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COLLEGE ORBIT.

An article of recent publication made the statement that Franklin and Marshall and Ursinus Colleges may be merged into a single institution in the near future. Both colleges are under the control of the Reformed church and it is believed by the officials of this body that a single college, such as would be created by the merger, would be productive of far greater good than the two small colleges now accomplish in such close proximity to each other. The consolidation will not likely take place for a few years but the final proposition is to locate the united college at Lancaster, the present location of Franklin and Marshall. In that event the buildings now used by Ursinus college will be turned over to the Allentown College for Women.—Orange and Blue.

A great western oratorical league has been formed, composed of the following institutions: Michigan, Chicago, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Northwestern, and Oberlin. The first series of declamations will be given next spring at Evanston, Ill.

Souvenir postal cards will get to their destination much more quickly if accompanied by a one cent stamp.

The Boomerang.

The Thespians, the college dramatic organization, will make their first appearance of the year in the Auditorium on Saturday evening Feb. 25 in "The Boomerang," written by the late Augustin Daly. The performance was scheduled to take place on Friday the 24th, but as this is the night before the "re-exams," it was changed to the following evening. It is hoped that a large audience will be present on this occasion to take advantage of this opportunity to give the boys a good send off. The play cannot be called a "roaring farce" but it is a first-class comedy. The parts are all well taken and as the play abounds in funny situations and startling climaxes, it goes without saying that the performance will be worth witnessing. Manager MacDowell has secured Mrs. Hurley of Buffalo, an actress of thirty-seven years experience, to train the members of the cast in their respective parts and she has already accomplished wonders in giving style and finish to the rendition of the characters.

The management has encountered more than the ordinary number of trials and tribulations, but they have persevered in spite of them all, and have at last secured a cast and a play which will uphold in every respect the high standard set by previous performances of the organization. Turn out and give the boys the "glad hand."

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