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## EDITORIAL.

A worthy movement is now under way by a few of our strongest and most influential students for the formation of a Civic Club among our upperclassmen. This movement is one which should be encouraged as fully as possible for it is of vital interest to every citizen of the State and United States. In the course of our work here we very naturally overlook and perhaps neglect getting true information as to local town, city, county or state government. When we are thrown out into the wide, wide world we should know these things, we should know where our taxes go, we should know how and when the various elections are and can be held. Politics at present is connected more or less with "graft" and "dirty work." We should so educate ourselves

while in college as to understand these conditions and to be able to fight for their betterment. Harvard, Princeton, Columbia and other large colleges and universities have Civic Clubs which are chapters in an intercollegiate Civic League holding conventions once a year. Efforts will no doubt be made to become recognized by this league. Prominent public men will from time to time be asked to talk to the club on interesting topics. It is surely something worthy of the attention of every true student citizen.

Pittsburg.

The game at Pittsburg last Thursday finished one of the most successful years on the gridiron that a State team has ever had. Only once was the goal line crossed and not once was defeat our portion. Pitt promised a great game and gave it, but the hearts of all were gladdened when the Blue and Gold fell before the Blue and White.

It is remarkable that there were so many rooters in the State section who knew the way to yell a team to victory. The Pitt stand was outnumbered and outvoiced.

Pittsburg is the gathering place every Thanksgiving of the greatest contingent of State alumni anywhere, excepting possibly Commencement time here at College, and the Pitt game gives a great opportunity to get a full share of College Spirit from the "Old Grad's" standpoint and the undergraduate's standpoint. Thanksgiving and Pittsburg are almost synonymous in the minds of the Alumni, and the gathering at the Fort Pitt Hotel was a never to be forgotten event in the

lives of most of those who were there.

Penn State spirit ruled, and the glad hand was given freely and without hesitation by all. The love of Alma Mater, and the thoughts of her back there in the recesses of the hills were the main toasts that passed. The whole occasion served to strengthen the spirit that binds all State men far and wide—the "Penn State Spirit."

## Kurt Hugo Held.

In the sudden death of Kurt Hugo Held on Monday morning, his class and college have suffered a great loss. Mr Held was one of the most likeable and companionable members of the Sophomore Class. Always merry and cheerful in his relations with fellow students, steady and efficient in class work, honest and true toward all, his loss comes as a heavy blow. Until the very morning of his death Held seemed to be in his usual splendid health. As he sat studying he complained of sudden headache and dizziness, and when his condition became rapidly worse, his roommate, leaving two classmates in charge, went for a doctor, before his arrival the patient was gone. An extended inquest points to tuberculosis of the bowels, with acute indigestion, as the primary cause of his death.

On Tuesday afternoon, during the suspension of recitations, services were held in the Auditorium. Classmates escorted the body, of their friend from the undertakers to the Auditorium. Dr. Gall offered a touching prayer, the President read a poem by Sir Edwin Arnold and Dr. Hunt read a short obituary. After the service was concluded the body was escorted to the railroad station whence it was shipped to Buffalo for cremation.