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The publication of the report of the death of F. I. Woltz last week, which we correct this week over Mr. Woltz's own signature, leads the Collegian to announce this following policy:

No alumni notices or any notices relating to the well being of a State man, physical or otherwise, will be published except on absolute verification or over the signature of the informant.

Formerly we have relied on the word of the informant, which was sometimes based on rumor, and we have suffered accordingly. The misinformation was not given intentionally in any of the cases which have required correction this year, but as a safeguard of the reputation which the Collegian wishes to maintain, of authenticity of news, we announce the above policy.

It may be well to say at this time that complaints of the lack of alumni news, are caused by the lack of interest on the part of Alumni, and that the material which comes to us is sadly lacking just now. In the fall the notices of alumni meetings were plentiful, and notes much easier to obtain. We welcome communications of interest to alumni and give them space whenever they are received.

#### Missions.

Penn State's part in the interest of missions was inaugurated last Saturday and Sunday by Dr. Harlan P. Beach, of Yale. His account of his own experiences in the far East and of the great opportunities there at present were of great interest to all who heard him. The missions will be studied here in two groups. The upper three classes will study "The Awakening of Turkey" under a corps of leaders, and conducted in a manner similar to the present Bible classes. These leaders will meet in a normal class once a week under Mr. Buchman, who has spent some time in Turkey and the Holy Land, and who can give some valuable information on what is taking place in Turkey. Mr. Buchman, himself, will lead the freshman mission class in a study of Robert Speer's book, "Servants of the King."

The entire course will be only for six weeks continuing from now on until Easter, and it is hoped that a large enrollment will be made. The work can be made very interesting by cooperation. The more the merrier.

#### The Agricultural Special.

A special train, run by the Pennsylvania Railroad in connection with the school of Agriculture and the Experiment Station of the college, will make a trip on several of the branch

lines on February 22, 23, 24. Stops will be made at 14 stations on the Middle Division, the Hollidaysburg and Morrison's Cove, and Petersburg Branches. On March 9 and 10 another train will be sent down the Cumberland Valley. Several of these trips have already been made, and they are proving to be of great value to the farmers. According to the laws governing railroad companies, the lecturers on these trains are compelled to pay the regular carfare. But all other expenses, such as advertising, etc., are borne by the company. The lecturers for the coming trip are Thomas F. Hunt, Alva Agee, H. E. Van Norman, F. D. Gardner, C. F. Shaw, and M. S. McDowell, all of The Pennsylvania State College or the Experiment Station. The subjects that have been selected are:—Soil Fertility, Meadows and Pastures, Use of Lime, Corn, Alfalfa, and Dairying.

The train is run in a very business like manner, paying strict attention to a definite schedule. It is composed of three coaches, two of which are fitted up as lecture rooms. As soon as a stop is made, the waiting people take their places in the cars, and a lecturer begins to speak in each car the two subjects being different. At the end of 25 minutes the lecture is concluded, and another 25 minute talk given. In this 50 minute stop a man can hear only two of the six lectures. If he wishes to hear the rest he travels on the train to the next stop, where he hears two more, and then to the next, where the two he has not heard are given. At the close of each lecture, circulars are distributed which summarize briefly the main points in the talk.

It has been a very short time since such lecture trains were being tried merely as experiments. Now, however, they have proved their worth, and have shown their true value as a means of placing important information before the farmers.