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**Football.**

We stand at the close of a successful football season, and with the other universities and colleges we can look back and count the cost. Some teams were unfortunate, some men were unfortunate, and the cost in lives may make it questionable with some institutions as to the advisability of continuing the game—but here at State the game will go on. As General Beaver said on Pennsylvania Day in relating a conversation he had on the question of discontinuing football at State—"Stop football? No;—send your boy to State and we'll put such a back bone in him that it can't be bent, let alone broken." That is the attitude of the whole student body, the management of the Athletic Association, and all who who keep in touch with conditions here at State. That most of the fatal accidents

were the result of superhuman efforts, and sometimes lack of skill, should not be held as arguments against the game. The percentage of fatalities is very low compared to other sports and pastimes. The hunting season just closed witnessed some eighty fatalities. Because men were killed, due to lack of skill with the gun, the hunting season will not be abolished. So with football at State. We believe that the game as it is played here, in a clean, open square manner, is a benefit to the men who play, to the supporters of the team, and to the College.

The exercises for chapel next Sunday will be a new departure and should be interesting to everyone. The new departure brings variety and variety is the spice of life, so the saying goes. We have been very fortunate this year in having great variety in the Sunday services, and in having the opportunity of listening to presidents and important men from other colleges. These things tend to broaden our views. Many more and many famous men are to speak to us next semester, including men in charge of large congregations in the big cities.

Those who attended the free illustrated lecture by Dr. Cole, last Saturday evening will no doubt welcome the announcement that there are five more first class lectures to be given this year. George Knox McCain will be the speaker at these lectures, giving a series of talks on different countries, and all well illustrated. The name of George Knox McCain should be sufficient announcement to draw a crowded house, for all can remember the talk on Mexico

which he gave here last winter. It was, indeed the strongest one of the series and drew forth much favorable comment.

We are glad that such a good course is in store for us, coming on Saturday nights during the winter when we are, more or less, wanting such diversion from our studies. Our appreciation for the arrangement of such a promising course is due to Prof. G. A. Whittemore, chairman of the committee, and to Dr Sparks, who is always arranging for a variety in our college life, and whose influence had much to do with the securing of Mr. McCain's services.

Our appreciation is also due the trustees, the faculty, the business men of the town and of Bellefonte, and other friends who have very generously contributed sums of money to defray the expenses of the speakers.

**Over Crowding in the Auditorium.**

With the enrolment last week of between 90 and 100 students in the short winter courses in agriculture the seating capacity of our Auditorium is filled. There are now only two seats not assigned to students, and this condition will exist until March first when the short course men leave. Until then the faculty and visitors will be accommodated Sundays on the platform and in the front part of the Auditorium similar to the seating last Sunday, and they will enter by the side doors.

Tomorrow morning twenty-five senior students in Electrical Engineering will leave for an inspection trip accompanied by Professors Kinsloe and Hale. They will visit Philadelphia and New York and intervening points, disbanding on Dec. 17 for the Christmas recess.