

## STATE COLLEGIAN

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### EDITORIAL.

A large number of notices for stolen books have been appearing on the bulletin board lately. This is a state of affairs which ought to be stopped as soon as possible. Some effort should be made by the students collectively to put a stop to this petty thieving of taking other people's books from the shelves in the Hall. Persons who do such tricks are dishonorable and should not be allowed to remain in town. Why is not some action taken at some athletic meeting when most of the students are present, or some morning after chapel. A committee should be appointed to devise ways and means to prohibit this business. If these creatures—we cannot call them men—are putting themselves through college by selling the fruits of their stealing, they are adopting a mean practice. Probably the victim can less afford the loss than the thief.

The substitution of Varsity sub men in order to save the second team from defeat at the hands of prep school representation is something which cannot be approved. Such a

method of winning games is only one form of professionalism, we might say, and destroys our reputation for sportsmanlike conduct. What will be our own prospects for obtaining games if our opponents find that they have not the merest chance of winning on State's floor. Give the other man a fair chance is the opinion of the student body. State men have always rejoiced in victory and have never regarded defeat in a hard fought game as a disgrace, but as an incentive to better work. The Collegian, we are sure, voices the sentiment of the entire student body, in condemning this practice. The side lines on Thursday evening showed marked disapproval of the substitution, for no fair-minded man desires to see State win if she cannot do so in a fair and square contest. The first half was interesting and enjoyable and called forth the approbation of the few who had spirit enough to turn out. It looked dark for State at some periods, but this only stimulated the cheering, which we desire to hear more frequently. What we want is basketball games, good ones, fair ones, in which State is evenly matched with her opponent. Victory then calls for congratulations and defeat is no disgrace. There is no glory in an easy victory. We hope no more athletics at State will be marred by similar features. Win, but give the other man a fair chance.

### Western Trip.

To-day (Thursday) our 'Varsity basket ball team leaves for a five day trip through Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Several days ago Manager King received a letter from W. U. P. cancelling their game in Pittsburg with State, while two weeks ago Geneva cancelled their game. In their stead State has secured South Side of Pittsburg. The schedule then stands: Allegheny College, Friday, South Side, Saturday, and U. of Va. Monday.

### Track Prospects.

The outlook for a splendid track team this year is very promising.

Ever since examination week, the track squad has taken advantage of the marvelous spring-like weather to get out and do cross-country work.

By graduation last year the team lost Capt. Hornbaker, Saunders, Forkum and W. Kaiser, all sure point-winners, men whose loss will be felt this spring, but by faithful work of old and new men alike this loss should be replaced. In the sprints, Captain Arnold '06, Hi Henry '07, and Wright '08, should form a winning trio. In the 440 yard dash we still retain all the men who made such a splendid showing in the U. P. Relay races of last year, and it is expected that there will be something doing when the team goes to Philadelphia in April. In the half mile, "Johnny" Kaiser '06 will hold his own, while Stapler '07 and Long '07 will both have a "look-in."

The distance races should be well taken care of, for the number of candidates is legion and some of the new men should make good.

The field events do not give as great a promise. Saunders will be greatly missed in the pole vault and high jump, but Strayer '10 and Zink '08 are both good men for the pole vault and will undoubtedly develop into first place winners.

In the high jump, Brewster '07, Sadler '09, Behee '09, Llewellyn '09, and Strayer '10 are all working, but will have to hurry to replace Saunders. Any man in college who has ever tried the high jump should come out and practice.

With the weights, Dunn '08, Wray '07, and Leonard '09 are the most likely men. All in all, the track squad contains splendid material and "Pop" Golden is confident of turning out a winning team to support the honor of "Old State."