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TRAMP DOM

BY WALLACE SULLIVAN

In America today there are hundreds and thousands of men drifting here and there, living on the charities of the people, committing petty thefts and occasionally wrecking a train or murdering some man for his money, wandering as aimlessly as the winds of the plains with no particular object in life but to eat and move on.

At present there seems in general no want of employment as would force out upon the road the man who is willing to work. The love of change, the roving spirit, temporary accident are causes that tend to make the workman an accidental tramp who is liable to acquire an intention not to work and thus becomes an habitual tramp. The comparative ease with which the penniless man can beat his way on the railroad, at the farmhouse door or on the streets explain in a large measure "Why Tramps Are."

This great army of men may be divided into two classes.

First, the professional tramp who does not intend to work but lives entirely by begging. At first sight he is the most contemptible sight ever looked at. He is dirty, filthy, and covered with vermin. However it is necessary for him to go in this garb so that he may excite the pity of those from whom he begs. Then, too, it suits his surroundings and gives him more of an "at home" feeling. He has a very choice selection of hard luck stories which appeal to the good housewives over the country in such away that they say, "poor fellow! he is some-

body's boy!" and then he is set down to a steaming hot meal or is given a sack full of good things which he carries away, eating only the best and throwing away the rest.

Occasionally there is a poor fellow who has had hard luck and really deserves help but when he goes to the back door he is so conscious-smitten that his "whipped-dog" expression tells the good house-wife that he is nothing but a regular old tramp and ought to go to work. The fellow goes away without a bite to eat while the good woman goes about her work priding herself on her ability of always being able to tell when a man deserves to be fed.

The professional tries to make himself believe that he has a valid excuse for being on the road and this is part of his list; he has had domestic trouble, his wife has died, he has been driven from home, been crippled in a railroad accident, has lost his job, and is down on his luck generally,—none of which evils can be remedied by roaming around the country. The true reason is that the wander-lust has gotten into his blood and will stay there until he dies.

A second class is made up of men from whose ranks the professionals are recruited. Men who are homeless and wandering but still looking for work,—seeking it in the harvest fields, in the berry patches, in the cotton fields, in fact any place where the job is short and the wages good.

In the early summer the "harvest bum" can be found in Texas ready

with the harvest working there ten or twelve days then moving north as the grain ripens. First he goes to Oklahoma, then to Kansas, the Dakotas, Minnesota finally ending in the fall in Manitoba. Then they seek out the lumber camps or failing in this they drift into the cities where they work at odd jobs during the winter.

Then there are the berry pickers who wander back and forth across the land. They like the harvest hands begin in the south usually in Alabama and Mississippi following the ripening berries up through Tennessee and Arkansas, Illinois and Missouri and ending in Michigan and the lake regions. These men either work in the cities during the winter or tramp back to the south to be ready for the next season.

So in the south we find the cotton pickers wandering here and there, the lumberman in the north drifting from place to place, the railroader in the East changing jobs the cowboy and the prospector in the West roaming around the country all driven on and on by the love of adventure the desire for change.

The vagrancy problem remains unsolved. What we need are some laws that will provide work for these shiftless men. It will compel the professional to quit business and at the same time not work any hardship upon the deserving.

Senior Notes.

Resolutions of the Senior Class for 1910:

Resolved that henceforth we will never tell the Juniors of a Senior party—until the day after.

That we will be kind to everyone including Juniors—if they let us if not woe unto him who refuses the kindness of a Senior.

That we will accept no X's from our benevolent teachers—until the end of the term.

That we will take every holiday we want—in our spacious minds.

That we will consider any basket ball

defeats as they deserve.

That we will establish inter-class relations whenever we want to—providing the second party is willing.

That we (meaning boys of course) will never play cards—only out of sight of the principal.

That we will never no never do any dancing—in the office.

Lastly that during 1910, we the most intelligent, the wittiest and unquestionably the best looking class of Seniors in the history of the school will wear sand paper soles on our shoes so we will not slip and fall from the grace of the kindest, handsomest and most thoughtful faculty members a school could ever have.

We understand that the sympathy between Laura Runyon and one member of the faculty is very great in regard to teeth.

The long vacation seemed to have caused no changes in the fervor of the "cases" in the class. The old proverb comes to mind as we notice the loving smiles and tender looks as they walk to school or meet in the halls. "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Happy spent a great share of his vacation hunting. We understand he was hunting a house and lot. Time will tell.

Wouldn't it be nice to turn over a new leaf at the beginning of this year, and have all enmity between Juniors and Seniors forgotten. How much nicer to have a joint social or entertain each other, for a change, on friendly terms, than to have the Juniors stand out in the cold all night waiting their chance to do some mischief, or the Seniors taking the eatables away from the Juniors. Here's hoping for a change.

Miss Stone spent her vacation in Concordia.

Miss Kathrine Morrison of the Emporia Normal visited Miss Foster during the holidays.

"C. C. Doins"

On the evening of December 22 the gallants according to due and ancient form met in solemn conclave for mental and physical rerreshment. Each "C. C. wore "side arms." During the evening the following light refreshments were served:

BILL OF LADING**Soaps**

White Russian	Ivory	Larkins
Castile	Grandpa's Tar	Bon Ami

Silver Bullion**Fish**

Sucker	Floater	Walrus	Bluffers
Whale-on-toast			

Entrees

Corn,	Rye,	Barley,	Egg-plant,
Vegetable Oyster			

Meats

Sea-cow,	Rabbit on half shell
Stamburger-heak	

Game

Tiger-Lily	Solitaire	Shell-Terrapin
Dandelion	Freshie-ears	

Roughness

Broom-corn	Snake-soot	Wire-grass
Woodrasps	Sand-paper	

Dessert

Mag-pie	Mud-pie	Wild-onions	pie-pie
Dates	with-a-peach	Dog-Cerry	

Broken-dates	Oasis	Dromedary
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Caravan**Fruits**

Banana	Crates	Lemon tarts
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Relishes

High-explosives	Electric-shocks
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Specialties

Stewed biscuits	Fried prunes
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Boiled licorice	Door-jam
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Beverages

Ice tea	Strong tea	Tee-tee
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PROGRAME**Events**

MusicWagner(ian)
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Hearts and Flowers(mostly hearts)	
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.....Lord Calvert	
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Tragic Story of A Sweet	
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Young ThingCaleb Bodmer
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Some Cut-upping	Edward Jantzen
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Moving Pictures

Balloon AscensionFred Reed
Just NuthinOscar Waggnel
Sharp shootingJohn Robinson
Prima DonnaBeulah Bell
ClairvoyantMabel Rowlison
Leading LadyNellie McVey
UnderstudyFreda Knoche
Lion TamerMargaret McVey
RingmasterMr Bird

Concert

District School

The two days of school last week gave an opportunity to get the wheels in motion again after our two weeks rest without making the work wearisome.

A new pupil, Gustave Staub, entered the seventh grade at the re-opening of school.

The cold weather has prevented the attendance of some of the little people but, in general, the attendance has been good.

For his Christmas handwork each pupil wove a hammock, made and colored or decorated a cardboard, stocking blotter, a slipper calendar and a Christmas bell match scratcher. Some of them were very pretty and creditably done. The little people made chains for decorative purposes.

The pupils received an invitation to participate in the Christmas exercise in the auditorium at the general hour on the day of dismissal for the holiday vacation. The invitation was appreciated.

The school rendered their program in the afternoon of the same day, consisting of the usual songs recitations, dialogues, etc. but the chief exercise was a dialogue, in costume, entitled, "The Visit of the Months to the Crying Family." Preparations for home going prevented the usual large attendance of students but quite a number of mothers, sisters, cousins and aunts were in attendance. They were very welcome. We wish there had been more.

One feature of the Christmas decor-

ations which was especially enjoyed, was the winter scene which occupied the sand table. It consisted of a frozen pond in a meadow, a coasting hill, evergreen trees, snow covered ground and building, various animals and other things of interest and appropriateness as well as novelty.

Everyone enjoyed the vacation but all seem ready for school again after a season of frolic and fun.

Basket Ball

On the evening of December 14 and 15 a new era in basket ball was opened up in the Normal for on those dates a parting kick was administered to the old association rules and the glad hand extended to the fast, spectacular, intercollegiate style. For some years these rules have been followed in the eastern colleges but it was left to McPherson College to introduce the game here which combine nearly all the delightful elements of foot ball and basket ball but leaving out the so-called dangerous features of the former game.

Both games were fast and closely contested and were as clean and exciting as the most exacting could desire. McPherson had a little the best of it the first night taking the game by a score of 52 to 50. However revenge is sweet and the teachers had their full share when the second game closed with a score of 44-48 in their favor. The enthusiasm shown both games was the best ever put up at a game here.

A game was scheduled with Colorado University for December 20 but that team was unable to fill the date. Some kind of a game was absolutely necessary to keep everything moving in the proper channel so the girls were appealed to for assistance and nobly they responded with a game with the ladies from Bunker Hill. The Normal girls put up a fine game and

romped merrily away with a 26-4 victory.

After the girls had won the game and the admiration of the crowd the boys second team mixed with the Hays High School bunch which ended with the second team picking Hays' heel dust from their eyes while the High School proudly marched out with a 17-10 clean up.

Friday January 7 our old rivals, the Salina Wesleyan appeared on the Normal court and before the largest crowd of the season managed to trounce the teachers by the close decision of 34-33. This game was a trifle rough but everybody but the coach seemed to enjoy it. The real pleasure of the season though came the next evening when owing to a difficulty in the train schedule the preachers again met the Normal. This time the teachers had been told that their business as students here was to teach and not let the other fellows take the lead all the time. The instructions were obeyed to the letter, proving to themselves and others, by taking the game 43-32, that at least part of the bunch had awakened from his dreams and got busy.

The girls team: Forwards, Elva Bice, Aura Bice. Centers, Mary Ryan Bertha Robinson. Guards, Freda Knoche, LoRee Cave.

Boys bunch, Forwards, Leo Bice, Frankenberger. Guards, V. Bice, Nielson. Center, Reed.

It is the opinion of the out-of-town students who remained in Hays during the vacation that they had a much better time than those who went home. Mr. and Mrs. Beach invited them to join in their Christmas eve dinner and afterwards to share the fruits of the Christmas tree; Mr. and Mrs. Matthew had some of them to Christmas dinner and Mr. and Mrs. Picken entertained them on Monday evening the twenty-seventh. On the whole the young men and women think they have nothing to complain of.

Success.

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much: who has enjoyed the trust of pure women, the respect of intelligent men, and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul: who has never lacked the appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had: whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction." Mrs. Bessie A. Stanley.

Miss Iona Garner visited in Wakeeney the past two weeks.

Miss Lillian Picken, physical directress in Colorado College, spent the holidays in the city.

Despite the inclement weather the majority of students were back to school on Thursday, while the remaining vacant seats were duly filled on Monday morning.

We have been shown a design for an upholstered front gate which seems destined to become very popular. The foot-board is cushioned and there is a warm soapstone on each side, the inside being adjustable, so a short girl can bring her lips to the line of any given moustache without any trouble. If the gate is occupied at 10:30 p. m. an iron hand extends from one gate post, takes young man by the left ear, turns him around and he is at once started toward home by a steel foot. The girl can if she likes set this part at a later hour than 10:30. — Ex.

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Sometime ago a Lyceumite was heard to say to a new student: "Join the Lyceum society if you want to derive any benefit from society work. The Literati society is as dead as an Egyptian mummy." Although the Lyceums have done but little more than we have, yet this assertion did not fall far short of the truth. If we are to derive any benefit from our society work, our meetings must be regular. Interest in society work seems, at present, to have almost died out. It is up to us as members to do something to revive interest in this work. Even if there is something doing on every Friday evening, it would be possible to meet at an earlier hour. Why not call a meeting and agree upon some plan

by which we can hold our regular meetings? Let's not be compared to Egyptian mummies.

EXCHANGES

The most some hunters kill is time.

If you have to be a pickle be a sweet pickle, for goodness' sake.

Don't look too high. Opportunities haven't taken to aeroplanes yet.

Every day ahead of you is precious. All the days back of you have no existence at all.

Books are light-houses erected on the great sea of time.

An amateur speaker's voice may be all right, but his gestures always need oiling.

At a public school not long ago the children were training for the annual Flag Day celebration. One boy, in order to show good reason why he should take a prominent part in the ceremonies, said that he had a real gun; another had a pistol; a small girl had a flag and so on. Finally one tow-haired lad of six came up to the teacher and stood waiting for her to see him. "Well, what is it?" she asked. "Please, ma'am, I has a union suit," was the reply.

After you have watched a man try to keep house for a week you begin to realize why the Lord created women.

"A Mid-summer Night's Dream" is the play with which the Senior Class will entertain the public sometime in the spring. Preparations are being made to make this production excel anything heretofore staged at the Normal.

"Old Germany" spent the holidays near WaKeeney. While there he was thoroughly imbued with the idea of becoming a law student at Washburn. In our judgement "Old Germany" is perfectly able to plead his "case" without any such training.

For your lead pencil see Johansen.

Do you belong to the tin horn class?

Mr. Ed Sturm visited at Mr. Clarence King's home during vacation.

The Junior reporter seems to have gotten sick of Rice from recent actions.

Among noted events of recent date not to be forgotten is the noble work of Neilson, the evening of Dec. 22, 1909.

Prof. Jantzen of McCracken visited his many friends in Hays during holidays. The Prof. looks stout and hearty.

Miss Copeland and Miss Smith have an abundant supply of excess smiles which they have received in the last few days.

Two new students enrolled last week, Harriet Bates of Phillips county and Sullivan Johnson from Rawlins county.

Grover Cleveland's measurements are taken every day by his roommate. Watch the next issue of this paper for an itemized statement of the observations and comparisons made.

Margurite M. Vey has become so busy lately that she cancels all her engagements to attend basket ball games. When Margurite cancels a chance to go it is a sign that her studies are becoming alarming.

The Normal Orchestra is no longer a dream but an actual reality. Last week about a dozen fellows held a meeting and organized for the purpose of studying and producing music. They hope to be able to play several simple selections before spring.

The Normal twins, Jiminie and Maben, are progressing nicely in their new language.

Mr. Shamburg and Kerns were out sleighing in a double seated rig one evening last week.

Lost last Sunday night: A Senior orator who is as nimble as a "Reed" and innocent as a "Christian's son," last seen by Vernon Bice. Inquire for his whereabouts of the W. B. R. C. Club.

Miss May Gill and Mr. Harry Matthew represented our school at the Sixth International convention of the Student Volunteer Movement held at Rochester, New York, Dec. 29 to Jan. 2. They will give their report at the respective meeting of the Young Men and Young Women's Christian Associations on Jan. 18, Tuesday four o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

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Geo. Cox has joined the Juniors since Christmas.

Isn't it about time for the Seniors to have another of their devotional meetings.

A certain Junior girl boasts of having had the "Happiest" time during Xmas vacation.

"Clod Hopper" Dod is growing very robust from his brisk walks to and from Mt. Olympus.

We like to attract attention but we don't care enough about it to go sleigh riding on Sunday afternoon.

Sleigh riding seems to be the favorite sport among some of the Juniors and Freshies now-a-days, especially when some from both classes enjoy it together.

Wish some Senior would explain what makes their white haired youth look so sad since vacation. Something seems to trouble the Hibernian youth a great deal.

The longer time runs the more strongly it appears to verify our contention that gazing around in chapel was about the only way in which some students could have hoped to attract attention.

"Rollicking Jingle" is again with us. Jingle spent considerable time in our "Mother" institution but on account of the dull air that he found at Emporia he decided to return to the "Gay" life of W. K. S. N.

The University of Kansas has established a correspondence course in various branches of study. While this sort of instruction is perhaps not as thorough and practical as actual work in the classroom it fills a valuable place in aiding those who are unable to attend the school in person.

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Miss Sophia Dickinson, who is attending a school of music in Chicago, spent vacation with relatives in Hays.

Mr. Wooster visited at his home in Emporia.

Mr. Cunningham did not get farther than Manhattan to spend his two weeks vacation.

Miss May Gill returned from New York Monday morning.

Miss Grass drove across to La-Crosse and spent vacation with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kell and Claude Bice, students at Emporia, visited relatives in Hays during vacation.

Our ex-Normalites that visited school before the holidays, were Ed Jantzen, Sophia Dickinson, Lillian Picken, Ben Crocker, Mabel Rowilson, Alice Lund and Margaret Cave.

Misses Nellie and Elsie Spencer returned to school Monday morning.

Henry McVey stopped in Hays over Sunday on his return to Topeka.

The Agricultural class are planning an extended visit thru the mill sometime in the near future.

Misses Anna Reed and Myrtle Palmer and Mr. Joe Groff visited chapel last Friday.

This, it is believed, is the first time Old Santy ever stopped at our institution and presented each member of the faculty with a stick of candy.

We notice in the Rooks County paper that a member of the Board of Regents, W. B. Ham, has been very ill as a result of a fall he had a few weeks ago at Emporia.

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