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Main Line's Show Remarkable Strength and Escape Defeat on Beaver Field.

For the first time since 1906 a college team played our varsity eleven to a standstill on Beaver field last Saturday. Gettysburg held Captain "Mother" Dunn's team to a 0-0 score that year and Villanova duplicated the feat less than one week ago. Four years ago the Gettysburgers tied us just one week after a notable victory over the Indians, and that season was completed by holding Yale to 10 points and then downing Navy, Dickinson, West Virginia and Pitt in succession. The recent Villanova struggle followed our good showing at Pennard and we feel that this season will be finished in just such style as that of 1906. We have just such a leader in "Alec" Gray as they had in "Mother" Dunn and our present eleven has just as much of the State fighting spirit. Opportunities will be given in the St. Bonaventure and Bucknell games for the team to pull together and then a victory over Pitt will show that our eleven has unitedly played all the football its individual members know.

Just now there is no denying the fact that there is a good deal of discouragement in our football, camp Dr. Hollenbeck and "Henry" Scholl have done the excellent lot of second-string material to work with that "Bill" Hollenbeck and "Trish" McIlveen had last year. Again our old football stars have not returned to aid coaching as in former years and now with the Pitt game just three weeks ahead, there is the greatest need for everyone to pull together as only sturdy State men in this clean, manly college can. It is a crisis. Old State has overcome such difficulties before and they can do it this time.

But to return to the game, which was enough to give almost any Blue and White roster heart failure. It would never do to tell in detail how our gridironists brought the ball within Villanova's 10 yard line eleven times during the game and yet were unable to score. Indeed, the main liners never possessed the pigskin outside of their own 30 yard mark in the first two quarters and only looked dangerous once.

That was in the fourth period when Kelly's forward pass was intercepted but fumbled, Skelton recovering the pass. The visitor then ran the ball from the middle of the field to State's 15 yard line. They could get nothing through our line during the entire game and could not in this case, either. Kelly dropped back for a field goal with seemingly good chances of a score, but Watson and Gray blocked the drop kick and State recovered the ball.

How humbled by Villanova's prowess our team rushed the ball down the field in a manner that took the visitors' breath away. When substituted for Engle, sprinted around the ends at breakneck speed for two substantial gains. Then the "stubs" went to it as very tight Minter's touch pass and on 40 yards to Villanova's 10 yard line. "Shotty" Redner worked stick play and went through the route of the line and into the end zone. Many of the Villanova law hum Field Judge Godcharles had not blown his

whistle, however, and ball was taken back. In three attempts we still lacked a foot of first down and our most spectacular opportunity to score was gone.

Numerous costly fumbles robbed Captain Gray's eleven of a dozen good chances to add another victory to our 1910 record. Workmen and Piollet failed in three attempts at goals from placements and the fates were indeed arranged against us. The Main Line's were a big husky bunch of Irishmen who outweighed our eleven fifteen pounds to a man and undoubtedly played a hard, aggressive game. They were guilty of delaying the game considerably when they had the ball and the position of their coach, Field Judge, in officiating at the State-Penn game on Oct 22 although protested at the last minute by our coaches can hardly be commended as that of a sportsman and. Undoubtedly the visitors handled our light backfield men, Miller and Barrett, unnecessarily rough in certain instances and their high tackling was rather inclined to produce fumbles than to bring down the runner.

However, the team work necessary for victory was lacking on our team. Barrett and Miller made some good dashes by open field dodging but the interference necessary to allow them to get away for runs was sadly lacking. Barron displayed excellent headwork on several occasions, while Piollet, Very, Watson, and Harlow made tackles. The charging of our whole line on the defense was unbeatable, the visitors' only first downs coming on well executed forward passes by Skelton and Kelly. Indeed every one of our men played a great game individually but the teamwork was lacking.

Duffy punted well for Villanova, Miller and Barrett handling his high, long spirals well. Gray, Johnson and Weaver charged especially low and hard and our not winning can be placed solely on the numerous unfortunate fumbles and the inability to gain when the goal line was within easy striking distance. Much credit is due the new cheerleaders for the best cheering ever produced on Beaver field. The work of the officials was good. The lineup showing those who played in last Saturday's gruelling battle follows.

| VILLANOVA | STATE |
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| Slavin | Piollet |
| Stronach | Harlow |
| Gormley | Gray (Capt) |
| Curry (Capt) | Watson |
| Shirra | Johnson |
| Arader | Weaver |
| McGormick | Very, Rogers |
| McGowan | Miller |
| Ellis | Barron, Quirk |
| Duffy | Field Judge |
| Mercer | Head Coach |
| Rel. Sec. "B.B." Young | Council Umpire |
| Snodgrass, Swarthmore | Field Judge |
| Edwards, "Time" 11 | Godcharles |
| Head men | Detlor |

An Important Lecture for Engineers 7:30 P. M.

Mr. G. R. Henderson, Mem. Am. Soc. Mech. Eng. consulting engineer for Baldwin locomotive works and for other large companies, will give an illustrated lecture in room 20 engineering building, Tuesday, Nov 8 at 7:30 p. m.

Delphi Dance.

The Delphi fraternity gave an informal dance in their house on Saturday evening and the affair, which was attended by many out-of-town guests, was very successful.

General Athletic Elections.

The election of the three general athletic managers will be held on next Monday night. The time and place will be announced on the bulletin boards.

CIDER SCRAP CLOSE

Sophomores Defeat the Freshmen by Narrow Margin in Twenty Minute Scrap.

In one of the most exciting and closely-fought contests seen for several years, the Sophomores won the cider scrap from the Freshmen by the score of 33-32. The closeness of the score itself tells the story of the fight. From start to finish, the men of both classes struggled with all their power to reach the coveted prize; and to the spectators, the outcome was always in doubt.

According to custom, the men of 1913 appeared first upon the battle ground below the Armory, and grouped themselves at the western side of the circle. The confidence which comes as the result of a former year's experience was apparent in the faces of all. The scrap appeared to them like a good-natured rough-house; for though the Freshmen would undoubtedly fight hard, 1913 would surely win. The Freshmen on the other hand showed a far different aspect. When the long line of men swarmed from the Armory, their faces held the expression of grim, earnest determination. Their was no jesting, no certainty of victory. Notwithstanding their superiority in numbers, they felt themselves handicapped by lack of experience, and lack of ability to recognize one another. Their hope was to win if possible, and if not, to make at least a fair showing before the eyes of the spectators.

A few tense moments of excitement, as the classes waited on the edge of the white-marked circle; then the gun and the first rush! The scrap was on. At the very outset the Freshmen profited greatly by the strategy of their wing movements. Chosen teams at the dividing lines between the classes, executed a swift flank movement which broke up the flying wings of the Sophomores, prevented their movement, and gave 1914 a good chance to reach the barrel. Although a few Sophomores mounted the barrel first, a mass of Freshmen immediately surrounded it on all sides, and thus gained the first advantage.

When the fight was well under way, the work of sending men by the overhead route to the barrel began in earnest. For purposes of identification each 1914 man had a strip of black tape about his wrist. Although this appeared to be one of the best methods for that purpose that has been tried, it did not succeed in all cases; for very often the men, particularly those near the center of the mass, could not free their hands to show the distinguishing emblem. The Sophomores,—compatively well known to one another,—had little difficulty in this respect, but used a password in cases of necessity. Man after man from both classes fought his way to the barrel, only to be pulled down and carried off by his opponents. To the spectators, the fight seemed even, for men from both classes clustered about the barrel in nearly even numbers.

At the edge of the circle, the customary hand-to-hand encounters took place. Large numbers of men busied themselves solely in the work of pulling down opponents, and dragging them beyond the fighting line. Though this part of the

struggle was hard and determined, very little dirty work was in evidence. A keen spirit of clean rivalry seemed to pervade the men of each class.

As the clock on Old Main gradually approached the time when the twenty minute scrap would be over every man put new spirit into his work. One man after another drew himself over the heads of the others until he had reached the center. The mass of men there became more closely entangled, and packed in, in the efforts of all to get a hand upon the top of the barrel. A cloud of steam rising in the cold air showed the extent of the crowded inner circle. The men at the edges fought wildly to gain the center, or to keep out opponents who had the same desire. Then the booming of the gun proclaimed the end of the fight! After a few moments delay, in which the contestants made sure that the signal was genuine, the outer men gave way, and left to the judges the task of counting the hands.

The presence of over sixty men in so small a compass, makes it difficult, almost impossible, to judge accurately whether a man is really touching the barrel. In this matter the judges used great skill and obtained the best possible results. When the final count was rendered, the score stood 33 to 32 in favor of 1913, a result close enough to satisfy any lover of a close contest. All honor, then, to the winners of a clean, hard scrap! And honor also, to the men who made so gallant a fight against them. May Penn State see many more scraps, just as exciting, just as hotly fought, just as clean.

THE MASQUE BALL

Hallowe'en Party in Armory an Event of General Wit and Good Humor.

The second annual Hallowe'en ball, held in the Armory on Monday night, was a very enjoyable affair. Although the attendance was not large, due probably to celebrations occurring elsewhere at the same time, there were enough to provide a good time for all. The walls of the Armory, with their covering of shocks of corn; the corn-stalk bower of the orchestra; the round golden moon; and the cider barrel; all helped to give an impression of good cheer that was in perfect harmony with the season.

The dancers upon the floor surely presented a varied spectacle: sporting gentlemen and "hard" westerners mingle with elegant ladies, both white and black; military men, pirates, and even one representative from the lower world, rubbed shoulders with one another. A double-faced man, and a lightly-clad bathing couple were also conspicuous among the crowd. An Italian organ-grinder, with a most amusing protege, kept the bystanders in good humor. The monk performed some clever antics, and appeared to be quite at home in his surroundings. And in similar manner, a long series of interesting figures gave life and color to a most interesting scene.

At the end of the ball, the prizes for the best costumes were awarded. The team prize was captured by Mr. Stonerod and Mr. Weston, in the Italian musical specialty. Mr. H. H. Armsby was awarded

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THE GYMNASIUM FEE

An Accurate Explanation of the Present Athletic Financial Situation.

In the present discussion of these fees, a short history of their origin may be of service. Incidental and laboratory fees common to all colleges have been collected in the Pennsylvania State college from its beginning. The matriculation fee charged in most colleges has never been introduced here; nor has any tuition charge been made. In the early days, before modern sports were introduced, there was no expense necessary for physical education. Military drill was the only form of exercise provided. The Armory was built at state expense since military drill is required by law to be taught in the college. Some gymnasium apparatus was purchased from the general funds. With the growth in the number of students and the introduction of athletic games, it became necessary to provide for the instruction of all students in some form of exercise and to enlarge the Armory into a gymnasium. This grew more feasible when the size of the regiment made in-door drill no longer possible.

Accordingly in 1897, the Board of Trustees of the college voted to require each student to pay six dollars annually for the support of a department of Physical Education, to include both athletic and gymnasium instructions, although it was designated as a "gymnasium" fee.

The sum thus obtained was barely sufficient when the number of students was small to pay the salaries of instructors and the up-keep of the gymnasium and athletic grounds. In later years it has increased with the number of students until it now affords means for keeping the gymnasium in excellent repair and adding to the apparatus; for providing a locker house and additional shower baths, completing the grading of the athletic field, constructing bleachers, placing tennis courts in order twice a year, keeping the athletic field in order, etc.

Meanwhile the voluntary student Athletic Association had experienced difficulty in financing the various teams, because no large gate receipts were possible when games were played at the college. Dues were difficult to collect. After repeated requests and after a pamphlet stating the situation had been presented to the Board of Trustees, that body agreed in 1902 to collect four dollars per year from each student, turning the money over to the Athletic Association to do as the latter pleased with it. In order to avoid the appearance of collecting too many fees, the four dollars was collected with the six dollars under the former name of "gymnasium" fee. At the same time, since Mr. Carnegie had expressed a willingness to construct a library building, provided it was properly supported, a library fee of \$3 a year was ordered to be collected for each student.

From the fall of 1902 to the present time, the ten dollar joint fee has been collected at the Business Office, four dollars being turned over to the Athletic Association or to the Graduate Management to do absolutely as it pleased with it; the six dollars for the gymnasium work is spent by the college under the direction of the Board of Trustees the same as the incidental and other fees.