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Graduated from the Pennsylvania State college at the age of 20, he devoted two years to electrical engineering at Cornell University, and almost at once made his mark. St. Joseph, Mo., Omaha, Salt Lake City and other cities owe their present lighting plants to his work.

Warm Letter From a Former Editor.

Editor, State Collegian,
Dear Sir—I wish to report three Alumni reunions of recent date, which demonstrate that the grand "Old State" spirit is just as rampant out in the cactus deserts of Arizona and New Mexico and among the mountain peaks of Colorado, as it is under the shadow of "Old Main," itself. Having just returned from a months' trip through the southwest, I was indeed happy to meet Penn State men at Chicago, Trinidad, Albuquerque, Deming, Raton Pass, Clifton and Bisbee.

At Trinidad, Colorado, on Jan. 7 an enthusiastic Penn State meeting was held by the following—"Mike" Dodge '06, "Tommy" Thompson '07, "Pier" Caruthers '08, "Fats" Stout ex '06, "Joe" Mason '07, and Charlie Stout of Altoona. A week previously on New Year's day an equally joyous session was held at Clifton, Arizona, with a Chinese cook officiating at the banquet board. Those present were "Irish" McIlveen '07, "Heff" Hirshman '10, Harry Leidich '10 and Joe Mason '07—While other colleges were also represented as follows,—Earle D. Mason, West Virginia '07; Dean K. Mason, Pitt '05; D. M. Williams, Cornell '98; O. D. Heck, Missouri School of Mines '02, S. Meritt Yale 'ex '10, G. Hutchin, Georgia '08; E. V. Horton, Vanderbilt '06, and others.

At Deming, New Mexico, while sitting in the Harvey Hotel between trains, I was surprised to be greeted by a big cow puncher from a nearby ranch, who proved to be Hayes ex '08, and another "State" reunion was the result. With heartiest wishes for a successful 1911 to our College and the Collegian, I remain,

Most sincerely yours,
Joe Mason '07,
Mining Engineer

Of Interest to Ag. Students.

Dr. Borstell, head of the United States bureau of soils, will give an illustrated talk before the society on Monday evening next. After the regular meeting, State Master, W. T. Creasy, will deliver an address, under the auspices of the county grange, the agricultural students and all others interested.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

For Clerk-Carrier in the State College Postoffice.

A competitive examination, under the rules of the United States civil service commission, for the position of clerk-carrier in the local postoffice will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, 1911, commencing at nine o'clock in the morning.

Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form, which with necessary instructions may be obtained from the commission's local representative, James A. Rice, State College, or from Herbert Mitchell, secretary of the board, Philadelphia.

Applications will not be accepted unless received before 4.30 p. m. on Feb. 14, 1911. All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and fill them out at once in order to allow time for any necessary corrections.

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The Last of the Y. M. C. A. Course Entertainments Both Amusing and Interesting

The last of the season's entertainments given in the Y. M. C. A. course was presented on Saturday evening, in the Auditorium, by the Katherine Ridgeway Concert company. The program for the evening consisted of musical selections and recitations which were all heartily received by the audience and most enthusiastically applauded. Several of the recitations which made pronounced hits were "Reading the Morning Newspapers", "Raising a Baby Scientifically" and selections in the native brogue of old Erin. Not only has Miss Ridgeway mastered the art of delivering comical and grave recitations well, but all of her gestures have been carefully studied out to produce the proper effects. This was shown quite vividly in a recitation in which she set forth the trials and tribulations of a woman monopolizing a Pullman car dressing room.

The program was pleasing in that it was so varied, the recitations being interspersed with greatly appreciated musical selections which were all exceptionally well rendered.

It is with much regret that the students saw the last of the Y. M. C. A. entertainments leave Penn State. The entire course has been both entertaining and instructive and we, to whom good entertainments rarely come during the college year, unite in hoping that next year's series of entertainments will be as interesting and as well attended.

LIBRARY NOTES

The admission of Penn State to membership in the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics gives added interest to the following note.

The Library has just received, through the courtesy of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America, a set of three books, depicting in text and photographs the last three annual track and field meets of the association.

The first book has for its subject the intercollegiate championships of 1908 which were held on Franklin field of the University of Pennsylvania. The second volume treats in the same way the 34th annual meeting at Soldiers' field, Harvard university, 1909, and the third volume deals with the 35th annual meeting at Philadelphia in 1910.

These books are unusually well illustrated with photographs showing all the events, most of them being action pictures. In each book the photographs are accompanied with a full textual and statistical description of the meet. In fact the books contain for each year a complete record of every performer, including all who were eliminated in the preliminary trials. The same detail is extended to the first and second annual cross country runs which were held at Princeton in November, 1908, and at Boston in 1909.

Another feature of great value is the compilation of a set of statistics showing every point winner and his performance for every meet from 1876, the date of the association's organization, to the present. These statistics were secured after long

search by the editor and are found in no other book.

Edward R. Bushnell, of the University of Pennsylvania, edited the books for the association. The committee on publication consists of Gustavus T. Kriby, Columbia; Thornton Genish, Harvard, and Romeyn Berry, Cornell.

These volumes may be found in the case for special reading, at the Library desk.

Indoor Athletics.

The first of the series of indoor track contests, held under the direction of the Athletic department, will take place on Thursday of this week. The work is entirely new here, but great results are expected in getting the men in shape for the spring track season. Owing to the press of examinations, interest in the meets has not been as strong as it should be, and the number of entries is small. This should not prevent large numbers from participating however, since entries will be received on the night of the contests. Six medals have been offered as prizes, and these will be an added incentive to the sport. The events will take place on the following dates.

1. Standing Broad Jump, Feb. 2.
2. 35 Yard Dash, Feb. 6.
3. Sping Broad Jump for Height, Feb. 13.
4. 35 Yard Hurdles (low)—2 hurdles, Feb. 20.
5. Running Broad Jump, Feb. 27.
6. 25 Yard Dash, March 6.
7. Running High Kick, March 13.
8. 35 Yard Hurdles (high) Hurdles, March 27.
9. Running High Jump, March 27.
10. Pole Vault, April 2.

Besides the indoor track contests, wrestling practice is also keeping the Armory busy. Manager Neddig has been making excellent progress with his wrestling candidates, and all who desire to try, should come out as soon as possible. There never were so many candidates for an athletic team, and we need the best material in the college to go through the heavy schedule which is ahead of our wrestlers this year.

The New Englanders Organize.

Not booty but service is the spirit that seems to prevail at the Penn State College. Everybody in any way connected with the institution has put aside the idea of gain, and is working for the welfare of the college in general. The only way to accomplish results in a work of this kind is through the systematic and organized efforts of numbers. For some time past, nearly every member of this great student body has been represented in some organization, such as the various county, city and state clubs, through which he is enabled to act and to produce results. However, there has been a little element of students here, who owing to their residence are not eligible to any of the above mentioned clubs. These students have long felt the need of some form of organization to increase their efficiency and to further the interests of Penn State in all of its activities.

The result is the organization of the Penn State New England Club, with every state in New England represented in its membership except Vermont and Rhode Island

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