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LITTLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

"Friendship's the wine of life;
 but friendship new
 is neither strong nor
 pure."
 —Young....

"No friend's a friend till he
 shall prove a friend."
 —Fletcher.

"To God, thy country, and thy
 friend be true."
 —Vaughn.

"An open foe may prove a
 friend."
 But a pretended friend is
 worse."
 —Gay.

THE PURPOSE

Now that Salem has voted its approval of Alfred E. Smith for the next president of the United States, doubtless most of the political excitement, stump speeches, and other noises which accompany elections will fade away. *The Salemite*, however, feels that the real purpose of the straw-vote has been accomplished—which was to awaken interest in Salem students for national politics. After all, it does not especially matter which candidate is elected on this campus,—but it does matter whether or not we are better informed regarding the party platforms, and issues which are causing much controversy in the national election.

The Salemite is gratified that such issues as immigration, farm relief, religion, prohibition and political machines have been stressed and discussed with force and emphasis—even though the discussions were frequently rather heated. The fact that we are college women, who will soon be eligible to enter into national politics, should be an incentive to make us daily inform ourselves concerning national and international questions. Do not wait for a special occasion to act as a stimulus—and then take a sudden interest in the question—but keep yourself well informed so that at any time you will be able to enter into a political discussion and present your views and opinions with force and intelligence.

The Salemite takes this opportunity to thank the student body and faculty for their co-operation and interest in the straw vote poll. We hope that each girl has in some way been benefited by it.

NATIONALISTS IN CHINA

What is happening in China? The Chinese too are concerned with political, social and immigration questions. They are progressing.

For 2,000 years China has been struggling for civilization. At last the nation is passing through a great reform which combines our Reformation, Renaissance, the French and American Revolutionary wars and the scientific era. The Nationalist government is doing much to bring about this change. It has asked that all foreign troops withdraw from China; it has given foreign subjects and enterprises special privileges. It is interesting to note the revolutions that are taking place in China since the Nationalists have assumed power. These are:

1. The political—passing from a monarchial to a democratic form of government.
2. The industrial—change from handicraft and agriculture to industrial stage of development.
3. The intellectual—attack of illiteracy and a transition from an attitude of authority to one of inquiry and criticism.
4. The social—breaking up of the clan system and a new type of family is developing.
5. The religious—the surrender of polytheists to monotheism, substitution of science for religion, and agnosticism.

Tennis Tournament and Basketball

"Ain't" it hot? Just the weather for some good old tennis. The Freshmen found the weather very agreeable in their tournament, especially Martha Delaney, the winner. Lillian Tucker was not exactly overcome by the temperature either, for she surely gave the winner a fight for the place.

The full tournament of both doubles and singles has started, for all classes. Now listen, here's just the chance all glory-seekers have been seeking. Wouldn't it be fine to have one's name in big print in the *Salemite* with "Winner of Tournament" beside it? Now this is absolutely guaranteed. Every girl who enters this tournament has one excellent chance out of five hundred of winning. Think of it— isn't this a wonderful opportunity? And absolutely free!

Basketball practices are in full swing now. The practices are being held on the outdoor court in anticipation of the Big Games. This year, however, there is not going to be only one day of games. Miss Atkinson has already said that there will be five or six preliminary games. And she doesn't mean "perhaps." This series of games will give every girl who is out for basketball a chance to have the experience of playing in a real college game. Won't that be something to tell the grandchildren about?

Druggists With "Side Lines" Nothing New

The druggist who sells lunches, books, radio sets and fishing tackle isn't a modern phenomenon at all, as most of us believe.

Around 1600 to 1625 we find the pharmacist selling sweets, preserved fruits, brown paper plasters, hair powders and perfumes. In 1617, in England, a new charter separated the apothecary from the grocer and he began to concentrate more upon drugs and to dispense.

At a later date apothecaries virtually became physicians. They prescribed as well as dispensed and visited patients. The pharmacist was then practically a fully qualified practitioner.

But gradually he had fewer and fewer drugs to dispense as prescribed. Today a city will often support only a few exclusive pharmacies and the druggist has fallen back upon side lines, quite as in the early days. This is no new and riotous indulgence on his part; he has ample respectable precedent.—*T. Swan Harding in the American Druggist Magazine.*

SIGMA OMICRON ALPHA NEW DEBATING CLUB

(Continued from Page One) and third Tuesdays of every month were set apart as the time for meeting.

The name upon which the club decided was Sigma Omicron Alpha.

Much suspense and interest is being shown over the subject of the first discussion. Will it be the "Supremacy of Woman over Man" or "The Abolition of Capital Punishment"? Whatever it is, every one is looking forward to it with a great deal of pleasure and interest. It is hoped that the new-born Debating Club will continue to grow, and enlarge, and prosper. The campus is backing it and its members and wishing them luck. Welcome to our family of organizations, Sigma Omicron Alpha!

Ancient City of Birds

Below Sidon, but above or north of Tyre, lay a city called in ancient time Ornithopolis, meaning the city of birds. Much of the glass now called by us Sidonian is decorated with birds in various poses, sitting, flying, nesting, says the *London Times*. Many of the birds resemble storks and swans, a circumstance which suggests that this city was a center for the manufacture of glass in the time of Augustus and Tiberius.

Bible in Philippines

The Bible holds a unique place in the life of the Filipino people. Millions of Filipinos seldom read any other book and many of them believe the Bible is the only real book in the universe. The annual distribution of the Bible in the islands is greater than the combined circulation of all newspapers, exceeding 120,000 copies annually. No other book has attained a circulation in excess of 1,000 a year. More than one-third of these Bibles are in English, the others being in various native dialects. Most of them have been printed in Manila since the earthquake in Japan destroyed the plates, and the work constitutes the first publishing done in the islands.

Thinking of Cost

"There ought to be only one head to every family," declared the earnest speaker in the club.

"That's true," agreed a worried-looking man, standing by the mantel-shelf making figures on a piece of paper.

"You agree, do you?" asked the first man, with a smile.

"Indeed I do," was the answer. "I've just paid for hats for nine daughters."

Surprise!

A well-known magician, who wore a goatee and mustache, happened one day to see a man who was his perfect double. The magician expected to use the double in a substitution trick.

"When I jump into the trunk," he said, "you jump out of your chair in the audience and come up on the stage, and the people will think it's me."

"That evening the magician jumped into the trunk and closed the lid, and at the same instant the double arose in his seat and yelled, "Here I am"—but the trick "hopped" miserably.

The new hired man had shaved off his whiskers.

Outdid Lou's Philippe

Concerning the unhappy King Louis Philippe of France, Mr. Ralph Neville in "Robbers Old and New," tells a good tale.

Revisiting Twickenham, where his old home was, he was accosted by a man, who, turning off his hat, respectfully hoped that his royal highness was well.

"What's your name?" inquired the ex-king. He was told.

"I do not recollect it," said the royal exile. "What were you when I lived here?"

"Please, your royal highness," replied the man, "I kept a grocery—was in on close to the entrance of Orleans house."

"Did you?" said Louis Philippe, smiling grimly. "Well, my good fellow, you did what I was unable to do."

Little Change Noted In Making of Bricks

Making brick was prehistoric history when Egypt was young. Plutarch tells the history of the phrase, "he's a brick," by relating the anecdote of a Spartan king who argued against building a wall around the capital city by pointing to his army and saying, "There is my wall and every man a brick."

Basically, the manufacture of brick has not changed since those early days, if we except the vitrification. The process has simply been refined and modernized.

Herodotus writes of an inscription on a brick tomb built 16 centuries B. C., which reads: "Disparage me not by comparing me with pyramids built of stone."

as much superior to them as Ammon is to common deities. I am constructed of brick made from mud which adhered to the end of poles and was drawn up from the bottom of the lake."

So Silly

It was while the Hoot Gibson company was on location in the mountains that Harry Neuman and Bill Bradford borrowed an ancient fly to carry the cameras to a set. It was hard going all the way and once or twice the iron horse threatened to quit entirely. Finally a regular mountain loomed up ahead.

"Think you can make that hill?" asked Harry anxiously. "I damn," said Billy in disgust, "but I'd like to know who'll lead."

—*Los Angeles Times.*

He: "May I hold your hand?"
 She: "It's not heavy; I can manage it."

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