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## PRESS CLUB REPLIES

In Answer to Letters from Eastern and Western Alumni, The Press Club Makes Strong Defence.

Dear Editor:

A letter from "an alumnus" published in your columns again calls to my attention the criticism the Press Club is receiving from alumni and students in general. I am afraid that they have an idea that editors are begging for news from here, but I am sorry to say that in most cases they are not. Of course editors are anxious for news of a sensational nature but this is the kind we try to keep out, for it does the college harm. We find that quite a few people think that this is still a farmers' high school and editors think that their readers are in one section while we are in another and that the two have no relations to each other. They forget that we have students from every county and it is to teach them this that the club has its greatest trouble. As for the cause of the news from here not reaching the west and the far east, perhaps it is for the same reason that we seldom see news from colleges our size in these sections.

For these same reasons we have not been successful in having the Associated Press use our news. Through General Beaver's efforts this agency has acknowledged an official correspondent from here but when he has written to it asking how much news it wished on current topics, it absolutely ignored his queries. Several times it has written for news but it has always been general news and not athletic.

Therefore, in place of writing here or of criticizing those who are doing their best to help the work along, would it not be better if the alumni and all those who wish to see news from here go in the papers for which they subscribe would write to the papers themselves and, as subscribers, ask them for news from State College. If sufficient letters are received, the editors will become awakened and send for news. The press club will be glad to put any paper on its mailing list and will recommend special correspondents to those who wish them. Now, fellows, we are working from the one side, you get busy and push from the other.

The secretary, L. W. Van Buskirk, or myself would be glad to receive advice from anyone, but before sending it please imagine yourself in our place and think how it will work and, above all, "if you cannot boost, don't knock."

A. B. Zerby, president, The Penn State Press Club

Miller-Ament.

Announcement has been recently made of the marriage of Gray E. Miller, '08, to Miss Edna Myrtle Ament at Wilkesburg, Pa. The newly wedded couple will reside at 1004 Rebecca St. Wilkesburg, Pa.

President and Mrs. Sparks Will Entertain Football Men.

This evening, the members of the 1910 football team will be tendered a dinner by President and Mrs. Edwin Erle Sparks.

The College heating plant will soon be made more efficient by the addition of new boilers.

## NEXT FREE LECTURE

Mr. C. H. Easton Concretely Summarizes the Body of His Theme in Forcible Language. Will Deliver His Lecture on Saturday Night in Auditorium.

A widespread interest was aroused several years ago by the tragic death of Leonidas Hubbard, who lost his life through starvation while attempting to penetrate the unexplored interior of Labrador. His object was to open up and map out this unknown land, as well as to locate and study the Nauscauppe Indians reported to be the most primitive race on the North American Continent. Hubbard's fight for life and his tragic death are well known to the reading public. His survivor, Dillon Wallace, in 1905 organized a second expedition of which I was a member. The trip up the barren Labrador coast was full of interest, and we were afforded an excellent opportunity of seeing the life of the fishermen among whom Dr. Grenfell is doing his great work.

From the North West River Post of the Hudson Bay Co., we crossed the country by canoe and portage through a thousand miles of unexplored wilderness, taking three and one half months. Before half of this distance had been traveled, the party was forced to separate, as provisions gave out. Three men returned over our trail, while Mr. Wallace and I went on. On the upper waters of the George river we met the Indians awaiting the caribou migration.

From the George River Post at the mouth of the river, we traveled 150 miles west to Fort Chimo, the loneliest post in Labrador, where we again met the Nauscauppe Indians. During our stay of two months at this post, I was afforded an excellent opportunity of studying their customs and mode of life.

We started on the homeward trip on January 3rd, and from that time until April 30th, we covered some two thousand miles with dog teams, using in all about 350 dogs. On this trip we employed Eskimo drivers, lived in their snow houses, and learned through actual experience the hardship of their life.

## ENGINEERING MEETING

Discussion of Current Topics of Interest Before Combined Engineering Departments Last Thursday Morning.

At the suggestion of Dean Jackson a combined meeting of the Engineering departments was held in the Engineering Building on last Thursday morning and many topics of interest to the students of the schools of Engineering were briefly discussed.

The first subject of interest discussed was the matter pertaining to the advisability of continuing "The Engineer." It was clearly shown that the present college publications so completely covered the data in the Engineering field that it was no longer profitable to publish the Engineering magazine and a motion to that effect was duly carried.

The next subject was that of the condition of the Club Room, and Class rooms in the building and a strong plea was made to the stud-

ents to develop a greater respect for the property of the school. Sentiment was strongly in favor of this and it is certain that no further difficulty will be encountered in this respect.

As an incentive to further the progress of the problem of aviation, Dean Jackson suggested a competitive aviation meet between the various Engineering departments, to be held next Commencement, and the hint contained in his remarks has already made itself felt by the majority of the upperclass engineers. Plans are being perfected for the purchase of planes, and without doubt, next Commencement's aerial meet will be one of the most novel features ever attempted in this college.

Request was made of Dean Jackson for copies of the "Bulletin," but inasmuch as only a limited number were printed, it was impossible to supply the student body. He has, however, posted a copy on the engineering bulletin board and those who are interested in the excellent articles of Professors Kinsloe and Walker, will have the opportunity to read them in this way.

With the discussion of this matter, the meeting was adjourned.

## COMING GERMAN PLAY

"Der Neffe Als Onkel" on Dec. 12 Will Undoubtedly Be One of the Most Attractive Features of the Year.

One of the most notable holiday entertainments will be the German Play, to be presented in the Auditorium on Dec. 12. The play selected for this year is Schiller's three-act comedy "Der Neffe als Onkel". Longer than the plays of former years; including more characters, requiring delicate acting; the production is all worthy; and a marked success is predicted for it. The coaching has been in the hands of Miss Simmons, Mr. Boucke and Mr. Scheib, of the German department. The cast of fifteen members has been working steadily for several weeks, and has mastered not only the spoken parts, but also the acting. The cast is made up as follows:

Oberst von Dorsigny, Shryock '13; Frau von Dorsigny, Betty Weiss '13; Sophie, Katherine Kessler '11; Frany von Dorsigny, Ohleen '12; Frau von Mirville, Evelyn Ancona '13; Lormenil, Dose '14; Valcour, Amschler '12; Champagne, Cronmeyer '14; Ein Motar, Wertz '12; 1st Offizier, Meikle '11; 2nd Offizier, Wiener '14; Postillon, Blanch '13; Jasmine, Bickley '12; 1st Lakai, Liegler '14; 2nd Lakai, Wiener '14.

As added attractions on the night of the play, there will be music by the College orchestra, and the singing of German songs by the members of the Deutscher Verein. All of us, of course do not understand German. This is, however no excuse for non attendance on Monday evening, since a detailed synopsis of the play will be given on the program. In order not to tread too heavily upon the Christmas pocket book, the prices of admission have been set at 15 and 25 cents. We should all, therefore, make it a point to attend the third annual play of the Deutscher Verein, and to make it an unqualified success.

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