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EDITORIAL

Pennsylvania Day.

The "State Collegian on behalf of the student body, extends a most cordial welcome to the many distinguished guests of the College on this auspicious occasion. Never in the history of the institution has it been our good fortune to entertain so many widely known people and every effort will be made to improve our opportunity and make the occasion a grand and glorious success.

It was a great game! For the seventh time "State" has triumphed over her old rival Dickinson and the team which was in the depths over the defeat at Annapolis is once more on the flood-tide of prosperity. Saturday's contest will be memorable in the annals of State College, not so much for the victory itself, decisive as it was, but because of the magnificent "spirit" and determination displayed by the members of "State's" team. The defeat at Annapolis was very disheartening, for we expected to win that. Then came the illness of Captain Forkum and finally when the team had resolved to go into the Dickinson game to do or die and had actually started

the contest, came the last straw in the injury and removal of Moscrip from the game. Was this not enough to completely discourage any ordinary team? But did they throw up the sponge? No, not a bit of it. Each fresh reverse only made them work the harder, and the knowledge of what depended on him, seemed to nerve each player to greater effort. With such determination and such spirit to inspire them, the team could not help but win. Dickinson played a plucky game, but could not withstand for an instant that constantly advancing mass of muscle, bone, and "spirit." It was magnificent! All honor to the State football team of 1904!

There are two games yet to be played. They should not prove difficult and we hope they won't, but whatever happens, the season of 1904 is a grand and glorious success.

In our hour of rejoicing let us not forget the defeated ones. Dickinson played well, but it was not her day. It was not mere football knowledge, individual playing, or any of the attributes that usually win games, that triumphed on Saturday. It was that "do or die spirit" which won for "State," and until Dickinson can instil a greater determination to win, than that which inspired the "State" team, she cannot expect to triumph.

Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away from the scene of the "cider scrap" on Tuesday evening, Nov. 1st, we can observe the incidents of that eventful night with clear vision and come to some definite conclusion as to the result of the contest.

After careful investigation the following facts come to light. The Freshmen brought their barrel of cider onto campus disguised in a clothes basket, right after their class meeting in the Armory had ended. They also had some cider in small cans. During the scrap several Juniors claimed to have received ci-

der, but there is no evidence to support the contention that this cider came from the barrel while it was on the campus. On the other hand there is abundant proof that the barrel was not opened until the Sophomores had completely surrounded it and had knocked the head in. The contention that *some* cider was given out cannot be upheld for a moment. If this were accepted, no time would elapse before Freshmen classes would be bringing on cider done up in bottles! It would be manifestly impossible to prevent the class bringing on its cider under such circumstances. The code of rules drawn up by the joint committee from the two upper classes has not yet been adopted, so the contest cannot be decided under those regulations. This much remains clear however. Cider must be brought on by the Freshmen class in a *barrel* and the cider given the Juniors must be taken from that barrel in order to win the contest. This is strictly in accordance with custom.

Therefore since it has been proved that the barrel of cider brought on the campus by the Freshmen was not opened until seized by the Sophomores, it is clearly evident that the cider given to the Juniors, under the custom of the college relating to cider scraps, regardless of rules drawn up by the committee, not yet adopted, cannot be accounted legitimate. Since the Sophomores seized and held the barrel, spilled the cider from the same and thus prevented any being given to Juniors, the contest was a clean victory for the class of 1907.

Notice.

Owing to the Thanksgiving vacation and the consequent absence of the editors and business managers of this paper from the College, the COLLEGIAN will not appear next week. The next issue will be published on Thursday, Dec. 2nd.