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#### PINCHOT LECTURE POSTPONED Mr. Pinchot Unable to be Present. President Sparks Lectures In His

Last Friday evening the Auditorium was well filled by an assemblage which had come warmly clad in coats and furs, anticipating a lecture which was to be quite in harmony with existing environments. President Sparks announced however, that the Hon. Mr. Pinchot who was to lecture on "Alaska," had been unable to reach the college on account of existing snow storms. Disappointment was felt at Mr. Pinchot's non-arrival, but Dr. Sparks had a little surprise in reserve. He took those present into the realms of the tropics, thus making all fur coats incumbrances.

Going back to the historical times of Columbus, Dr. Sparks, in a most picturesque and interesting lecture, traced the development and the increase of Spanish conquests. By a series of maps, he then illustrated, Landscape Gardening Society Orhow Spain, possessing at one time a maximum amount of territory in the new world, gradually lost it, tract by tract, until firally, in the struggle of 1898, it lost all its prestige, and was entirely eliminated ing a Landscape Gardening society. from the Americas.

In picturing existing conditions. before and after the conquest of the United States, Dr. Sparks brought out in an excellent manner that illitoracy gradually certics a ration to its doom, and that culture and education cause it to triumph and flourish.

Although Mr. Pinchot's absence was keenly regretted, yet the presence of our President was greatly appreciated, and his lecture was most enjoyable.

#### The Senior Cotillion.

The second of the series of three senior cotillions, held in McAllister Hall last Saturday night, proved to be a success sociably. About fiftyfive couples were in attendance, the college girls, predominating. Following the custom of the first dance, the hall was prettily decorated with college and class penants. A well received feature of the cotillion was the circle two step held during the first half of the evening.

The patronesses were, Mrs. E. E. Sparks, Mrs. G. G. Pond, Mrs. J. P. Jackson, Mrs. E. A. Fry, Mrs. C. D. Fehr, Mrs. W. M. Weigle, Mrs. W. S. Dye, Mrs. J. P. Calderwood and Mrs. D. O. Etters.

The date of the final dance of the series has not been decided upon, but it will be held sometime in Woltz '09, and W. B. Wallis '11, of vestigate the sewage experiment

Show Interest in Class Basketball.

Are the "Moovies" of more interest to the men of Penn State than the Interclass Basketball League? Falls Water Power company with new sanitary laboratories of Har-This is the question that has confronted the managers of the four | Mountain Home, Idaho. teams. Last year and previous Many Enter Highway Engineering years the support given to the interclass games was good. In fact the actual expenses connected with the purchase of uniforms and other expenditures were more than met by the gate receipts. This year the maximum attendance at the games played so far has been less than fifty supporters. And yet each class voted to place a team in the facilities for practical work should Campaign at the University of Illied if more interest is not shown.

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The students taking the Landscape Gardening option met in their room 109 Agri. Bldg. on December 15, 1911 for the purpose of organiz-The following executive committee and officers were elected:

President R. H Wilcox, vice president E. J Reeves; secretary A. O. Plank.

A feature of this first meeting was an entertaining account, given by Mr. Wilcox of his motor cycle tour through France, Belgium, Germany and England, last summer, in which he pointed out the leading characteristics of landscape gardening in the four countries visited.

The main purpose of the Society shall be the informal discussion of topics of particular interest to the landscape gardeners at the same time avoiding subjects of too technical a nature as to exclude the interest of those not pursuing landscape gardening as a profession.

The Society therefore extends to the agricultural societies and other college organizations as well as to all who should like to take part in its discussions, the cordial invitation to attend its meetings, which will be called bi-monthly by the executive committee.

Three State Men Publishing Journal in West.

has ever been published west of the neers, held at New York City, on Rocky mountains has recently been January 17th. From New York he started by E. A. Wilcox '09, F. I. will go to Boston, where he will in-Penn State. The issue is called stations of the Massachusetts Insti"Power News". The paper is pubtute of Technology, and of the lished in conjunction with the inter- Massachusetts Department ests of the Great Shoshone & Twin Health. He will also inspect the which all three men are located at vard University, and the laborator-

# Courses.

The interest shown in the new course in Highway Engineering is evidenced by the fact that nearly star of Northwestern University, half the number of students who who so successfully led the Camwere taking the straight Civil Engineering course have changed to the the closing days of the Men and Highway course. The ample equip- Religion Forward Movement. He ment, the Good Roads Train, and has just completed a remarkable league. There is a probability of make this one of the most interest- nois, but he still feels that the Camthe present schedule being abandon- ing and instructive courses given at paign of last year exceeded every the college.

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