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The passage of the honor system last Wednesday night, will, if it is ratified by the faculty, mark a new epoch in the history of Penn State. The adoption of the system will not make the college a modern utopia for it is not a panacea for all evils but it cannot help but raise the moral tone of the college in the eyes of the world. It cannot help but increase the net value of a diploma for the honor system survives only as long as the work of the students is honest. Whether or not it makes for character development is a mooted question and it is not our intention to discuss it here but there can be no question that the two aforementioned statements are true.

There only remains the question "will the honor system be a success?" Other institutions have improved their conditions by applying it; the majority of the student body here have signified their intention of applying it to remedy conditions; it was given careful and thorough attention and discussion; the time has come for the final test its of application.

Nothing in the honor system implies a revolution of thoughts and acts because in the very nature of human behavior honor is impelled on every person, not by any external form, but by the precepts and requisites of morality and truth. To the man who would claim for himself the first principles of manhood there is nothing repugnant in a system that merely requires honor in an examination. The person who argues against its application bases his statements on no higher assumption than that dishonest practices are condoned as long as they are not found out. We believe that the student body will accept and apply the honor system as the natural and logical development of the student government here at the college.

If there was ever a measure that depended for its success upon the individual student it is the honor system. Its success depends on you.

No extra-curriculum activity at Penn State has grown more rapidly than the Thespian organization. Each year the production has been improved in every way possible until this

year Penn State need only admit the superiority of the Mask and Wig at Pennsylvania. Each year a great amount of advertising is obtained for the college through the publicity given the tour of the western part of the state. Thespian night at Commencement is always looked forward to by those visitors, who have seen a previous production. While hundreds of dollars are spent annually no assistance is received from either the college or town. The organization is therefore self sustaining.

This activity, however, has not reached its highest point of efficiency as yet. While we probably can never hope to reach the size of Mask and Wig, due to our isolated condition, there is no good reason why the efficiency of that organization could not be approached. This organization has presented dormitories and a home for the provost. It owns considerable property and is yearly doing more for its university. At Penn State the officers of a parallel activity are equally ambitious but the support of the student body is essential, especially on the night of the first performance.

The Collegian staff elections which were held last Thursday night at a regular meeting of the board resulted as follows: Editor in chief, D. McKay Jr.; assistant editor, R. E. Geary; senior associate editor, P. S. Brallier; business manager Fred Harvey; assistant manager, G. G. Blass. The policies of the retiring staff will be adhered to for the balance of the year at least. The board regrets to announce the withdrawal from college of Associate Manager A. B. Miur.

Positions for Seniors
C. K. Ober, the recruiting officer for the fellowship plan by which a man can by one year's experience in a local Y. M. C. A. try himself out, arrives on Saturday and will conduct a conference at 2 p. m. in the Old Chapel for all men who are thinking of this service. Mr. Ober is the man who found Dr. John R. Mott.

Mr. A. E. Roberts, senior secretary for rural work of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A. will conduct a conference in rural work with special emphasis upon the county with secretaryship as a life work at 2 p. m. Saturday in the Agriculture building. Both Mr. Ober and Mr. Roberts will be glad to see men in personal interviews during their week end visit. Arrangement can be made at the conference or at 273 Main.

Across the Way
An illustrated lecture on Palestine was given by Mrs. Geil for the girls, Sunday, March 7, in the Zoology lecture room McAllister hall. Mrs. Geil was here three years ago and spoke on Porto Rico.

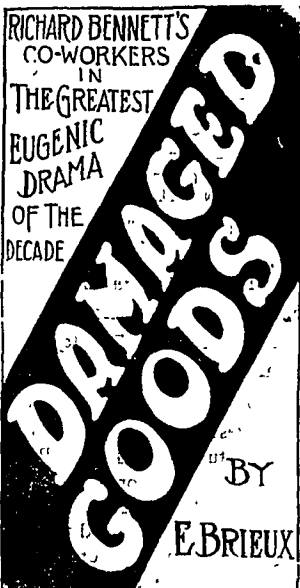
The Penn State girls are making clothes for the Belgian children. This relief work has been taken up here through the wife of the president of Princeton.

A baby party was held at the Cottage Friday night.

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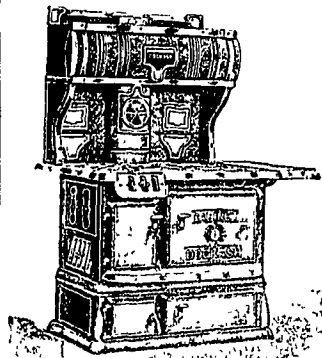
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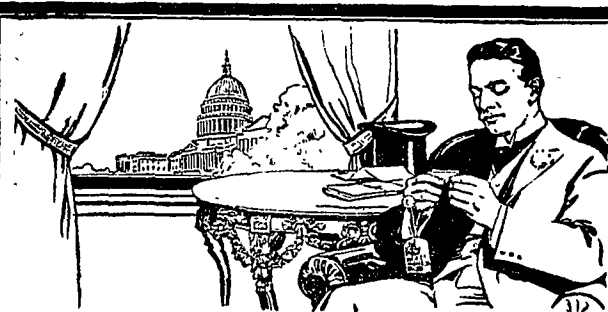
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