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## COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE.

Four Members of Our Faculty to Speak at Important Meetings.

Every phase of country life will be discussed at the Country Life Conference to be held at Philadelphia on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week under the management of the Pennsylvania Rural Progress Association.

The object of this conference is to bring before farmers, business men and educators the prevailing conditions in the agricultural districts of our state, regarding the need of educational and social opportunities and business facilities. Also to form many small rural progress associations so that many changes may be produced in the rural districts. The association considers churches and schools as the nuclei of the social opportunities of the rural districts and thus the discussions on rural schools and churches will play an important part in this conference.

Among the many prominent speakers of the state who will make addresses at these meetings, there are four from our own college. Dr. Sparks is chairman of the conference committee which is composed of many prominent men such as President James McCrea of the Pennsylvania Railroad, N. C. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Institutions in Pennsylvania and Gifford Pinchot.

Mayor Blankenburg will give the address of welcome at the opening meeting. At other meetings of the conference Dr. Hunt will speak on educational questions concerning rural life; Prof. Van Norman will address the conference on "Movements in Agricultural Extension," and Prof. Agee will discuss "Rural, Social and Religious Conditions."

The fact that our institution is represented by four speakers in a conference promoted by the foremost business men, educators and agriculturists of the state will surely establish a reputation for Penn State and its faculty among the many guests, not only from this state, but also from other southern and western states, who will attend the conference.

Jacob Riis Here Next Saturday and Sunday.

Roosevelt called Jacob Riis, "The Most Useful Citizen in New York," and he is making good in that capacity. Jacob Riis will tell in his illustrated lecture on Saturday night of the "Battle of the Slums," such as he saw it as a police reporter of the New York Sun. He will also speak on Sunday morning. He has been active in tenement house and school reform, also promoter of the small parks and playgrounds. He has written, "How the Other Half Lives," "The Making of an American," "Children of the Tenement," "Theodore Roosevelt the Citizen." He is the founder of the Jacob Riis Settlement in New York City. Mr. Riis is from Denmark and the story of his rise is fascinating. He wins instant favor when he begins his lecture, "I am looking for God in the image of my fellow men."

Parmi Nous Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Parmi Nous Society in Room K of the Library, on Sunday at 2:30.

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## DR. HUNT ON LECTURE TRIP.

Speaks at Massachusetts Agricultural College.

The Massachusetts Agricultural College in Amherst is holding a "Farmers' Week" at which prominent agricultural authorities from all parts of the country are in attendance making addresses.

The Boston Herald says: "The big address of the week was given Monday, March 11, by Dr. Thomas F. Hunt, Dean of the school of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College. His subject was "How to Make the Country Life Movement Effective". Dean Hunt is an authority on agricultural matters, and the college is very fortunate in securing him to this state for a lecture".

Tribute From a Yale Man.

The following is a copy of a letter received by President Sparks from a personal friend, at New Haven, Connecticut.

After listening to your remarks at the Congress of two years ago in New York, there can be no doubt that everything having to do with undergraduate life is of unusual interest to you. For this reason I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations upon the victory of the Penn State Wrestling Team over Yale's—the bulliest bunch of wrestlers I know, and wrestling is one of my hobbies. I'm in the wrestling room nearly every afternoon.

While talking with some members of our team this afternoon they—the men who were beaten—told me that the Penn State bunch is a wonder, and, you know, you won from us last year. I very much regret that I could not get away with the team to see the match. I always want Yale to win, of course, but I am enough of a sport to take delight in seeing the best men win.

Landscape Gardening Notes.

At the last meeting of the landscape gardening society, Prof. Gregg lectured on the Subject, "Municipal Parks", their Attainment and Development.

The meeting was largely attended and the presence of the sophomores who have recently elected the subject together with the "feed" at the close of the meeting added materially to the pleasure of all.

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Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove by death, the father of our classmate Samuel F. Rarig, be it resolved that we the class of '12 Agricultural Specials of the Penn State college extend our sincere sympathy to him and his family in their bereavement.

And furthermore, be it resolved that this resolution be published in the Penn State Collegian, and that a copy of the same be sent to the family.

Signed, George Kingsley, Clyde Powers, L. C. Tomkins, committee.

Mr. Calvin Rice Coming.

Early next week, probably Tuesday, Mr. Calvin W. Rice, Secretary American Society of Mechanical Engineers, will visit the college and speak at 7:30 p. m. in the Old Chapel, on the subject of "The Relation of the National Engineering Societies."

After the address, the Student Branch of the A. S. M. E. will meet Mr. Rice at a smoker in the Engineer's Club Room, at which time he will speak to the local members of the society.

New Society Organized.

The "Friars", a competitive Sophomore Society has been organized in the class of 1914. The following men have been elected.

S. J. Keister, J. S. Leffler, H. A. Gallagher, N. M. Fleming, P. M. Hittner, E. E. Miller, H. Graham, W. H. Savery, R. J. Sayre, J. P. McVean, L. W. Keelan and L. P. Lindsay.

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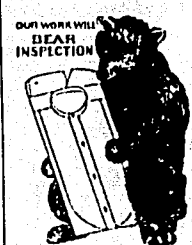
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