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### PENN STATE WINS AND LOSES

The Affirmative Debating Team of F. & M. is Defeated at State College, and our Affirmative is Defeated in Lancaster.

In the debating contest between F. & M. and Penn State last Friday evening, the audience witnessed one of the closest contests that ever took place in the Auditorium. Until the last speaker had presented his refutation, it was hard to decide which side deserved the laurels, but the judges decided in favor of Penn State by 2-1.

One very striking fact about the whole debate was that the interpretations of the two teams did not agree. The affirmative interpreted "justified", mainly in regard to the legal and moral phase, while the negative maintained that it referred only to the welfare of the citizens of the United States.

Mr. Holben opened the debate for F. & M. and in a very logical speech, well presented, gave the issues which his side intended to establish. He discussed fully the legal question, and the one concerned with naval affairs.

Mr. Horst, the first man for the negative, gave an effective analysis of the question. In a clear consistent discussion he brought out his phase of the subject, namely that Neutralization is reasonable, and that it is in sympathy with the present governmental policies.

Mr. Shearer, for the affirmative, probably rendered one of the best dissertations of the evening. His manner was convincing and his speech clear and direct. He advocated fortification as the only commercial and economical policy.

Mr. Nichols very ably established the fact that the United States is strong enough to enforce neutralization.

Mr. Stehman for the affirmative in a well composed discourse called the attention of the audience to the fact, that by fortifying the canal, the United States would act as a beneficial agent to the rest of the world.

Mr. Levisse in closing gave an accurate description of the geographical location of the canal. He explained the utter impossibility of attack in case of neutralization, and showed the folly of fortification. His speech was forceful and well balanced.

The refutation of both teams was excellent. Several points at issue on both sides were disproved and substantiated. Our visitors from F. & M. may be complimented on their proficiency in refutation, and the fair and square attitude which they assumed throughout the debate.

While our negative team was fortunate, our affirmative was unfortunate enough to lose to F. & M. at Lancaster by 3-0. It seems that two exceptionally strong teams were pitted against each others. The contest was ably upheld by both factors but it seems as if our opponents must have brought forth an interpretation which seemed more plausible by our delegates.

Both teams must be complimented for their zeal and for their untiring efforts in endeavoring to conquer.

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"The Relation of the Alumni to the College" was the subject of a few words spoken by our Ex-Alumni Secretary, P. Edwin Thomas. Pearl showed old time form as an orator and "went strong" for our Alma Mater.

Impromptu speeches were made by W. K. McDowell, "Rube" Mott, Kepner, McMillan and R. H. Smith. Mr. Armstrong, 1911 Biologist of

Penn, closed the speech making in truly lively manner. After the 1911 class yell and the college yell, all departed with a feeling that it "is good to be a Penn State man."

Those present were:  
Ex-'11—E. P. Allison, J. Armstrong, K. H. Bair, J. W. Banfield, H. D. Davis, H. E. Davis, L. A. Davis, Mac Harris, C. A. Imel, W. L. Irish, A. K. Kiel, H. Kepner, W. Longenecker, T. McConnell, F. M. Miles, W. H. Nelson, C. L. Nesbitt, S. H. Painter, M. Richie, K. D. Ritzenhouse, E. L. Smith, H. M. Stoflet, J. Tusiman, F. M. Walter, P. Weaver.

1911—J. B. R. Dickey, J. R. Guyer, M. P. Helman, Wm. Hoffman, W. D. Meikle, W. McMillan, F. Mott, W. N. Neidig, W. N. Reitz, H. E. Rowe, O. Smith, R. D. Spencer, W. Webber, H. E. Wells, A. D. Gazier, Ex-'08, W. K. McDowell, Ex-'09, R. H. Smith, '05, P. Edwin Thomas, '09, F. M. Torrence, '05.

Locomotive and Dynamometer Car Donated to the College.

The old locomotive number 01001 and the dynamometer car number 495592, which the Pennsylvania Railroad company loaned this college in 1906 and 1911, respectively, have been donated to the college. The donation resulted on action by the Board of Directors of the railroad company at a meeting held by that body on February 14. At the suggestion of the railroad officials, the present lettering and numbering will be removed from the equipment. Since their arrival at State College, both pieces of apparatus have been used in Railway Mechanical engineering, and have proved invaluable for instructional and experimental purposes. From this time forward the equipment under discussion will be the absolute property of the college and represents a gift from the Pennsylvania Railroad of about \$30,000.

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Dr. Weber Made Addresses.

On Feb. 23 and 24 Dean Weber addressed the School Directors' Convention of Lebanon County at Lebanon. During the past week he attended the meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association, held at St. Louis.

Professor Diemer was a guest of Dean Goss, of the University of Illinois, at Coatesville, Pa., last week while Dean Goss was conducting a series of tests on a new type of locomotive fire box constructed by the Jacob Shupert Fire Box Co.

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