

UNCLE SAM'S OWN SCHOOL.

WEST POINT AND ITS MILITARY ACADEMY DESCRIBED.

How a Young Man Who Desires to Be Educated There at the Expense of the United States and is Willing to Fight if Necessary Should Proceed.



It is not remarkable, considering the historical associations clinging about West Point, the splendid education given gratis, and the commissions in the United States army following graduation, that there are thousands or tens of thousands of American boys who wish to be educated there.

The appointments used to be given to friends of the congressman, but latterly they have usually been bestowed on the successful candidate at a competitive examination.

GRANT (DINING) HALL.

Information will be held, and such other information as he may deem necessary. The candidate passing the best examination will receive the appointment.

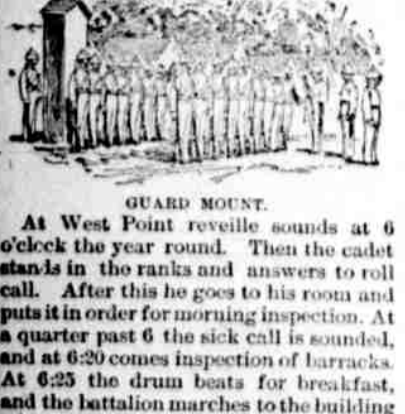
INTERIOR OF CHAPEL.

Practical drill (Swiss bridge building, June 10, 11, 12, 13); Position firing building, June 8, 9; Military signaling, June 11; Use of the sword and bayonet, June 12; Military gymnastics, June 11.

When the cadet has passed his final examination and is ready for a commission in the army, he is recommended by the academic board to the different corps of the service, according to his class standing.

The Samoan Commission.

Here are portraits of the members of the Samoan commission that recently concluded its labors in Berlin. The first names are those of the Samoan members.



GUARD MOUNT.

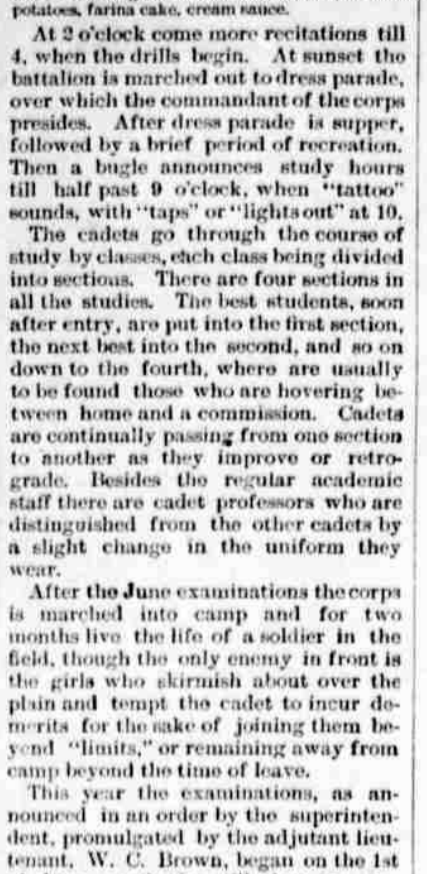
At West Point reveille sounds at 6 o'clock the year round. Then the cadet stands in the ranks and answers to roll call. After this he goes to his room and puts it in order for morning inspection.

PENNSYLVANIA'S WOE.

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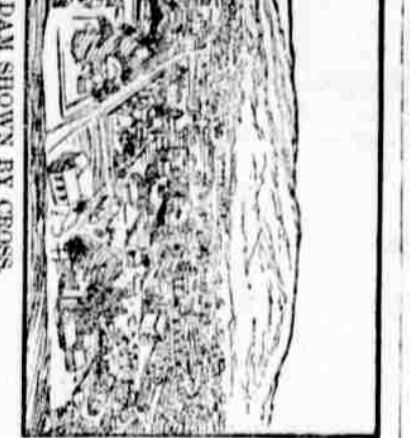
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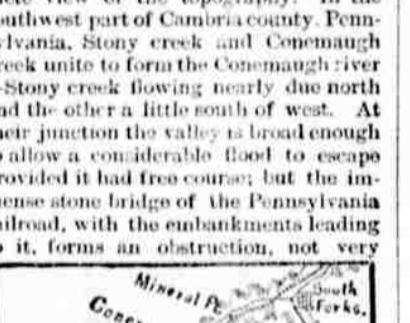
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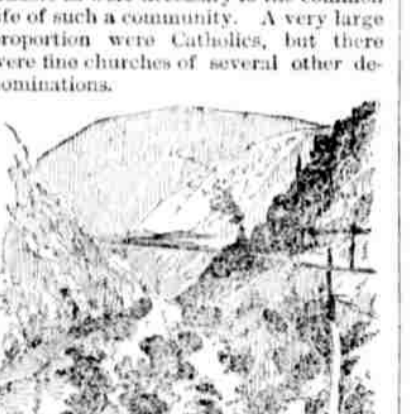


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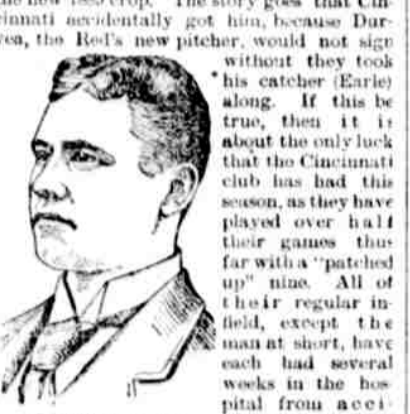
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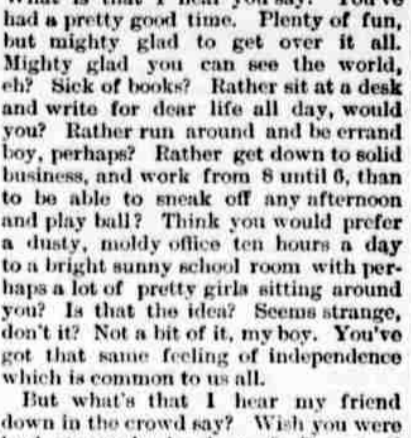
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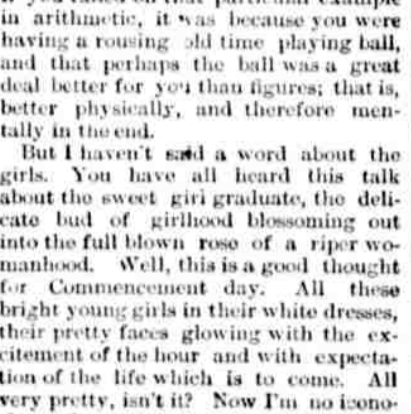


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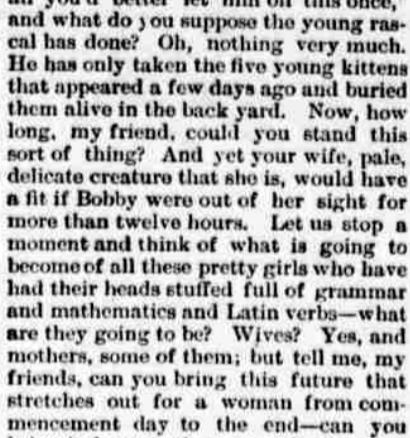
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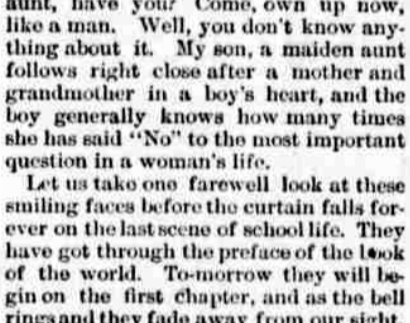
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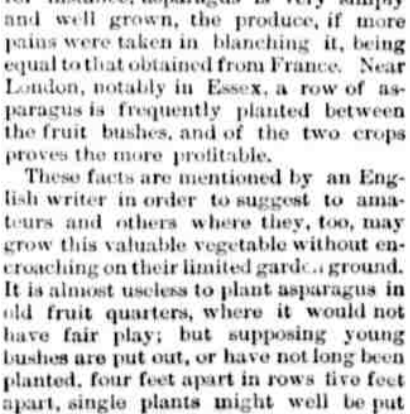


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