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THURSDAY, MAR. 7, 1912

Difficulties of Our Basket-ball Team. The difficulties under which our varsity basketball team labored this winter were many. During the present season it was compelled in many cases to play on large floors such as those at West Point and State, and again it had occasion to work on cigar box sized floors as those at Bucknell and Lehigh. The floor rules at the various institutions differed. Then again the team was called upon to play under two sets of rules, the Intercollegiate and the National. The National rules in action at the Manhattan game last December considerably handicapped our team.

The working of our quintet on the home floor appeared to have a certain psychological effect on the players, and the team proved to be thirty per cent. stronger at home than abroad. On the road the team was weakened somewhat by traveling and improper diet. The State team, as all other teams, had to deal with many incompetent officials.

Captain Shore's ulcerated instep, Craig's sprained ankle, and Mauthe's badly cut face were a few of the personal injuries of our players which worked hard against the success of the team. In face of the difficulties mentioned, our varsity team is to be highly commended for upholding the basketball records set by previous Penn State teams.

Memorial Exercises for Dr. Gill.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 25, memorial exercises were held in the Auditorium at four o'clock, to commemorate the death of our former chaplain Dr. Benjamin Gill. The meeting was opened in prayer by the Rev. Reiley of St. Paul's Methodist church. A beautiful hymn, written by Dr. Gill himself, was then sung admirably well by the college choir.

Dr. E. E. Runkle gave an exceedingly interesting biographical sketch of Dr. Gill, which clearly brought out the beautiful and modest life that our esteemed chaplain led in our midst. Dr. Armsby read the resolutions adopted by a meeting of the faculty on Feb. 15, 1912, on the death of Dr. Gill.

Jose Osuna, 1912, gave a sincere address in which he plainly set forth, the great esteem and the appreciation that the student body felt for Dr. Gill.

Prof. Pattee paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of this man, who had served this institution so

faithfully, and who will not be forgotten for many years to come. The college choir sang the favorite hymn of Dr. Gill "When All Thy Mercies O My God." The memorial service was concluded with a benediction, and at its close it was apparent more than ever, what a loss the college had sustained, in the death of its most honored friend, Dr. Benjamin Gill.

The McAllister Hall Dance.

In spite of the highly inclement weather which prevailed on the eve of Washington's Birthday, a large number of women helped the men of McAllister Hall to inaugurate their dance as one of the social activities at Penn State.

The dance was given by all the students in the Hall. All track house men and seniors and juniors, only, of Old Main were invited. About 43 couples enjoyed the many features of this pretty dance among which were the most artistic and complete decorations yet seen at a dance in McAllister Hall this year, an excellent dance program by the College orchestra, splendid refreshments, and a spirit of good fellowship which was evident among the men at all times.

The committee, which managed the affair so nicely that none of the students were put under any heavy financial burden and which provided so many interesting details, consisted of Messrs. H. L. Rogers, R. L. Rhoads, H. P. Kocher, K. P. Fuhrman, and J. H. Quirk. The girls who shared the many pleasures of the affair were mostly from this community with a few from Bellefonte and Lock Haven Normal School. Among the women who acted as patronesses were: Mrs. L. A. Harding, Mrs. W. M. Weigel, Mrs. Fred Robison, Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mrs. W. C. Kipe, Mrs. R. H. Smith, and Mrs. G. Hogsett.

This was the first dance of its kind ever attempted here at the college. Its objects and its many excellent features are not to be criticized; rather the students of McAllister Hall are to be commended and congratulated for the promotion of a social custom which has proved itself worthy of Penn State and which can hold its own with like social affairs instead of falling short as was expected of it by an unworthy few. It was, really, such a successful and an enjoyable dance and the patronesses were so well pleased that they have advocated it as an annual social function. The decided success attained was due only to the hearty co-operation of all the McAllister Hall men in making this their dance and to the spirit of equality which was noticeable throughout the evening.

Alumni Banquet.

During the Yale meet in the Armory on Saturday night, Feb. 24, the cheer leaders announced that the members of the class of 1911 would hold a banquet at the Nittany Inn immediately after the wrestling match.

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Then fill your glass and drink with me
For life is fleeting, soon is sped;
Away with care, let's merry be
Remember you're a long time dead.

The speaker called upon was Hugh Wells on "The class of 1911 in the wide wide world." Mr. Wells, a forester, told "the boys" in a few well spoken words what a help and a blessing it was to be a Penn State Alumnus as well as to be a 1911 man. In his wanderings as a ranger he found many State men only too glad to lend a helping hand.

"Bill" Hoffman on "1911 men as Professors" was received with much applause. "Bill" tried hard to show how a thorough knowledge of Descriptive Geometry could affect the lives of all truly great State men but the Ground Line was almost entirely lost upon the "one time" Descript students.

Tom McConnell, who was out of college a year, let loose a few sentiments on "Once 1911." His short talk was full of feeling for his old class and for his college.

Mr. Miles next called upon W. N. Neidigh who "wrestled" himself into the lime light last year by taking a fall every 125 pound man who was unfortunate enough to come into contact with "Billy." He told of "The Success of our Wrestling Team" in his characteristic and interesting manner. Neidigh "came back" this year to help coach our light weight to victory. By the way they handled the Yale grapplers, we are sure that Neidigh is as much of a coach as he was a "wrestler."

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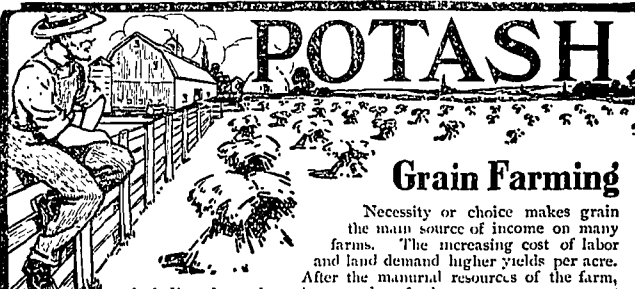
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