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EDITORIAL.

For a number of years there has been more or less discussion as to the advisability of substituting some other name for the present name of the town, State College. Again and again, rumors to this effect have been sent abroad, but until the present time, no definite action has been taken toward effecting this much needed change.

That Dr. Atherton, in his efforts to make the College a success, has also done much to develop the town cannot be doubted, and it is with a sense of appreciation that it is proposed to give his name to the town, as an honor to his memory.

The college itself has a deep interest in this movement and awaits a favorable result as eagerly as those who are putting the petition before the courts. For a long time, considerable confusion has been caused by the similarity between State College, the institution, and State College, the town, often leading to the supposition that the College is situated at Bellefonte. All this trouble

will be obviated if the courts grant the petition.

As the petition states, the name of Atherton is acceptable for a number of reasons. There may, however, be some arguments against the movement, such as conservatives are wont to make, but it is likely that the efforts of the petitioners will be rewarded.

That serious injuries were not sustained in the cider scrap last Saturday is one of the most remarkable facts on record. The possibilities for bodily harm under the present rules are entirely too broad, and some modification is evidently needed before the next contest takes place. Of course it must be admitted that the rules governing the scrap were only provisional, as an experiment, and open to criticism and change, but we cannot allow another scrap to take place until a number of further provisions are made to prevent danger. The opening rush, the piling up of bodies on the barrel, the use of lard, paint and other substances that provoke skin diseases, and the use of foot ball shoes are elements that must be modified or eliminated altogether. It is not intended to make a tea party or reception out of the affair, but we cannot allow such great possibilities for danger. A few changes, such as the following, have been suggested and gathered together by the athletic editor of the Collegian.

1. To count only each man who has a hand, or both hands, on the barrel, instead of counting the hands individually.
2. That all contestants wear gymnasium shoes.
3. That the "starting circle" be reduced in radius, so that the class possessing superior numbers shall not have such an advantage in getting to the barrel.
4. That no paint or lard be allowed on the contestants' bodies, as

these substances are poisonous to the skin.

5. That the judges be given an elevated view-point close to the barrel.

6. That all non-contestants be kept at least 50 yards from the circle of battle.

7. That the number of judges be raised to seven, and their duties plainly defined.

If these improvements are brought into play this new cider-scrap will prove vastly superior to famous scraps of former times in all particulars.

The element of guarding the campus, formerly so detrimental to college standing, has, fortunately, been eliminated entirely, and we may look forward to a contest that will be a great improvement over the old system.

The Miners' Feed.

Last Friday evening at McAllister Hall, State's Junior Miners gave their annual "feed" to the Seniors, and, with over fifty men present, this event proved the most successful and enjoyable of its kind in which the Miners have ever taken part.

C. M. Piper '08 acted as toastmaster and called for the following "spouts":

The Mining Engineering Society... H. C. McIlveen
The Junior Miners... W. B. Flank
Reminiscences of Hazleton... L. B. Smith
The Edge and the Tip of State College... H. D. Mason
The Miners' Home Sweet Home... F. A. Dalburg
Dry Air Blast... Prof. C. P. Linville
The School of Mines and Metallurgy...
Dr. M. E. Wadsworth

Kicklets.

At the present writing the grandstand yet remains as dirty as ever. Let us hope that the audience may witness the Toothpick-Tumbler game next Saturday from a clean stand.

That portion of the campus immediately surrounding the front entrance to "Old Main" is an inappropriate although convenient place to throw rubbish.