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## POST FESTUM.

Deutscher Verein to Present Wichter's One Act Comedy "After the Ball".

People fortunate enough a year ago to attend the successful presentation of "Der Neffe als Onkel" by the Deutscher Verein will be particularly interested in knowing that the organization is again rehearsing a play which promises to maintain its former high standard of excellence.

After much deliberation the Verein finally chose Ernest Wichter's comedy, Post Festum, as being particularly fitted for its purpose. Those in charge of selecting a German play are always confronted with the problem of presenting one that will meet the approbation of those readily understanding German and, at the same time, meeting the requirements of those who, because of less familiarity with German, depend largely upon the acting out of the plot for the evening's enjoyment. All who are familiar with the play or any who have witnessed the rehearsals thus far feel certain that Post Festum will be satisfactory to all.

The play is largely pantomime. The old General, impatient with the demands of social events and himself a good fellow in an informal way; Stern, the absent-minded Professor, so much in love with the General's daughter that his failing is even accentuated, and who therefore considerably complicates matters; von Brunnen, the debonaire young law student; Frida the daughter—these are but some of the characters that lend interest to the plot and in whose delineation there is presented opportunity for the display of histrionic talent by the cast.

The rehearsals have been going on for some time and promise well for the general success of the play. The sale of tickets has been encouraging and the management feels that from all present indications, Thursday evening, Feb. 29, will witness an event worthy of anything done by the Verein in past years. It may be of interest to those not understanding German to learn that a very complete English synopsis is to be included in the program.

### The College Prohibition Movement.

Through the efforts of Mr. Calvin, the representative of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, a College Prohibition League has been organized. The league has for its purpose the equipment of college men for service and leadership in the settlement of the liquor problem. It stimulates broad, many sided and systematic discussion, and a study of the whole question, so as to guard against narrowness and unsatisfactory methods; it enlists young men for service in non-license, local and State prohibition, legislative districts, "out-to-win", and other campaign work.

Its occasion is the crying demand for educated men with principle and conviction in public affairs, in the city, state and nation, and the heartfelt conviction on the part of thousands of University and College men that no point of attack is more strategic than that of the liquor traffic. It is independent of

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at other anti-liquor movements but co-operates, by furnishing them with young workers, with all such organizations as need the services of college men.

The investigations of the Prohibition Movement are conducted by means of student leagues, discussions, oratorical contests, laboratory work in campaigns, instructions in the principles of the prohibition reform, and leaves with the student the right to decide where his life influence shall be placed, the only right way to guide thinking young men.

The next meeting of the league will be held in the Old Chapel at 6:30 p. m. on Friday Feb. 23, 1912. At this time the history of license and the methods for putting a check on the liquor traffic will be discussed by upper classmen and members of the faculty. Later on in the year members of the league will have an opportunity to compete in local, state, interstate, and National Oratorical contests on subjects suitable to the question at hand, prizes from \$5 to \$50 will be given to the winner of such contests. These contests are open to any Penn State man who is a member of the league. This is an excellent opportunity for the men who have lately taken the stand to live an offensive christian life, to become acquainted with the methods employed in fighting down one of our greatest national evils. Don't forget the meeting Friday night.

### Engineering Notes.

Mr. C. D. Gilpin and the Senior Industrial Engineering students entertained the Freshman Industrial Engineers at a smoker in Mr. Gilpin's room last Friday night. Mr. Gilpin and Mr. Zieme talked on what is expected of engineering students, Captain Fry spoke on the engineer and scientific management in the army, and Professor Diemer talked on the objects of the Industrial Engineering Course.

New equipment has been installed in the hydraulic laboratory by means of which experiments may be made on velocity head in small pipes. It is also arranged so that experiments may be conducted to determine the losses of head caused by valves, unions, and couplings.

The Motive Power Club has arranged a series of meetings to be

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**Liberal Arts Play.**  
In these days of rapidly eclipsed musical comedy it is refreshing to turn to some drama which has stood the test of time and has been appreciated by many generations. Such a one is "She Stoops to Conquer," which will be played by the members of the Liberal Arts Club on Saturday evening, March 2.

The educative value of Goldsmith's comedy is equalled only by the liveliness of the situations and the sparkle of the dialogue. It is a play which seems ever new, adopting itself to peoples of all times equally well. It is one of the distinctive things in English Literature with which every college man and woman ought to be acquainted.

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