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## DR. SPARKS TO LECTURE

First Visit Here Since His Election as President.

Apropos of the fact that Dr. E. E. Sparks, President-elect, will deliver a lecture in the Auditorium this evening, we are glad to reproduce from the program of the second annual convention of the Oklahoma State Teachers' Association a notice concerning Dr. Sparks, who delivered several addresses or lectures at that convention. The program says:

"Dr. Edwin Erle Sparks is one of the most delightful speakers in America today. He will appear on the program some four or five times, but his lectures have so much of fact and fun, and with this, wit and worth that not a single lecture will be missed by anyone. He has searched out all the odd, the unusual, the funny incidents connected with the facts of American history and, with his inimitable art as a story teller, he weaves these into the narrative in such a way that he not only carries his audiences with him but at the same time presents the facts and philosophy of American history in such interesting form that his audiences live, laugh, and love with his heroes. Prof. Sparks is the author of 'The Men Who Made the Nation,' 'The Western Movement' and several other interesting books in his field—American history."

In spite of the fact that his contract with the University of Chicago prevents him from entering upon his duties here before next June, Dr. Sparks is already getting into touch with affairs. On Tuesday he at-

tended the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in Harrisburg and he has already had conferences with alumni committees in several cities. Dr. and Mrs. Welsh have sent out cards for a reception this afternoon at which the faculty will meet Dr. and Mrs. Sparks. When our new president enters upon his duties next June he should be familiar with the general situation here and in a position to carry out wisely the important policies which he will be called upon to administer.

## Senior Week.

As is now generally known, the period between semesters will be devoted this year to the celebrations connected with Senior Week. This is an innovation at Penn State and its success will be watched with a great deal of interest. Other colleges have a similar demonstration between the semesters of the college year and there is no reason why Senior Week at State should not develop into an attraction second only to commencement.

The schedule committee arranged the examinations so that all will be over on Thursday noon Jan. 30. On Friday night a number of the fraternities will join in a Terpsichorean dance in McAllister Hall while the others will conduct house dances. The Glee Club will give an excellent entertainment Saturday night in the Auditorium. The club has been practicing steadily for this entertainment and it will probably prove to be one of the best they ever produced.

As a fitting close to the celebrations, the crowning event of the

week will be the dance held Monday night in McAllister Hall. The college orchestra will furnish the music and "Mother" Dunn will have charge of the refreshments. "Pop" Golden is trying to arrange an exhibition gymnasium drill or a few wrestling matches and fencing bouts, together with a fistic encounter or two during the vacation.

The inauguration of Senior Week will probably result in omitting the Easter hop, which has been losing its support of late because it came so near Commencement. It is thought that Senior Week will overcome this objection and become a notable feature of the year's social events.

## The New Pharsonians.

At a meeting held in December to consider the advisability of attempting a college minstrel show during this year, it was unanimously decided by the twenty-five present that such a show should be presented. Accordingly an association was formed, calling itself the "New Pharsonians," and the following committees were elected: On endmen—McIlveen, G. E. Miller, and Waha; on music and program—Wyckoff, Armstrong, and Hills; on specialties—A. B. Steigerwalt, Lessig, and Sadler; on management—Kunkle, Gebhardt, and Krise. Those who wish to try for places as endmen should hand their names to the first named committee at once. Special attention is called to the prize offered for the specialty "stunt." Any group of men in college is eligible to compete. For further information inquire of the committee on specialties. It was