

a great deal of improving going on upon the grounds and there is yet much that needs to be done to complete the work already begun; so I suppose the Board feels somewhat reluctant to appropriate a very large sum to a new undertaking until some of the old ones are pushed."

"Well! perhaps you are right in your surmise; but it seems hard to believe that after hoping so long for the realization of our wishes we shall have to be satisfied with scarce a beginning toward them."

"I would not look at it in such a discouraging light. Wait until the students get rightly interested in the matter; wait until they realize the advantages and necessities of successful field sports; then, perhaps we can see our way clear towards what we desire. Look at it in this light. We have over two hundred students. Say one hundred and fifty of these at least could see enough advantage in outdoor and field sports to each give one dollar or perhaps more. Three hundred dollars would make a pretty good start towards a track.

"I didn't think of it in that light. I believe that is worth working up. Let us go in and talk to some of the boys."

Pointing out across the foot-ball ground to where a number of stakes were driven in the ground in somewhat regular order, he explained:

"Those are the stakes marking out where our quarter mile track is to be. You notice it is laid out so as to enclose within its boundaries both the base-ball and foot-ball grounds.

"But," remarked the observer, "don't you think the ground is rather uneven to lay off a foot-ball field inside of that track? I notice over there about the middle is a depression that would take at least six or seven feet of filling to make the field level, and up there near the corner of the woods is a rise or knoll that will have to be taken off and in doing that you will be likely to strike solid rocks.

"Oh!" enthusiastically remarked the first speaker, "the college is going to fix that up for us. They will level all that up first in the track, and

everything, and they are going to begin on it just as soon as the weather opens up."

"Going to do all this with one hundred and fifty dollars, eh? a job I would scarce think worth while to commence with less than five hundred?"

"Who said anything about one hundred and fifty dollars?"

"Why, didn't you hear about it? The Board of trustees have donated that much to put in a track."

"The deuce! We'd better make it a foot path then."

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LOCALS.

Dr. Atherton has also secured Dr. Gregory for a series of lectures on topics of the day.

The Rev. W. B. Carr, of Latrobe, preached in the college chapel on Sunday, March 22.

Professor and Mrs. Pond spent vacation with friends in Amherst, Massachusetts.

C. M. Green and H. Hamilton, of the Senior class, spent their Easter vacation at Niagara Falls.

The removal of the hedge between the Ladies' Cottage and the Main Building adds materially to the appearance of that part of the campus.

On Saturday evening, April 4th, Prof. and Mrs. McKee entertained a number of the students at their home in State College.

The officers and non-commissioned officers of the Battalion will be drilled in the sabre exercises, by Lieut. Wolf, this term.

The prospects are that Tennis will be more generally played by students than ever before. Courts have already been rolled and brought into good condition.

On the evening of April 7th, Mr. Olds gave a very pleasant party at his home in the village for a number of his friends who remained in State College during vacation.

While the prospect for base ball is not as bright as in some previous years the general outlook warrants us in saying that we shall be able to put a good team into the field.