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Retirement of President Atherton

All those interested in State College were greatly surprised on Wednesday morning, Dec. 20, by the announcement of Dr. Atherton's desire to relinquish his duties as president of this institution. This request is actuated by the ill health from which Dr. Atherton has suffered during the past few years. His close application to his duties as president together with his age have of late taken away from him the health and strength necessary to guide an institution of this size, and have necessitated his absence from duty a considerable part of the year. His recent sickness has all the more weakened him and his physician has advised him that he must spend the remaining winter in a warmer climate than that of State College. This periodical enforced absence has led him to ask that he be relieved from duty.

However, at the request of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Atherton has consented to remain and teach his chosen subjects as he may think proper in the fall and spring terms, thus continuing in a certain official connection with the College. In this position he will also be able to assist his successor in many ways.

During his twenty-three years' connection with State College Dr. Atherton has done more for the institution than can be at first glance imagined. From an unknown, unfavorable agricultural college, he has built it up into one of the foremost of the leading technical institutions of the country. His unceasing, untiring efforts manifest themselves in the magnificent buildings on the cam-

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The John Barrett Prizes.

Hon. John Barrett, United States Minister to Columbia has established three prizes which are to be awarded to the authors of the best papers on political, economic, and historical subjects. The first prize is \$100, the second \$75 and the third \$50. The competition is open to any student in any American college, university, or technical school. The papers must not exceed 10,000 words in length and must be sent to the President of Columbia University before September 1, 1906. The results of the contest will be made known by the judges through the newspapers as soon as possible after October 1. The ten subjects given to choose from all bear on the relations of the United States with the South American countries, or on South American history; and the object of the competition as stated by Mr. Barrett himself is "to promote the study of the history, peoples, politics, resources and possibilities of our sister Republics, and to develop in this country a wider interest in our political and commercial relations with Latin-America—especially as these relations effect the growth of closer ties of international confidence."

Wood—Jones.

Dec. 23 Prof. H. P. Wood, '99, and Miss Elizabeth Jones were married at the home of Prof. and Mrs. J. P. Jackson, in the presence of about thirty-five guests. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Gill at half past ten in the morning. Mr. and Mrs. Wood left the same afternoon for Philadelphia where they spent one week. They will be at home at McAllister Hall after Feb 1.

Sophs 16, Fresh 0.

Notwithstanding the fact that the above score is the largest rolled up in this annual inter-class battle for seven years, this year's contest was without a doubt one of the fiercest Beaver Field has ever witnessed. The playing was clean, but exceptionally hard and nervy, and the Freshmen although badly beaten fought to the end with such grit and determination as to excite general admiration.

The splendid team-work of the Sophs, whose line-up consisted of no less than three Varsity and six "scrub" players, proved too much for the Fresh, who possessed but one Varsity man, and two members of "the scrub." From the beginning it was seen that the offensive work of '08 could not be blocked by '09's warriors, who, nevertheless, showed some brilliant offense themselves.

FIRST HALF

The conflict was on exactly at 2:45, and opened by "Mother" Dunn sending the oval to the 5 yard mark where Miller caught and ploughed back for 12 yards. After gaining a few yards in line plunges, Captain Don Miller was called upon for a punt, but the ball caromed off the side of his foot, and traveled but 12 yards out of bounds. Here was a golden opportunity for the Sophs, and they took advantage of it by a series of desperate line plunges. Zink made 3 yards and then 2, Ferguson 2, and Zink was laid out for repairs. Then Leathers secured one yard, Hickman 2, Zink 2, Burns 2, Ferguson 2, Zink 1-2 yard, Ferguson 2, Hickman 2, and with the ball on the 2 yard line, Zink hurdled

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