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EDITORIAL.

The action taken by the student body last Friday morning in regard to the cider scrap is a good move. For years, the custom of guarding the campus during the fall term has been the cause of many failures and subsequent dismissals from college. The cider scrap has also been unsatisfactory in other respects. However, the new method of fighting for the cider barrel obviates the greater part of these difficulties, and presents no unfair advantages to either class. And yet, until the experiment is tried there may be more or less doubt as to the superiority of the new scrap over the old.

At first thought, the suggestions made in regard to the flag scrap seem to equalize advantages for each class. With more careful examination, it can be seen that the Sophomores will have every advantage. The Collegian ventures to predict that, under the suggestions made, no

Freshman class will ever again maintain possession of its flag. Great care will be taken to see that a large number of Freshmen are securely tied and shut up in safe places. The Sophomores can, without even tying any Freshmen, throw their men into the mass, and, with no men and no grease on the pole, they can climb the short distance with little difficulty.

The tying part is attended with some danger. In their struggles to release themselves, or to get back to the pole even with their hands tied behind their backs, some Freshmen may injure themselves or be injured by the Sophomores, although unintentionally.

Two new men have been elected to the board of the Collegian; H. J. Dick, '07, on the editorial staff and J. D. Woodward '08, on the manager's staff.

The work in after-dinner speaking, recently begun by Professor Frizzell, affords to Seniors and Juniors an excellent opportunity for instruction in this art. The value of this training can scarcely be questioned. The after-dinner speech has had a far more important function than simply to entertain and amuse. The best after-dinner speeches have not been collections of stories and witty sayings, but in them some of our greatest statesmen have laid down policies of vital interest to the whole country. It has been well said that the best time to convince a man is when his stomach is full and when he is satisfied with himself and with the world. Wise speakers have taken advantage of this fact, and they have put their very best efforts into some of these speeches.

The principal work in this class is to discuss, in a very informal way, some of the after-dinner speeches in our language. Practice is also given each man in the art of storytelling. Such work will be helpful

not only in college, but outside. Meetings are to be held once a week, and it is hoped that practical good may result from this informal work.

Kicklets.

A tick in time saves—an excess. A clock in the library would be a welcome addition.

And still the Freshmen smoke on the campus! Have you no respect for the college customs which you will be expected to uphold in a year or so?

What is this "State spirit," of which you talk so much? At the recent Athletic Association election 547 men voted. At the re-election one week later 423 men cast their ballots! Where were the other 124?

The playing of the band at athletic games is appreciated between innings, but during the actual playing it is a source of annoyance to both teams and visitors.

The campus would not be seriously affected, and the base ball team would appreciate it, if that little tree in left field were removed.

The ventilation of the Auditorium, especially during Sunday services, is usually poor. More air would make it more comfortable.

The Reserves Lose One.

Captain Dodge and his men lost their first game of the season to Williamsport High School on the Tri-State League grounds last Saturday. The score was 11 to 2. State had 4 hits while Williamsport obtained 12. State's eight errors also caused considerable trouble, and pitcher Dodge for State lacked good control. The Reserves lined up as follows:-

Staud, c; Dodge, p; Newton, s.s.; Foster, 1st.; Luther, 2nd.; Ryan, 3rd.; Fuhs, l; Sankey, m; German, r.