

Open Letters.

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To the Editor:—

The faculty athletic committee has taken action to prevent the hockey team from playing the remaining games in the intercollegiate league at Pittsburg. This question is somewhat like the summer baseball question. To understand the case you must know the facts connected with it. In the first place, hockey rinks, unlike football and baseball fields, are not rented out to hockey teams. Instead, the management of rinks like Duquesne Gardens in Pittsburg, the Elesium Rink in Cleveland, and the St. Nicholas Rink in New York pay all expenses of the opposing teams and allow them to practice on the ice between skating sessions. Nothing spoils the ice for skating so much as hockey, so that if teams were renting the rink they would be charged a large sum of money for the practice periods. Besides, the teams renting the rink would be required to have a manager and a small corps of assistants to look after the business end of the game. Then too the management of the rink under the present system, takes all the risks of small crowds and other unforeseen occurrences. Looking at all sides of the question any other plan than the present one seems impracticable if not impossible. Yale and Princeton always play a series of games at Pittsburg every year, the management of the rink paying their expenses. In fact these games usually decide the intercollegiate hockey championship. If other college hockey teams allow the management to pay their expenses why should we object to such an agreement?

Hockey.

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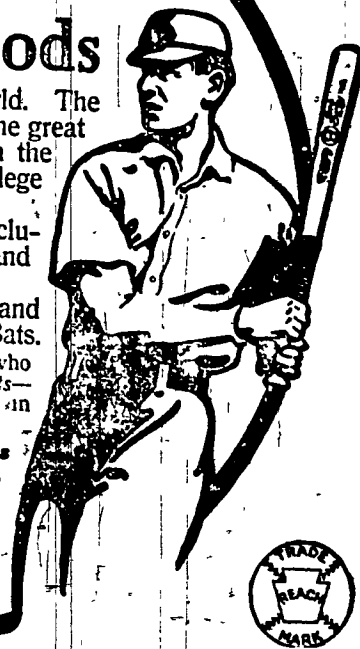
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"Picturesque Ireland."

The enthusiastic audience which filled the Auditorium to overflowing on Saturday night was sufficient proof that the first lecture of the series by Col. McCain was a decided success. And the second of the series—the trip through classic Ireland was just as beautiful, just as fascinating as the first. The journey began at Queenstown and Cork, and, in its course through Eastern Ireland, Passed by Waterford, the beautiful Vale of Avoca—Tom Moore's home country—Dublin, and Belfast.

Then, after showing the wonderful scenic effects produced by nature at the Giant's Causeway, the trip wound its way down the west coast of Ireland, past the Achill headlands and the wonderfully beautiful lakes of Killarney. In the rugged westland, where the most primitive types are still to be found, the people of Col. McCain's pictures attract to a great extent the lovers of romance and mystery.

It is safe to say that the audience of Saturday night echoes heartily the lecturer's appreciation at the granting of his wish made under the old Wishing Bridge—the wish that he might lecture again to the people of State College.

The next lecture will be on "Wales," and will be given Saturday evening promptly at 7:00 p. m.

This change of time is made to accommodate the State-U of P. wrestling match. The succeeding lectures will be "Egypt" on February 5 and "Constantinople" on February 12.

Interclass Basketball.

The Seniors defeated the Freshmen last Wednesday by a score of 19 to 16. The game was exciting and the result in doubt until the last few minutes of play.

On Tuesday evening the fast Junior team defeated the Sophomores, 22-14. It was by far the most exciting game yet played in the interclass league. The Sophomores set a hot pace in the first half, the score be-