that the negative shall choose no other form of commission government. Talk about it! That's what Will Horn and Harley Smith did, for R. H. S. on the eve of February 4th and although the Spokane South Central High, represented by Myron Moreland and Earl Wallace, put up a strong fight, they were unable to make more than one of the judges believes as they believed. Spokane had the negative, R. H. S. the affirmative. Evidently the Davenport Tribune is counting unhatched chickens when they say: "The Spokane team has defeated Walla Walla and Ritzville, receiving a unanimous decision each time. Our team will have a close contest, but we believe that we can win for the negative." We, of the R. H. S. believe that the contest will not be as close as is expected by Davenport, although it is not to be with the hoped for team. This victory is the second for R. H. S. in the interscholastic debates. Great credit is due Prof. Eells, whose experience in this line has certainly done great things for R. H. S. and we, the students of Ritzville High take this means to thank Mr. Eells for his faithful and untiring efforts.



It has been said that "too many cooks spoil the broth," but not so in publishing a high school paper. "Wheat" has continually advertised for cooks, but to date has not received as many applications as are necessary to make the best broth. Once more and lastly we make the call. Be loyal to your high school and support your high school paper. Application blanks furnished free.

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We are just beginning on the last semester of this school year, and the most of us have made a good start. A few failed in some of the recent examinations but there will be a chance for them to make up the work. And it is evident that many are resolved to not "flunk" again, for several resolutions to study harder this semester have been heard. For some of us it is the last semester's work in R. H. S. and let us make it the best and most eventful.

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A little of the school spirit which is said to be "Lost, strayed or stolen" from R. H. S. appeared recently while the snow was on. Two H. S. sleighing parties were held one evening. The Freshmen, after a few breakdowns and other minor events, had a few hours of riding over the fleecy white. The same evening the Seniors and Juniors joined forces and packed themselves snugly into a bob and were off for a couple hours. All reported the best kind of a time.

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A man familiar with the habits of animals once said, "A monkey will never try to smoke but once, although some of the lower animals will." This is a novel line of distinction between the classes of animals, but since man is classed in the animal kingdom we have grave fears that he may fall under the class that might be lower than monkeys. We often hear of a man who never smoked, or perhaps never smoked but once, and we think he is sensible, but there is the great multitude of them who are not quite as sensible as the monkeys. Which is it, Man from monkey or monkey from man?

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Convalescent! The School Spirit, which a short time ago seemed in such a critical condition that few expected it to survive

many days, has taken a turn for the better and now seems to be on the broad road to recovery. There is, of course, danger of a relapse, but if the patient receives proper care this will undoubtedly be avoided. Its first public appearance, since sinking into the deep lethargy from which it is now awakening, was at the Sprague-Ritzville games January 21.

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One of the most brilliant social affairs of the season in school circles was the reception tendered the visiting Sprague teams after the basket ball games January 21. About a hundred young people, including the two Sprague teams and those who accompanied them on the trip, a jolly bunch of basket ball enthusiasts from Lind, members of the local high school and a few members of the eighth grade, along with the faculty and chaperones, went from the rink to the high school building for a social evening. Prof. W. C. Eells stood in the hall with paper slips and a paper of pins. After having their name and age, or rather what Mr. Eells thought their age was, pinned upon their person, they were allowed to enter the assembly room. Music and marching were some of the features of the evening. Later on came the refreshments. Finally Prof. Smith turned out some of the lights to remind the young folks that the hour was late and they all departed.

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The walls of the assembly and class rooms and halls have been much improved lately by the hanging of some nicely framed works of art. Nine beautiful pictures are now in evidence in the high school department. "The Pilgrims Going to Church" was presented by the Women's Literary Club of Ritzville. The Panorama of Niagara Falls was the gift of the present Physical Geography class. The large picture of "Sir Galahad" has been upon the assembly room walls for some time. The pictures of the "Coliseum," "Choosing the Casket," "Cicero's Oration Against Cataline," "The Angelus," "Stratford-upon-Avon" and "The Capitol Building" are all Turner-Brown prints, secured from the Turner art exhibit which was here last year.

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Some time ago the Physics class was experimenting to determine the dew point. Another point with a similar name, sug-

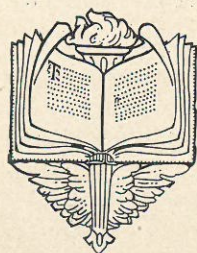


gested itself to a member of the class. That is, the "do" point, a point which it is very difficult for some of us to reach. While in Physics class we were working to find the dew point, in life we must reach the do point before much is accomplished. Would it not be well to devote the time spent in dreading a task to reaching the do point?

(Tune: "The Bear Went Over the Mountain.")

The Freshmen went out sleighing,  
The Freshmen went out sleighing,  
The Freshmen went out sleighing,  
To see what they could see.

They saw two little Sophomores,  
They saw two little Sophomores,  
They saw two little Sophomores,  
Hiding behind a tree.



"Willie," asked the visitor, "what is leather?"  
"Leather is skin," answered Willie.  
"And for what is it used?"  
"To make shoes with," replied Willie.  
"You can't make shoes out of all kinds of skins," said the visitor. "You can't make shoes out of banana skins."  
"No," said Willie, "but you can make slippers."—Sel.

In U. S. History class:

Prof. Eells—What became of the Indians in the Eastern states?

Rosalind S.—They were moved to Indiana.

Prof. Eells—And where are they now, then?

Harley S.—They are dead.

"The beetle poison which I bought here doesn't seem to kill the beetles at all."

"Ah, you see, madam, the properties of this preparation are not to kill the beetles at once, but to undermine their constitutions."—Sel.



Clergyman—Just think, I've married twenty people in two hours.

Seaman—Well, that is only ten knots an hour.

There is a story to the effect that Franklin, when he proposed starting a newspaper, was admonished by his mother, who thought that particular business was already crowded. "Why, Benjamin," she said, "just think, there are already two newspapers in this country."

#### Football Manners:

There is considerable talk of doing away with football unless the game can be made less rough. If some of the roughness can be eliminated we might have the following conditions:

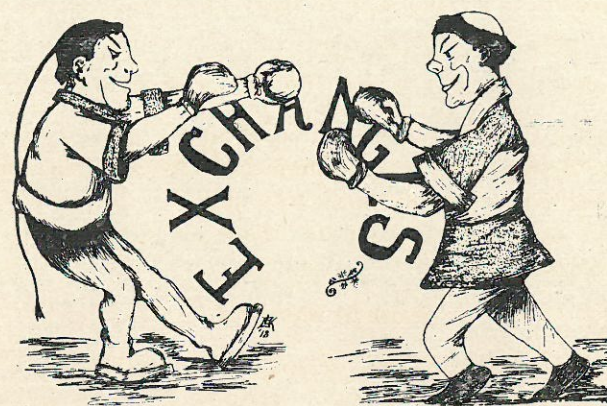
"I beg your pardon, sir; I fear  
My elbow caught you on the nose."  
"Don't mention it, I beg of you;  
I hope I have not mashed your toes."

"Dear me, I must apologize;  
Pray, let me help you to your feet."  
"I thank you, sir; let me commend  
Your tackling, 'twas extremely neat."

"I've bruised your jaw—believe me, sir,  
I do regret such sad mischance."  
"A trifle—prithee take my arm;  
I'll lead you to the ambulance."

"Your ear, I think, sir—I am grieved,  
I have been rather rough I fear."  
Will courtesies like these be heard  
When Yale and Harvard meet next year?

Tommy and his little sister had quarrelled during the day and at evening had not become reconciled. As he knelt by his mother's knee he said, as usual, "God bless papa and mamma and bless sister Bessie and—" But then he thought of the animosity between himself and his sister and he said, "God, you can cut out what I said about Bessie."



Hard luck! you say, because you failed to win.  
No luck about it—failure lies within.  
The luck that made you lose the race you ran  
Was that you didn't know the words, "I can."  
Hard luck! you say when after you have fought,  
Another carries off the prize you sought.  
No luck about it—you will lose until  
You learn the meaning of the words, "I will."  
Hard luck! you say, what kind do you deserve,  
When every obstacle has power to make you swerve.  
Stick to your course, forget to heave that sigh,  
He conquers who says earnestly, "I'll try."

—Clarion.

Lake Breeze has a very interesting literary department.

Calendar—Your paper is well worth reading. It is one of the best magazines we have received this month.

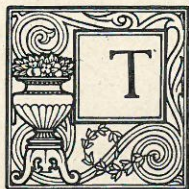
Said and Done shows hard work on the part of the staff. Your stories are well written.

The following exchanges were received this month: The Olympus, Olympia, Wash.; The Cardinal, Newark, N. J.; Milton College Review, Milton, Wis.; The Doane Owl, Crete, Neb.; The Agathon, Bellevue, Mich.; Increscent, Beloit, Wis.

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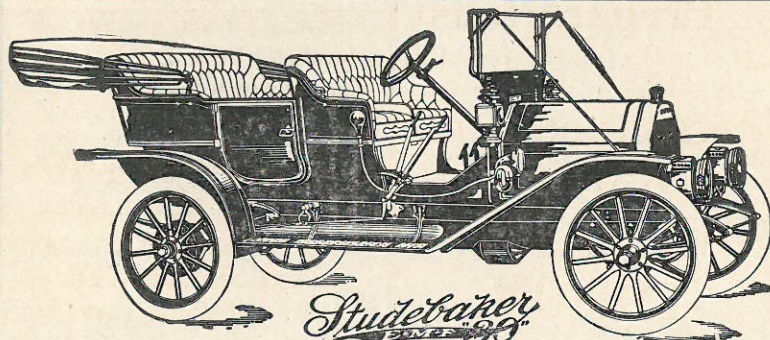
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